

CANALSIDE NEWS

for APRIL 2024



A REMINDER OF OUR EASTER DAY SERVICES

- 7am **EASTER DAWN SERVICE** followed by a light
Breakfast at St Mary Magdalen's Hilperton
- 9.15am **ALL AGE EASTER COMMUNION**
at St George's Semington
- 10.30am **ALL AGE EASTER COMMUNION**
at St Michael and All Angels' Hilperton

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PLEASE DON'T FORGET that Canalside News is now a monthly newsletter so you need to keep each issue handy until the next one is published. In that way you will know what is happening where and when.

A Message from Marjorie Raymond

Thank you to everyone who sent cards and prayers and kind thoughts to us while I was ill. It certainly helped to pull me through and I am very grateful. Marjorie

Silent Auction

Having spent most of Friday setting up for the Silent Auction at St Mary Magdalen's I was not best pleased to wake up on the Saturday morning to find it had snowed overnight ! However by lunchtime the white stuff had mostly melted away and the Auction proved to be a very worthwhile venture and raised just over £825 for St Michael's and St Mary Magdalen's. 119 of the 201 lots sold to 43 bidders. The highest bid was £50 for Lot 1110 a fold away car roof carrier which saw three bidders fighting to the last second. Thankyou everyone who supported this event - the donors, the bidders, the helpers, the bakers and of course the clearer uppers !

Electoral Roll



We are now revising the Electoral Rolls for the two Parishes ahead of the Annual Meetings, both to be held after services on Sunday 21st April. In the same way that being on Wiltshire Council's Electoral Roll allows you to vote in parliamentary and council elections and referenda, joining the Church Electoral Roll means that you can vote on Church matters and stand for election to the PCC. If you are not already on our Rolls and would like to be or you would like to know more about it please contact Michael as soon as possible.

Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs)

This year both of our Parish Annual Meetings are being held on Sunday 21st April. **SEMINGTON's** will follow the 9.15am Communion Service at St George's and **HILPERTON and STAVERTON's** will follow the 10.30am Service at St Michael's. Please try and attend the meeting for your particular Parish.



We still need your help on Sundays with...

...leading Prayers, Readings, Welcome, Coffee and Choir at St Michael's and St Mary Magdalen's? If you would like to volunteer, please contact Michael.

Used Stamps



Great news - by the time this is read Bill will have posted seven large packages of used stamps to the Bible Society! Where have all the used stamps come from you might be thinking. A large number from Canalside folk and now Holt folk have joined in contributing a large number. Thank you to all those who faithfully keep saving used stamps & popping them into the containers for Storehouse for Bill to collect. Please keep it up. Blessings Bill & Marilyn Stubbs.

Ebonite Concert

By all accounts everyone greatly enjoyed Ebonite's latest musical afternoon at St Mary's on 24th March. A big thankyou to Claire and everyone involved in putting the concert together and for raising £175 for church funds.

Foodbanks Update

Together with many other Foodbanks across the country both Melksham and Trowbridge are desperate for more donations, as the demand is very high at present, so please give as generously as you are able.



Storehouse Foodbank



at West Wilts Vineyard

HELP!

We are almost empty on some of our shelves; please drop items in the church porch boxes, the supermarket trolleys, come in and drop things off, do an online shop if you can. We are so grateful for

your support. Any items that can go in the fridge or freezer need to come direct to us please; i.e. yogurts, sausages, bacon, butter. **We are in need of UHT milk, Tinned fruit, Custard, Tinned meat, Chilli, Curry, Crisps, Biscuits, Toilet rolls, Rice, Peanut butter and Chocolate spread.** Please drop into the building as they now do a breakfast for the homeless so eggs are always needed plus cheese, butter bacon etc as they have a fridge freezer, freezer and fridge. Fruit and vegetables are always welcome but do not put in a trolley.

If you prefer you can make a one off financial donation or support Trowbridge Storehouse regularly, please follow the link below and select storehouse.

<https://westwiltsvineyard.churchsuite.co.uk/donate/fund/zk54op3a>

Storehouse is always in need of carrier bags



are in desperate need for all food items but especially **UHT Milk, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Meat.**

(please ensure all items are well within the best before date). They

can also take large bags of rice, tea bags, sugar & pasta as these can be

decanted into smaller bags for distribution. Please take your donations to the porch at St George's, Semington before 6pm on Wednesday. Please support all of our local foodbanks.

Prayer Requests



It is important that we pray for all who seek our support. Please let Michael know of anyone who particularly needs our prayers. Do ensure that you have their permission.

This month we pray for..

+ Alison Meader	+ Colston Carpenter	+ Margaret Hulbert	+ Sandie Baker
+ Amelia-Lily and family	+ Dave, Rosemary, Matthew & Family	+ Marjorie Raymond	+ Sandra Harding
+ Andrew Margetts	+ Deanna and family	+ Maureen Mitchell	+ Sophia & Family
+ Audrey Sheppard	+ Helen Thomas	+ Mike Aldridge	+ Val, Phil and family
+ Barbara & David	+ Hilary Heaton	+ Richard & Irene Hicks	+ Winnie Curtis
+ Cathy	+ Jeannette	+ Roger Emes	
+ Chris Botha	+ Joyce Palmer	+ Rosa Light	
+ Colin Jackson	+ Keith Joint	+ Rosie Alice & Mark	
+ Collette Miyagawa	+ Lilly, Phil & Louis		



- We pray for all those who mourn at this time, especially the families of Beryl Curtis, Faythe Walker, Sara Robert, Marlene Leeves & Roberta Smyth.
- We pray for the people of Sudan at this time of conflict, including Archbishop Ezekiel as he leads the Anglican Church there.
- Please pray for the situation in Israel and Gaza.
 - For all living in fear, as the result of the ongoing trauma of bombardments and retaliation.
 - For all injured, killed, kidnapped or displaced. and those who mourn.
 - For all providing aid and seeking an end to violence.

A Prayer for World Peace


Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



CANALSIDE DIARY

Please pray for all events taking place in the next few weeks

Day	Date	Time	Event details	Location
A P R I L				
M	1 st	EASTER MONDAY		
Tu	2 nd	NO Morning Prayer Today		
W	3 rd	1000	Midweek Communion	St Michael's
Th	4 th	0900	Semington Morning Prayer https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88553953942?pwd=1EHGGg18bBqqYKytMMRbYvZ5JZFZNM.1	Online
M	8 th	1445	Funeral: Marlene Leeves	West Wiltshire Crematorium
Tu	9 th	NO Morning Prayer Today		
W	10 th	1000	Midweek Morning Worship	St Michael's
Th	11 th	0900	Semington Morning Prayer Use link above	Online
		1430 1600	Friendship Group	St Mary Magdalen's
F	12 th	1200	Funeral: Faythe Walker	St Michael's

Sa	13 th	1000 1200	Celebrate Creation and Nature Coffee Morning	St Michael's Room	
Tu	16 th	0930	Hilperton/Staverton Morning Prayer https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89678887943?pwd=IKy2vBYNviwibNcoWUpqTtf4hpwQTA.1	Online	
W	17 th	1000	Midweek Communion	St Michael's	
		1430	Collective Worship TBC	Hilperton School	
Th	18 th	0900	Semington Morning Prayer Use link above	Online	
		1000 1200	Community Café	St Mary Magdalen's	
		1045	Collective Worship TBC	St George's School	
		1445	Collective Worship TBC	Staverton School	
F	19 th	0930 1100	Toddlers@theTin	St Mary Magdalen's	
		1400	Funeral: Beryl Curtis	West Wiltshire Crematorium	
Su	21 st	1030	Semington Parish APCM after the 0915 Service	St George's Church	
		1145	Hilperton and Staverton Parish APCM after the 1030 Service	St Michael's	
Tu	23 rd	ST GEORGE'S DAY			
		0930	Hilperton/Staverton Morning Prayer Use link above	Online	
W	24 th	1000	Midweek Morning Worship	St Michael's	
		1900	Hilperton and Staverton Wardens Meeting	St Michael's Room	
Th	25 th	0900	Semington Morning Prayer Use link above	Online	
F	26 th	0930 1100	Toddlers@theTin	St Mary Magdalen's	
Tu	30 th	0930	Hilperton/Staverton Morning Prayer Use link above	Online	
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W	1 st	1000	Midweek Communion	St Michael's	

		1430	Open the Book TBC	Hilperton School
		1900	Hilperton and Staverton Wardens Meeting	St Michael's Room
Th	2 nd	0900	Semington Morning Prayer Use link above	Online
		1045	Open the Book TBC	St George's School
		1445	Open the Book TBC	Staverton School
F	3 rd	0930 1100	Toddlers@theTin	St Mary Magdalen's

DIARY DATES FOR THE COMING MONTHS

Sat 8 th June	TBC	Hilperton Village Fete Church will be running the Teas again this year	Village Hall
Sat 20 th July	TBC	Semington Village Fete	Around the village



YOUTH WORK AUCTION FUNDRAISER

COME ALONG TO A FANTASTIC NIGHT AND BID ON A RANGE OF EXCITING ITEMS FOR AN AMAZING CAUSE!





FRIDAY 19 APRIL
7:30PM

@ JOHN OF GAUNT
SCHOOL HALL,
TROWBRIDGE

For info, contact:
fergus@wiltshireyfc.org.uk
07789838418

Book your ticket:
shorturl.at/GKNR2



Hilperton Gardening Club

would you like to join us ?

We meet one a month on a

Thursday evening in St.

Michael's Room at the

Church in the Knap.

During the winter we have

guest speakers and in the

summer months visit gardens

who open for groups under

the NGS

For more information please

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**CELEBRATE
CREATION
NATURE**

**Coffee
Morning**



SATURDAY 13th APRIL

10 am to Noon

in St Michael's Room

(behind St Michael's Church in Hilperton)

**Please bring gardening tools to
help re-wild the churchyard.**

**Coffee / Tea / Cake and wildflower seeds
for you to take home and plant**

rosemary.a.yates@btinternet.com or 01225 753741

THE 100 CLUB

supporting St Michael and All Angels' and St Mary Magdalen's Churches

RE-LAUNCH

OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN OUR 100 CLUB HAS DWINDLED AND WE ARE NOW DOWN TO ABOUT 47 ! SO WE HAVE DECIDED TO HAVE A RE-LAUNCH. IT HAS ALWAYS PROVED TO BE A GOOD FUNDRAISER WITH OVER £10,000 GOING IN TO CHURCH FUNDS IN THE LAST 28 YEARS. THIS IS HOW IT WORKS....

MEMBERS PAY £12 EACH YEAR

EACH MEMBER IS INCLUDED

IN A MONTHLY DRAW

WINNER RECEIVES £20

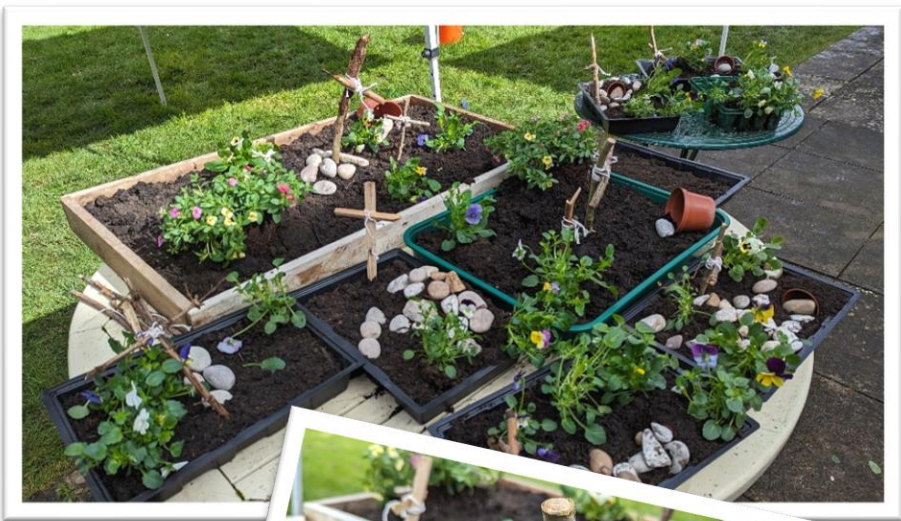
£50 PRIZE IN DECEMBER

MORE MEMBERS MEANS MORE FUNDS RAISED AND THE ABOVE PRIZE MONEY CAN ALSO BE INCREASED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SMALL LOTTERY RULES AND REGULATIONS. 100 MEMBERS WOULD GIVE US NEARLY £1,000 FOR CHURCH FUNDS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN OUR 100 CLUB PLEASE CONTACT MICHAEL GAMBLE ON 07795400262 OR canalsideoffice@gmail.com BY 21ST APRIL.

THE FIRST DRAW WILL BE MADE AT THE END OF APRIL.

CURRENT MEMBERS WILL BE WRITTEN TO SEPARATELY.

FRIENDS, FAMILY, NEIGHBOURS WELCOME



Above: A selection of the Easter Gardens made during Good Friday's Breakfast @theTin and opposite the Canalside contingent at the Cathedral for the Chrism Service on Maundy Thursday.

Spot the Bishop Competition

SUNDAY SERVICES *in* CANALSIDE

	HILPERTON St Michael's	HILPERTON St Mary Magdalen's	SEMINGTON St George's	WHADDON St Mary the Virgin
7 th April The Second Sunday of Easter		10.30am HOLY COMMUNION		3pm BCP HOLY COMMUNION
<i>Readings</i>	Epistle: Acts: 4: 32-35 / Gospel: John 20: 19-end			
14 th April The Third Sunday of Easter	10.30am HOLY COMMUNION		9.15am BREAKFAST CHURCH	
<i>Readings</i>	Epistle: Acts 3: 12-19 / Gospel: Luke 24: 36b-48			
21 st April The Fourth Sunday of Easter	10.30am MORNING WORSHIP followed by APCM		9.15am HOLY COMMUNION followed by APCM	
<i>Readings</i>	Epistle: Epistle: Acts 4: 5-12 / Gospel: John 10: 11-18			
28 th April The Fifth Sunday of Easter	10.30am HOLY COMMUNION	4pm TEA@theTIN		
<i>Readings</i>	Epistle: Acts 8 :26-end / Gospel: John 15 :1-8			
5 th May The Sixth Sunday of Easter		10.30am HOLY COMMUNION		3pm BCP HOLY COMMUNION
<i>Readings</i>	Epistle: Acts 10: 44-end / Gospel: John 15: 9-17			

We aim to record one of our services each Sunday and to make them available to watch later on those days at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCS6_E8D47JK0aDFP89UvBrQ

The May edition of Canalside News will be available from Sunday 28th April. Items for the newsletter should be sent to Michael by Friday 26th please.