## **Retired Clergy Prayer**

Lord, my support in ministry, may I be a support to others;

Lord, my strength in times of frailty, may I be a strength to others;

Lord, my companion in times of loneliness, may I be a companion to others;

Lord, my light in times of darkness, may I be a light to others;

Lord, my guide in times of confusion, may I be a guide to others;

Lord, my rock, my confidence and my joy, protect me in despair and dismay, that I may complete my pilgrimage, which began, continues and will end, with hope, in you.

Amen.



# Retired Clergy Association (Cambridge Branch) and Friends

2024

Our branch is part of the national Retired Clergy Association, though we do not require everyone to be a member of the RCA. Our purpose is to support retired clergy, spouses, widows and widowers in our area by encouraging them to meet, deepen their spiritual lives and keep up to date with theological thinking and current political and social trends.

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### Calendar of Events for 2024

Tuesday 13th February 10.30am ZOOM meeting

The challenge of choir schools today

Yvette Day, Head of Kings College Choir School, Chair of the national Choir Schools Association

Tuesday 25th April

**Eastertide Quiet Morning** 

In-person meeting St James Wulfstan Way

Bishop Graham Kings "Women in the Bible" based on paintings by Sylvia Dimitrova 10.00 coffee; addresses and silence; noon Eucharist with address; lunch (bring your own, drinks provided).

Thursday 13th June

**Annual Outing** 

10.30am

Visit to Denny Abbey Farm Museum with guided tour

(please note change

of Poor Clare Priory remains.

from our usual day)

Admission £6.00 (free to English Heritage members)

Lunch (not included) available after the tour.

Tuesday 10th September A Multi Parish Benefice today

10.30am ZOOM meeting The Revd Rachel Blanchflower, vicar of Gt and Lt Gransden, Abbotsley and Waresley will speak about current opportunities and challenges of multi-parish ministry.

Tuesday 12th November

AGM followed by Talk

10.15 In-person meeting

given by The Revd Prof Michael Pye

St John's Hills Road

"Japanese Pilgrimage"

Tuesday 10th December 12 noon St John's Hills Road Pre-Christmas Party

for all retired clergy, widows and friends

Details nearer the time

As last year, we are proposing a mix of in-person and ZOOM meetings and hope that this combination will suit our members. ZOOM meetings will start at 10.30, and the Zoom link will be sent out in advance. In-person meetings will normally be held in the Wilkinson Room at St John's Church Hills Road, Cambridge, starting at 10.15, with the meeting from 10.30—approx. 11.45.

To cover our outgoings we would be grateful for members to send an annual subscription of £10 per household to our treasurer, Lorna Atwell, 12 Ventress Farm Court, Cambridge CB1 8HD, or direct by BACS to Cambridge Retired Clergy Association, c/o Lloyds Bank, sort code 30-90-89, account number 55001468, giving your surname as a reference. We will continue to put a plate out at our meetings to receive cash contributions at £3 per event, so please do not feel that by not sending an annual subscription you are in any way prevented from attending.

## Diocesan dates for your diary

Retired Clergy Annual Conference: Monday 13th May, Over Retired Clergy Annual Eucharist and Lunch: Thursday 30th May, Ely Cathedral Retired Clergy Study Day: Thursday 3rd October, Over