

# CALNE METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER JUNE 2026



**Thank you to everyone who attended our Anniversary Weekend**

**Items for future editions can be sent to:**

**Jan Sayers**

**The deadline for the July 2026 issue is**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

James 1:19 *My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.*

Psalm 46:10 *He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."*

Have you noticed how during the last few years so many people refuse to listen to others? Constant interruptions talking over, *and louder*, as they try to impose their belief, understanding, or point of view on the other, whilst disregarding what is actually being said. Asking a question and then interrupting the answer with more questions, before the any answer can be heard, let alone understood.

This is more readily evident during interviews on the television, where constant interruptions by interviewers are the norm. They score points to put people under pressure. It does not matter whether the topic is government bills or plans for the future. The outcome is always the same you listen to a *conversation*, just a battle of wills. It has become so bad on most topical news programmes that I now turn them off. They are defeating the very intention of their work....to inform the listener with balanced information and news!

James informs us, *"Let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger."* It is simple enough in principle, and nearly impossible to achieve with any degree of regularity. Too often we are slow to hear, quick to speak, and quick to anger. So, learning to listen well will not happen overnight. It requires self-discipline, and much concentrated effort.

In Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book 'Life Together', with regard to listening, he highlights a practice to be avoided, *"That kind of listening with half an ear that presumes already to know what the other person has to say."* This, Bonhoeffer says, *"Is an impatient, inattentive listening, that . . . is only waiting for a chance to speak."*

Perhaps we recognize ourselves within that statement. Those times when we think we know where the conversation is going and have already begun to construct our response, therefore no longer listening to the conversation properly. Those occasions especially on the telephone when we continue to work, half attentive, and wishing the conversation would be finished soon.

Do you know the word 'listen' contains the same letters as the word 'silent'. *If we make listening and observation our occupation, we will gain much more than we can by talking. >Baden Powell*

Perhaps, that is exactly the message we find in the psalm above. By being still, and really attentive we can truly **know** God. This topic has been touched upon before in my pastoral letters and I am still seeking such stillness.

It is important to listen to one another, through which we can find unexpected hope, that brightness, and clarity, in the lives and experiences of others that would otherwise be missed.

Over the last four years, we have shared a journey together. We have searched for stories of hope, and inspiration, to overcome the anger and frustration of being in times of challenge. We have all at some point experienced the feeling of isolation. We are still on that journey, trying to find some sign of normality, but all too frequently, confronted with changes that suggest life will never return to what it used to be.

Hope however, has been found in the new ways that we engage with one another, learning from one another, and existing together. Listening has immeasurable value, especially when our stories are interconnected, celebrating a common understanding, even when the story is particularly difficult to hear. The question for us all is this.

***Will you truly listen to someone's story today, however difficult it might be?***

Listening is an act of love. Think of those people you know who could really use a listening ear right now? Reach out to them, and then *"be quick to listen and slow to speak."* You can change a life when such listening becomes *an act of love.* Jesus often gave his undivided attention to those invisible people the world could not even see. Such listening, hearing their stories, made those people feel valued and loved. For example, the homeless person on the street does not want to be invisible, they want to be part of life, to have those conversations that they had considered lost. To tell their own story, to become part of society again, even if only for a short time... Teenage prostitutes, during interviews in a San Francisco study, were asked: "Is there anything you needed most and couldn't get?" Their response invariably preceded by sadness and tears was unanimous.

***"What I needed most was someone to listen to me. Someone who cared enough to listen to me."***

That just about sums it up, stay safe and well, Craig.



<https://blog.bible/bible-engagers-blog/entry/listening-as-a-way-of-loving->

## Forthcoming Services:

7 <sup>th</sup> June	Mrs Michele Gard
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Mrs Jo Williams
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Rev Pam Stranks
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Rev Roy Fowler including Holy Communion

## Calne Food Bank

Calne Food Bank – Please visit their website for details of their opening times -  
[www.calnefoodbank.co.uk](http://www.calnefoodbank.co.uk)



## Refugee Prayer Focus June 2026

We pray for all those who have been forced to leave their homes and are seeking a new place to call home.



We now have a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61587367784182>

I am happy to give permissions for people to post but you need to have a Facebook profile. Most of our events and activities are already posted. We just need to promote it and get people to follow us.

Michele Gard



## PASTORAL NEWS

We give praise to the Lord for the uplifting 150<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Celebrations on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and May 24<sup>th</sup>. It was a time of many people coming together: sharing many memories, much music and the majesty of the Lord; sharing and bonding with familiar faces and new; sharing feelings of joyfulness, being uplifted and strengthened. Something everyone requires in our present time when we know so many are burdened, struggling and weary.

We take this renewal and find Jesus at the centre as we continue to pray for those finding life especially hard at the moment; for young people in education taking exams; for those looking to a future of work. Throughout June we pray particularly for Miriam Crighton's Pastoral Group: Janet Boswell; Michele and Derek Gard, Julie Gibson and Edith Pearson.

As you will be aware from previous newsletter items Michele kindly took on Lyn Cooper's Pastoral Group until June. We have our Pastoral meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup>, when we will be discussing the groupings. If you would like to consider being a pastoral leader please speak with Ursula.

It is part of our Christian commitment to care for and support each other, so if you have any joys or sorrows that can be shared in our pastoral news please let Ursula know.

Thank you.



**Sunday  
14 June**

**Calne Methodist Church  
3.00pm - 6.00pm**

A relaxed and informal church with a warm welcome for everyone. Crafts, songs, games and a chance to make a mess and enjoy tea together.

**No need to book - just come and join in!**

Children must be accompanied by an adult please.

A Calne Partnership of Churches activity



## **JUNE 2026 Dates for your diary**

**All are very welcome to come along and join in.**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Coffee and Chat**

**Time: 10.00am - 11.30am**

**Venue: Church Hall**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Warm Spaces**

**Time: 10.00am - 4.00pm**

**Venue: Church Hall**

**Thursday June 11th**

**CHAT - Ladies Group**

**Time: 1.30pm - 3.30pm**

**Venue: Divine Café**

**Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Concert Guitarist Andrew Hurst**

**Time: 3.00pm – 5.00pm**

**Venue: Calne Methodist Church**

**Light refreshments**

**Thursday July 2nd**

**CHAT - Ladies Group**

**Time: 2.00pm - 3.30pm**

**Venue: 3 The Old Dairy**

**Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Area Farewell Service for Rev. Craig and Elizabeth**

**Time: 5.00pm Afternoon Tea – 6.00pm Service**

**Venue: Calne Methodist Church**

**Sunday August 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Outdoor Service Led by Michele and Derek Gard**

**Time: 11.30pm**

**Venue: Langley Burrell. Home of Ursula and Edward**

**Picnic Lunch after the Service.**

## 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Programme of Events and Dates for the Diary

### All at Calne Methodist Church – All very welcome

Saturday 6 June	<b>Coffee and Craft Fair</b> Craft stalls, homemade cakes and more. Refreshments, light lunches with Fairly Traded tea and coffee.	11.00am – 2.00pm
Sunday 16 August	<b>Annual Outdoor Service</b> By kind invitation of Ursula and Edward Barham. 11 The Common, Langley Burrell, SN15 4LF	11.30am Followed by picnic lunch – please bring your own lunch. Hot and cold drinks provided.
Saturday 12 September	<b>Coffee and Craft Fair</b> Craft stalls, homemade cakes and more. Refreshments, light lunches with Fairly Traded tea and coffee.	11.00am – 2.00pm
Thursday 17 September – Sunday 20 September	<b>Flower Festival: The Harvest of Talents</b> Church open to view flower displays.	Thursday & Friday: 11.00am – 3.00pm Saturday: 11.00am – 2.00pm Sunday: 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Saturday 19 September	<b>Harvest Concert and Ploughman's Tea</b>	3.00pm
Sunday 20 September	<b>Harvest Festival</b>	10.30am
Saturday 21 November	<b>Christmas Coffee and Craft Fair</b> Craft stalls, homemade cakes and more. Refreshments, light lunches with Fairly Traded tea and coffee.	11.00am – 2.00pm
Thursday 10 December - Saturday 12 December	<b>Festival of Nativities</b> Church open to view nativities	Thursday & Friday: 11.00am – 3.00pm Saturday: 11.00am – 2.00pm

Thursday 10 December	<b>Christmas Karaoke</b> – come and sing your favourite Christmas songs and carols. Wear your Christmas Jumper or fancy dress.	3.30pm – 4.30pm 6.00pm – 7.00pm
Friday 11 December	<b>Nativity Play</b>	4.30pm – 5.30pm
Sunday 13 December	<b>Carols by Candlelight</b>	6.00pm

### Regular Activities

check website for details: [calnemethodist.ddns.net](http://calnemethodist.ddns.net)

<b>Every Sunday</b> 10.30am	<b>Morning Worship</b> – All Welcome followed by coffee/tea and fellowship
<b>Every Tuesday</b> 10.00am – 11.30am	<b>Coffee Morning</b> – All Welcome
<b>Every Tuesday</b> 7.30pm	<b>SupaNova ladies choir</b> led by Ursula Barham. New singers welcome.
<b>Every Wednesday</b> 10.00am – 4.00pm	<b>Warm/Friendly Spaces</b> Hot drinks and snacks, light lunches, games and activities, fun and friendship. All welcome - no charge.
12.30pm – 1.00pm	<b>Prayer Lunch</b> in the Alan Bristow Room
1.30pm – 3.30pm	<b>Knit and Natter</b> and other crafts!
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month</b> 2.00pm – 4.00pm	<b>CHAT</b> – Come Hear and Talk. Currently meeting at the Manse – 38 Horsebrook Park.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month</b> 3.00pm – 6.00pm A Calne Partnership of Churches activity	<b>Messy Church</b> An informal church for all ages. Explore the Bible and a Christian life through crafts, songs, games, drama, activities and food. No need to book – just come and join in!

## 150 Anniversary Round-Up



Calne Methodist Church painted by Robert Sayers



New 150 Anniversary banner created by Angela Hird



150 Anniversary cake created by Caroline Foster. The cake incorporated our new logo and was decorated with the flower used on our Vision 2000 celebration cake. The Cake was cut by Edith and Craig.



The 150 Celebration Service ended with an organ solo: 'We Stand on Holy Ground' – specially written for the occasion and played by Gerald Hird EDOA. The first few bars of the piece is the music shown on the new banner.

**‘We celebrate together’ - hymn specially written by Rev Christine Fowler**

(TUNE StF 690 – The Church’s One Foundation)

1. We celebrate together  
in this most holy place.  
For all the years we’ve been here  
and many more to face.  
One hundred years and fifty  
this church has stood most proud  
and we have gathered weekly  
and raised a joyful sound.

2. Our hymns and psalms and music  
have always graced this church  
and so, we have engaged with  
so many things of worth.  
We welcome all the children  
who come to Messy Church  
and we delight in helping –  
them play for all they’re worth.

3. On Wednesdays many people  
come to our Friendly Space  
to share in games and friendship  
and cakes and lunch to taste.  
We host our many craft fairs  
and Christmas is a must  
a lot of people help us  
in them we place our trust.

4. We have a choir joyful  
who lead our worship well.  
Each Sunday they are present  
their voices we can tell.  
So, this our church is precious,  
we want to keep it so  
and aim to worship truly  
each week and onward go.

5. His Church will live forever,  
for many years and more  
and we have been the faithful  
who’ve kept his sacred law.  
So may our church be shining  
with worship, love and care  
that as we travel onwards  
God will be with us here.

## A Surprising Poetry Competition

If you were at 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service, you heard that the winner of the competition to find a poem fitting to commemorate the anniversary was:

### Re-dedication

1876 – 2026

Those that built me knew full well  
They were erecting but a shell,  
no church until I'm filled with love  
inspired in people from above.  
So, people that on earth do dwell  
come and use my humble shell  
as my builders then intended.  
Live your life until it's ended  
always being kind and true  
as you'd wish others be to you.  
Then as one church we will remain,  
re-dedicated once again.

You'll also have heard that this entry was submitted anonymously.

There were five entries. All of them were read aloud at the church's Spring Poetry Afternoon. The audience marked each poem they'd heard and the results were forwarded to the competition's judges who would be reading them.

The judges were, Craig Manley, the minister, and his wife Elizabeth, Jan Sayers, Ursula Barham and Derek Gard who gathered all the judges' assessments.

By that stage only four poems remained in the competition because one had been composed using an AI ChatBot "*To see whether it would be spotted when read out during the poetry afternoon.*" As it was not "*spotted*", it was voluntarily withdrawn.

So, a competition with surprises, but a worthy winner, whoever they are.

**Thank you to all those who entered the competition we will be printing your poems over the next few months.**

# 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

## Thank You

What a wonderful weekend we had on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

I want to thank everyone who helped to make it such a special time.

There are so many people who helped that I would be frightened that I would miss out someone if I named them. So, here goes with roles rather than names.

The organising committee.

The Choir and musicians

Those who prepared the food.

Those who led the worship.

The drama group. The poets and writers.

The welcome people

The finding your seat people.

The tea makers

The flower arrangers

The dreamers

The table and chair movers

The funders

The stall holder

The social media and promotional people

The sound and zoom person.

The photographer

The banner maker

The prayers

Those who came before us.

The congregation, in person and on zoom

Those I have forgotten.

Everyone contributed, So a big thank you to you all. You are all a blessing from God.

Derek 29/05

## Messages of Support and Congratulations

It has been my pleasure and privilege to contact so many people about our 150 Anniversary Celebrations. We received many messages before and after the service. I thought it would be nice to share these with you.

Michele Gard

Rev Stanley Pipet was our minister here and his wife, Joyce a local preacher who now live in Burnham on Sea. They sent the following letter:

It is with regret that we are unable join you for your celebrations, though we greatly appreciate the invitation.

Stanley's diagnosis of Parkinsons limits what he can do,

However, we have such vivid memories of our time with you from 1998-2006.

Perhaps one of the longest lasting is the journey we took with you to redevelop both the church, the hall and other rooms. It was a major undertaking, and we were delighted to find that just before we left, all the costs of the development had been paid off.

So many events stick in the mind, such as the pet service prompted by an episode of "The Vicar of Dibley"; services with the chairs re-arranged to suit the occasions; social events – fundraising for various causes that took place at Peter Pinegar's farm; carol singing for Action for Children and others more numerous to mention. This is not to mention so many very good friend s we were able to make, some no longer with us.

We got out the photos the other day of the event organised at Peter's farm to celebrate Stanley leaving the active ministry and going into retirement. That was an amazing event where people had been gathered up from all the circuits where Stanley had previously served from his entry into ministry in 1968. There was even a minibus from the Isle of Wight!!) and these all gathered with folk from the United Area for an afternoon with a concert with such a variety of items, followed by a hog roast, and then a closing epilogue. Peter's band new milking parlour came in handy as – predictably it did rain!

We remember you with great affection and pray God's Blessing on you as you move on in your witness in the town.

Brian Baker also sent a lovely letter which is currently on display in the Church.

I hope your day goes well and many happy memories are shared, and hopes and visions expressed for the future.

Rev Gary Gotham, Chairman of the Wiltshire United Area,

I wish you well and hope you have a lovely service and lunch with lots of people to celebrate such a significant milestone for your church.

Councillor Celia Stevens

Calne Methodist Church has always had a special place for me. The members are incredibly welcoming and there is such a positive and lively spirit evident in the fellowship.

Rev Ward Jones

Sending everyone at Calne Methodist Church our love and prayers for a joyful celebration service today! Giving thanks for all that is past and prayers for all that is to come. Sorry not to be able to join you for what we know will be a wonderful occasion as only you can put on!

Rev Wendy Tucker

Greetings! Sunday was such a powerful witness to those who attended and I dare say a strong message to neighbours of the church! I hope the invited dignitaries will convey the atmosphere to their committees and departments.

Your Church makes a bold statement for the Christian Faith through its commitment, enthusiasm and determination to uphold the vision of Methodism, Love and Faith in practise.

I send my congratulations and thanks for the combined teamwork and effort that contributed to a special and memorable day. I am honoured to be included in such events. The CMC welcome is a strong and genuine one. I'm

certain it will continue. I will not view a can opener nor a corkscrew in the same manner !! Whatever the challenges of the next phase, remember you have been given the skills to assist in attaining more Glory for God.

Amazing! Even frightening! Yet you will be successful. Well done. A wonderful service. Keep recruiting, there is more excitement to come.!!

Yours in Christ,  
Gerry.

Gerald Hird

We send you all our best wishes as you celebrate your 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We hope you have a wonderful time of worship and fellowship together, and we look forward to being part of some of the celebrations later in the year.  
With love in Christ  
Will, Helen and Isaac

And finally ... from HM The Queen



CLARENCE HOUSE

18<sup>th</sup> February, 2026

Dear All,

As you gather to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Calne Methodist Church, I wanted to write to send my heartfelt congratulations and to say thank you for all that you have done, and continue to do, to serve, support and unite your local community. You will never know how many lives you have touched, changed and perhaps even saved...

I do hope that you will have a wonderful celebration!

With my best wishes  
Cand A

THANK YOU SO MUCH TO EVERYONE FOR SUCH A WONDERFUL WEEKEND!





# Calne Methodist Church

As you can see Food and Fellowship is very important to us!

From Harvest Festivals to Advent Lunches, Easter Breakfast to after service refreshments, ice-cream parties to an Area Hog Roast on the Farm. Cream teas at concerts and Fish & Chips at Jonah Man Jazz. We feed the 5000!



Above: Lunch after the on the farm service

Tables all laid up and ready to go



Wesley's Kitchen

Easter Breakfast cooked and served by the men of the church. Enjoyed by all!

Right: Advent Lunch - a full Christmas Dinner and Christmas Pudding for desert.



Above: Hog Roast after the Area service

Below: Weekly after service refreshments



# Calne Methodist Church

John Wesley (1703-1791), an Anglican clergyman, is widely credited with laying the foundations of the Methodist Church.



Under Wesley's leadership, Methodists became known for speaking up on the social issues of the day, including prison reform and the abolition of slavery.

Methodism came to Calne in 1808.

In 1876, Lord Lansdowne provided a piece of land in Silver Street, along with the stone needed to build a Wesleyan Chapel.

On Sunday 19 December 1965, the two Methodist churches in Calne came together as one. London Road (formerly the Primitive Methodist Church) joined Silver Street (formerly the Wesleyan Methodist Church) to form Calne Methodist Church.

The Silver Street building underwent a major refurbishment costing over £500,000 in 2000.



Right: Calne Methodist Church before and after the Vision 2000 refurbishment



Above: Calne Wesleyan Methodist Church in Silver Street

Below: The Primitive Methodist Church in London Road





# Calne Methodist Church

## Events and Activities



Above: Calne Duck Race. Carnival and Pride



Above: Monday Club Below: Holiday at Home



Below: Warm/Friendly Space

Above: Missions Walk



Above: Election Hustings



Christmas  
Coffee & Crafts





# Calne Methodist Church

Methodist Association of Youth Clubs (MAYC)



Fynamore School Visits



Messy Church



Ministers



John Beard

Stanley and Joyce Pipet

Roy and Christine Fowler

Wendy Tucker



Maree Farimond

Pam Stranks

Craig and Elizabeth Manley

Will and Helen Fletcher



# Calne Methodist Church

## Recollections and Memories

Edith Pearson



Coming to the Calne area in early 1956, I attended alternative morning and evening services at London Road, due to my employment. After the evening service, there was a youth fellowship of which the greater number were National Service men from Yatesbury or Compton Bassett, which in time provided some of the young ladies with husbands! It was a quiet night when the lads were on a 'forty-eight leave'.

There was also a weeknight meeting as well for anyone who could attend; this was an official Methodist Youth Club. There was also at the Church a women's meeting which on occasions gave little entertainments, and an item which I always remember was a monologue by Mrs Florence Angel entitled 'Jackets'. It concerned a jumble sale which was to take place and items were required and everyone bought a jacket! There were jackets hung up all round the stage to illustrate each different kind. It gave everyone a good laugh.

As time went on the club had fewer members and we met on occasions with those at Silver Street. I left Calne in 1959 when I was married to a club member (not a serviceman) but we returned in 1962 attending London Road until the two Methodist Churches became one, meeting in Silver Street as Calne Methodist Church. I am very pleased to be a member of this congregations where we warmly welcome anyone who comes and offer the hand of friendship.

With grateful thanks to Calne Heritage Centre for sharing these recollections with us.



Jean Haddrell

I can still see in my mind the old church in London Road. The organist was a lady called Eunice Broome. The choir master was Mr Len Bullock. He always sang with gusto and I think everyone was in awe of him!

My personal memory was back in the fifties when we used to have tea in the school room before evening service and us girls from the youth group used to take it in turns to prepare it.

It was sandwiches, cakes, bread, butter and jam – all for a shilling! We used to get a lot of RAF personnel at the church at that time, so it was almost always full.

Eleanor Bujalska

I joined the church at Silver Street in 1981. I became a Sunday School teacher in 1985 and had a primary class of ten. Most of them were boys – or maybe that was just the noise level! Our class was in the Minister's vestry. I remember jamming a chair under the door handle to stop them escaping! Health and safety was not so important in those days.



I also remember lovely outings. One memorable one to Boscombe on a coach. We buried the Minister in the sand (He did live to tell the tale) and we had a lovely bring and share picnic on the beach.

Gladys Smith

I was brought up in the Sunday School at the Primitive Methodist Church in London Road. We had six classrooms, three each side of the main hall. Our first Sunday School outing was to Mr Perritt's farm at Mile Elm. Twenty children and teachers were taken there in a large farm cart drawn by two shire horses. The highlight of the day was scrabbles for sweets, games and then tea.



Dorothy (Dot) Deadman

In the early days of the Calne Primitive Methodist Church, the men members met weekly to encourage each other because it was not easy being different from ordinary folk and they got teased for being 'holy'. The men's meetings were held in members' homes and the women began to think they ought to have 'get togethers' to encourage each other.

Some women had had little schooling and they wanted to help each other read the bible. Before the First World War, a lady Methodist named Julia Lugg got a few friends together in her house. As numbers grew, they met in the school room in the Chapel in London Road. The women met one afternoon a week and called themselves the Women's Fellowship. (Julia Lugg was the grandmother of one of our current members, Doris Haddrell.)

The Social Gospel – what does that mean? Help in the community? Many years ago, when no one else had thought of it, Calne Methodists started a Mum and Toddlers club each Wednesday afternoon. Alice had a new baby. It cried and cried. Life was all feeds, nappies and no one to talk to. A friend said 'come up to the Methodists, there a mums' club up there with games, drinks, biscuits, and plenty of mums to chat with. What a lifeline it was to meet other mums with the same worries, we talked and talked. That's the social gospel. Now there are baby clubs everywhere, but we started it here in Calne.



# Calne Methodist Church

Worship the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength



A worshipping community

Carols by Candlelight



Window banners created for our Festival of Nativities Advent Series



Above: Angels of Advent



Above and below left: Pancake Sunday



Outdoor service on the Farm



Outdoor Service at Langley Burrell



Whole Church Nativity



Advent Ring



Above: Harvest Festivals and Christmas





# Calne Methodist Church

We honour the memory of all who  
gave dedicated and committed witness to Christ,  
worshipped and praised God in this church,  
and faithfully and loyally served this community.

John Appleby  
Betty Brind  
Marion Bower  
George Bujalska  
Michael Burns  
Douglas Colbourne  
David Crighton  
Edgar Deadman  
Dot Deadman  
Trevor Dodds  
Jacki Fox  
Joyce Green  
Brenda Goff  
Tom Goff  
Arthur Gould  
Eunice Gould

Esther Knott  
Herbie Knott  
Pat Legge  
Dorothy Lewis  
Grace Lewis  
Harry Lewis  
Harry George Lewis  
Joan Leach  
Bill Mason  
Mary Merrett  
Marion Nickolls  
Anne Pinniger  
Peter Pinniger  
Mike Pitman  
Rita Rickell  
Audrey Scriven

Dulcie Slade  
Gladys Smith  
Win Smith  
Peggy Stigwood  
Elsie Swan  
Betty Thomas  
Joan Tovey  
Marigold Treloar  
Peter Treloar  
Margaret Waller  
Beth Ward





# Calne Methodist Church

**Born in Song! God's people are always singing ...  
and acting... and writing!**



Calne Methodist Church

**Jonah Man Jazz and Sea Shanties**  
with Healdington School and TupaNova  
Friday 24 April at 6.00pm  
Saturday 25 April at 3.00pm  
Tickets: £8 for adults, £4 for children  
(includes performance, refreshments and more fun and games)  
calnemethodist.ddns.net

**POETRY AFTERNOON**

CALNE METHODIST CHURCH  
SATURDAY 11 APRIL  
2.30PM - 4.30PM





### **Car Washing – With a 5 Star recommendation**

I'm offering to do car washing to help raise funds for **Vision 150**. If you would like your car washing please contact me to arrange a convenient time.

Thanks

Bob

A vibrant, artistic poster for a guitar music event. The background is a bright blue sky with white clouds, a yellow sun, and a green field with colorful flowers. A wooden acoustic guitar is positioned on the left side. The text is arranged in a central, eye-catching layout. At the top, it says 'Calne Methodist Church' in red. Below that, 'An Afternoon of Guitar Music' is written in blue and red, followed by 'with' in green. The name 'Andrew Hurst' is prominently displayed in yellow on a purple banner. Below the banner, the date and time 'Saturday 20 June • 3.00pm' and the location 'Calne Methodist Church' are written in white on a red banner. Further down, 'Entry by donation' and 'Refreshments served' are written in blue. At the bottom, the text 'Come and enjoy beautiful music in a welcoming space!' is written in white. The poster is decorated with musical notes, stars, and butterflies.

## Beat the heat laughing at these summer jokes and puns



What kind of water cannot freeze? Hot water.

Why does ice cream always get invited to the party? It's cool.

Why did the robot go on vacation? He needed to recharge his batteries.

Where do math teachers like to go on vacation? Times Square

Why did the teacher jump into the pool? She wanted to test the water!

What did the ocean say to the lifeguard? Nothing, it just waved.

What part of the fish weighs the most? The scales.

What kind of tree fits in your hand? A palm tree!

Where do sheep go on vacation? The Baaa-hamas.

What do you call a snowman in July? – A puddle.

What does a mermaid use to call her friends? A shell phone, of course.

Why did the detectives show up at the concert at the beach? Something fishy was going on.

Why did the banana wear sunscreen at the beach? It refused to peel.

Do fish go to summer camp? No, because they're always in a school!

Why don't mummies go on summer vacation? They're afraid to relax and unwind!

What does a bee do when it is hot? – He takes off his yellow jacket.

What did the air conditioning say to the man? – I'm your biggest fan.

What do you get when you combine an elephant with a fish? Swimming trunks!

What stroke do sheep enjoy doing? The baaaackstroke.

What did Paddington bear put in the picnic basket? – Just the bear necessities.

What happens when you make an egg laugh? – It cracks up.

Why don't oysters share their pearls? Because they're shellfish!



# SUMMER FAIR

## CRAFTS, CAKES & COFFEE EVENT

SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2026  
METHODIST CHURCH AND HALL  
SILVER STREET, CALNE  
11.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.



CRAFT STALLS,  
HOMEMADE CAKES & MORE.  
FAIRLY TRADED TEA & COFFEE  
REFRESHMENTS