

28th January 2018

Presentation of Christ



You are welcome to our services in the Canalside Benefice today, especially if you are visiting us or here for the first time.

9.30 Holy Communion at Hilperton led by John Rees

The Collect

God of heaven,
you send the gospel to the ends of the earth
and your messengers to every nation:
send your Holy Spirit to transform us
by the good news of everlasting life
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Hebrews 2.14-18

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 2.22-40

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him

what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Generous Lord,
in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the
mystery of your love:
help us so to live out our days
that we may be signs of your wonders in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Bereavement Support Group.

We have recently set up a group to give support to those who have been bereaved, whether recently or longer ago. If you would like to know more or know of someone who might appreciate a visit please contact Gill Guymer (Group Co-ordinator) on 01225 763558 or email rayandgillguymer@gmail.com.

Let's do Lunch will be in St Michael's Room on Thursday 1st February, all welcome. Please let Anthea know if you are going along.

Advance notice of pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, 13th February 6-8pm, at the Rectory. Please put your name on the sign up sheet.

Do come to our **Fish and Chip Supper** on Friday 9th February at 7.00pm in St Mary's Horse Road. The cost including Fish & Chips, soft drinks and musical entertainment is £6.00. Tickets available from Do Townley 774430 and Carol Roddis 754134.

Please give donations of **raffle prizes** to Tony Roddis.

Grant Awards from Hilperton Parish Council

I am delighted to tell you that the Parish Council have awarded us two grants:-

a) £1919 for renovation of the clock face at St Michaels. This should cover the whole cost of the work, based on the quote already obtained by our fabric group. Work will proceed once we have the appropriate permissions - and the maintenance work on the striking mechanism will be carried out at the same time.

b) £600 towards the cost of replacing the patio at St Mary's. This covers about half of the cost and other funds are being applied for. This work is being led by Chris Braham and the Cubs and Explorers as part of the development of the Community Garden there. Many thanks to all involved, John

Lent 2018

Opportunities to share together in exploring our faith are very important. Please consider joining one of our Lent groups this year. We will be using the excellent Pilgrim Course material; Hilperton Groups is looking at prayer and Christian Living while the Semington group is looking at the Lord's Prayer. Sign up sheets and details of when groups are meeting will be in our churches shortly. If you wish to know more do contact John

NEXT WEEK

Wednesday

Hilperton: 10.00 Holy Communion in St Michael's Room

Sunday 4th February

Semington: 9.30 Holy Communion

Hilperton: 8.00 Holy Communion

10.00 Together in Worship

Hilperton Marsh: 11.00 Holy Communion

Prayer requests:

It is important that as the church community across Canalside Benefice we pray for all those who seek our support. As well as praying for people in our services we would like to include the names of those who would like to receive prayer in our weekly sheet so that we can pray for them at home as well as in church.

Please let John, Emma, Marilyn or any of our LPA's know of names of people to be prayed for. Please ensure that you have their permission to publish.

We ask you to pray for:

Geoff Davis	Eve Banks
Brian Gingell	Pauline Burbridge
Muriel Forsey	Val Lovell
Barbara Tucker	Roger Swaine
Julia Riggs	John Webb
Simon Masters	

Please pray for the family and friends of Hugh Singer, Arthur Hurn and Nell Coombs who died recently.

Please do use our Prayer Board resource at the back of St Michael's Church.

Please look on our website for details of the men's and ladies breakfasts on 3rd and 24th February.

Are you interested in finding out more about being a School Governor? There are two sessions at Hilperton School where you can, informally, find out what you need to know. They're at Hilperton School on Thur 1st and Monday 5th Feb, 2.30-3pm. Two of our schools are short of governors (Hilperton and Staverton).

One night accommodation required, evening meal and breakfast for two people on Sunday 18 March 2018. Springs Dance Company will be in Hilperton School Monday 19 March as they bring the Easter story to life through dance. Can you help? Please let Dawn know by Sunday 11 February, thank you via 01225 753118.

For further information please talk to Dawn.

**Our new service times begin next week.
Please look on our notice boards or website if you are unsure.**

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