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

2023

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 2023

Tuesday 14th February 10.30am ZOOM meeting	Revd Dr Philip Jensen formerly Old Testament Tutor, Ridley Hall The incomparable Lord: Old Testament guidance for confident faith in an age of doubt.
Tuesday 25th April In-person Meeting Little St Mary's	Eastertide Quiet Day Revd Dr Philip Murray, Associate Priest at LSM 10.00 coffee; address and silence; noon Eucharist; address and lunch (bring your own).
Tuesday 13th June 10.30am St Philip's Mill Road	Annual Outing Visit to St Philip's Church Mill Road to see a recently re-ordered church and to hear about the church's work among the homeless. Talk by Revd Sophie Young, Bishop's officer for the homeless.
Tuesday 12th September 10.30am ZOOM meeting	An Eco-Friendly Church Bryony Trill, of St Paul's Hills Road, will speak about measures taken in this church within the Arocha 'Eco-Church' framework.
Tuesday 14th November 10.15 In-person meeting St John's Hill's Road	AGM followed by Talk Julie Moy will speak about Stapleford parish's link at with Nachingwea, Tanzania, followed by Q & A, with opportunity for sharing of parish overseas link

experiences.

Tuesday 12th December Pre-Christmas Party
12 noon St John's Hills Road for all retired clergy

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 15th May
Retired Clergy Annual Eucharist and Lunch: Thursday 1st June
Retired Clergy Study Day: Thursday 5th October
Professor David Ford, "The Gospel of St John"