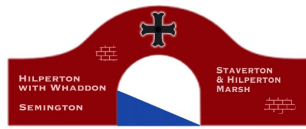


4th February 2018 2nd before Lent



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

8.00 Holy Communion at Hilperton led by John Rees

9.30 Holy Communion at Semington led by John and Hugh

10.00 Together in Worship at Hilperton led by Marilyn and Anne

11.00 Holy Communion at Hilperton Marsh led by Ray Guymer

overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

The Collect

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Colossians 1.15-20

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers— all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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.

John 1.1-14

The Word Became Flesh

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being **4** in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. **5** The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not

Friendship Group meets at St Mary's Church Horse Road, Hilperton Marsh on Thursday February 8th from 2.30 – 4.00, where you can have a chat with friends old and new, enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, bring your knitting or sewing if you like, play scrabble, dominoes – or any other activity you enjoy. Please come and bring anyone who you know would enjoy this time. All welcome – Contact Anne Rees on 01225 764365 for more information or if you need a lift – or just turn up.

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. Details and sign-up sheets are the churches. If you wish to know more do contact John

NEXT WEEK
Wednesday
Hilperton: 10.00 Holy Communion in St Michael's Room
Sunday 11th February
Whaddon: 8.00 Holy Communion
Semington: 9.30 Morning Worship
Hilperton: **10.00** Holy Communion with Junior Church

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 Ian Bradbury

Please pray for the family and friends of Nell Coombs and Dennis Legg 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 ladies breakfast on 24th February.

Wanted: School Governors at Hilperton and Staverton Schools
Being a governor is a rewarding role in which you can make a difference to the lives of local children. Both schools have vacancies and current governors and staff would be very pleased to tell you about what is involved.
For Hilperton do come to information afternoons at school at 2.30pm on Monday 5th February or talk to Dawn Farmer.
For Staverton speak to John Rees.

Our toddler group, Staverton Cygnets, meet next on Friday 9th February. Details on our website.

Find details and keep in touch with all we do by following our Facebook page and our website:
the canalside parishes
www.canalsidebenefice.org.uk

Don't forget to pick up your copy of our Monthly News. Copies should be available at the back of each church. Please ask if you cannot find one. Please note that the weekly pew sheet is now also available online via our website, www.canalsidebenefice.org.uk