



The Monthly Newsletter from Calne Baptist Church **by email, post and website (www.calne-baptist.org.uk)**

Greetings to all of our readers.

This is the first of a monthly newsletter/diary to help keep you in touch with events at CBC and in Calne.

We welcome your comments or contributions.

NEWS

The invasion of Ukraine by Russia will be uppermost in our thoughts and prayers. Justin Welby's 'Thought for the Day' on Thursday in response can be found on <https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/news/ukraine-archbishop-canterbury-delivers-thought-day> He has suggested this Sunday, 27th February we unite in prayer for the situation and also, together with Pope Francis, a day of prayer and fasting on Ash Wednesday – 2nd March. Feeling helpless in this dramatic situation, we place the Ukrainian and Russian nations in the hands of a faithful and just God and pray for God's wisdom for the leaders of the World. Psalm 46:8-11 *'Come and see what the Lord has done, see what amazing things he has done on earth. He stops wars all over the World, he breaks bows, destroys spears and sets shields on fire. He says "stop fighting and know that I am God, supreme among the nations, supreme over the World" The Lord Almighty is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge.'*

LENT 2022 – Joint Courses

This Wednesday sees the beginning of Lent and as in previous years, the Calne Partnership of Churches have invited us to a joint Lent course, one of which, will be over Zoom. We shall be using bible study material produced by the **Churches Together in Britain and Ireland** entitled; *'Following Christ in the footsteps of the Saint.'*

This is available on-line at <https://ctbi.org.uk/lent-study-2022/>.

The Courses will take place as follows:

- 1. Starting on Thursday 3rd March at 7.30pm** Steven and Jenny Colby will be leading a study group via **Zoom**. (SIX weekly Sessions)

2. Starting on Monday 7th March at 7.30 pm Eleanor Bujalska from Calne Methodist Church will be leading a study group at the **Methodist Church Hall** in Silver Street, 7 South Pl, Calne SN11 0JA. (FIVE weekly Sessions)

If you would like to join, or find out more, please contact:

Thursday sessions: Steven and Jenny; stevenjenny.colby@gmail.com 01249 819097 or Kathryn Miller 821031 or

Monday Sessions: Eleanor; embujalska@hotmail.com phone on 01249 760377.

Also full details can be found at www.calne-baptist.org.uk/lent2022

MARCH DIARY

The 21st February saw the beginning of Fairtrade Fortnight which ends on 6th March. This is an opportunity for the promotion and continuing use of Fairtrade goods. Unfortunately, we have not been able to have a Traidcraft stall in church over the past two years but we are always able to order Fairtrade goods from our local rep so get in touch with Jenny/Stan to get a catalogue and place an order or you can access Traidcraft online at <https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk>

Sunday 27th February – 6.00 pm. We have our usual monthly 6-6.30pm prayer time via Zoom. Check with secretary@calne-baptist.org.uk for the link.

Monday 28th February – 4.00 pm. 20/20 vision group meeting. Please hold them in your prayers.

From Tuesday, 1st March, a Baby Massage Group are using the church for their sessions each week during term time. If you or anyone you know, are interested in finding out more about this, contact Jenny.

Thursday 3rd March – Kingston House Service at CBC (**note this is solely for the residents of Kingston House**)

Thursday 3rd March at 7.30pm – Join the Thursday Lent Course via **Zoom** starting today. Details at www.calne-baptist.org.uk/lent2022

Friday 4th March – **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**. This annual prayer day is taking place at CBC this year. The Service, prepared by the UK, is based on the Bible statement in Jeremiah – ‘I know the plans I have for you’ – always relevant but perhaps particularly so for CBC this year. We would encourage as many as are

able to attend on Friday morning at 10.00 am, refreshments will be served after.

Monday 7th March at 7.30 pm – Join the Monday Lent Course at Calne Methodist Hall starting today. Details at www.calne-baptist.org.uk/lent2022

Saturday 12th March – 9.30am- 2.00 pm there will be a **FAIRTRADE** stall in Calne Market with information and selling Fairtrade goods.

Tuesday 14th March – Deacon's Monthly Meeting

Sunday 20th March – CBC AGM and Church Meeting following the Morning Service. Please make every effort to attend and pray for decisions that will be made.

Sunday 27th March – 10.30am Mothering Sunday

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Advance Notice

Saturday 2nd April 9.00 am – 1.00 pm. Clearing and Cleaning Day at CBC – initial preparation for the clearing of the premises. As many 'hands' as possible needed. Speak to a Deacon or Richard for more information.