

**11th February
2018
Sunday Next
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 Whaddon led by John Rees

9.30 Morning Worship at Semington led by Anthony Matthew

10.00 Holy Communion with Junior Church at Hilperton led by John Rees

2.00 Baptism of Jack & Harry Labarte and of James Reynolds at Hilperton

The Collect

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness
and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

2 Corinthians 4.3-6

³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark: 9.2-9

² Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change
and save.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Emma

After almost 10 years as our benefice administrator, Emma has decided it is time to move on. Her work in this role has been invaluable and she will be much missed.

New Administrator

We therefore need to appoint someone to take over from Emma as soon as practicable. The post, which will be offered on a self employed "contract for services" basis, is for 12-14 hours per week. The person appointed will be responsible for delivering effective administrative support for the benefice and will be a practising Christian. A role description and details of how to apply are available on the Benefice website under "About us/Vacancies" or by email from John Rees at

canalsidebeneficerecator@gmail.com.

Applications must be received by John via email or by post at 22 Warren Road, Staverton by the end of **Wednesday 21st February**. Enhanced DBS disclosure will be required. It is anticipated that the successful applicant will begin to take on this role from the beginning of March and to be fully in post from Easter.

If you have signed up, we look forward to seeing you for pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, 13th February 6-8pm, at the Rectory.

Drop in for coffee at St Mary Magdalen's on Thursday 15th February from 10 - 12.

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 will be 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

Tuesday

Staverton: 11.00 Holy Communion at the Old Vicarage followed by Staverton House.

Ash Wednesday

Hilperton: 10.00 Holy Communion in St Michael's Room
7pm Holy Communion

Both services include optional imposition of ashes

Sunday 19th February

Semington: 9.30 Holy Communion

Hilperton: 10.00 Holy Communion

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	Ian Bradbury

Please pray for the family and friends of Nell Coombs, Dennis Legg and Jim Davies who died recently. Nell's funeral will be held in St Michael's at 13.15 on Friday 16th February.

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.

Please pass on any **empty jam jars** you might have to Jeanette as she is keen to get on with her marmalade making but has run out of jars. Thank you!

ROMERO - THE HEARTBEAT OF EL SALVADOR

RISE Theatre UK are coming to St John's Trowbridge on THURSDAY 15 MARCH at 7.30pm with their new production of 'Romero - Heartbeat of El Salvador' - a thought provoking play about Blessed Archbishop Oscar Romero's challenge to those in power and his call for justice.

Tickets £5 or £15 for a family of 4. Tickets available from the Parish Centre 01225 767215 or online at

www.ticketsource.co.uk/risetheatre

Please note: Not suitable for children under 11

Refreshments available after the performance at 8.45pm

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www.canalsidebenefice.org.uk

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