

**25th February  
2018  
Lent 2**



*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 Morning Worship at Semington  
led by Anne Rees  
10.00 Holy Communion at Hilperton  
led by John Rees**

## The Collect

Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading

*Romans 4:13-25*

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## Gospel

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

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

*Mark 8:31-38*

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

## Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,  
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities  
which may happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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### Do you want to fast this Lent?

Pope Francis has recently written about what fasting might mean for us this Lent. His words also encourage us to examine our attitudes and actions as we seek to lead more Christ-like lives.

#### **POPE FRANCIS' WORDS**

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.  
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.  
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.  
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.  
Fast from worries and trust in God.  
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.  
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.  
Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.  
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.  
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.  
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

### Safeguarding Training

**C1 foundation training will be in St. Michael's Church on Thursday 19 April, 19:30 – 21:30. This is open to members of all three churches.**

As a reminder, Salisbury Diocese asks that everyone involved in the following positions in church undertake the C1 training.

1) who works or volunteers with children, young people and adults (including Sunday or weekly groups with children, Open the Book, Messy Church and Toddler groups etc.)

2) who has governance responsibilities (this includes all members of the PCCs)

3) who holds a position of trust in their parish (this includes Clergy, LLMs, LPAs, PtOs, LWLs, Churchwardens, home group leaders, servers and welcomers)

Not all of these roles require a DBS check, but the Diocese still asks that C1 be completed. This helps us to understand the part we play in keeping our church communities safe for us all.

**Please** can you confirm if you shall be attending by letting me know so that enough papers can be prepared and refreshments organised, thank you very much.

Dawn, 01225 753118

The Children's Society Boxes total was £220.92. Thank you to all who contributed and to Sandra Harding who coordinates this.

### Lent 2018

In Hilperton and Hilperton Marsh, study groups will be using the "Church and Kingdom" book from the Pilgrim Course during Lent. This course book explores what it means to live as a child of the kingdom of God and to follow in the way of Christ each day as a member of his Church. Books will be available at the groups, £4.80 each. Groups will meet as follows:

**32 Hulbert Close Hilperton** at 7.30pm every Tuesday starting 20th February;

**Hilperton Marsh** also on Tuesdays at 7.30pm (details from Gill Guymer on 01225 763558 or *email* rayandgillguymer@gmail.com);

**St Michael's Room in Hilperton Church** at 11.00am every Wednesday starting on 21st February.

The **Semington** housegroup, which meets on alternate Tuesdays, will be studying "The Lord's Prayer" book from the Pilgrim Course during Lent. Details of are available from Jack Woodward on 01380 870784.

Over the next fortnight the **Electoral Roll** for each of our churches will be updated. Application forms can be found in the churches. Please return the completed forms to the Electoral Roll officer for your church, your churchwarden or John Rees. Only those registered on the ER can participate in the Annual Parochial Church Meetings.

### NEXT WEEK

Wednesday

**Hilperton:** 10.00 Holy Communion in St Michael's Room followed by Lent Group.

Sunday 4th March

**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

Ian Bradbury

Joan Hawkes

Arthur and Doris Walker

Please pray for the family and friends of Nell Coombs, Dennis Legg and Jim Davies who died recently.

St Michael's rota—Please speak to Dawn if you would like to help at the services. We would welcome volunteers for prayers—refreshments. Training given.

We will be preparing posies for **Mothering Sunday** on Saturday 10th March at 2pm in St. Michael's Room. If you would like to help prepare them, or could donate greenery, it would be much appreciated.  
Carole Roddis / 01225754134

### **Fairtrade Fortnight: 26th February-11th March**

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

The **Women's World Day of Prayer** service will take place this year on Friday 2nd March at St James' Church Trowbridge. It has been prepared by the women of Suriname on the theme "All God's Creation is Very Good!"

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

Find details and keep in touch with all we do by following our Facebook page and our website:



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[www.canalsidebenefice.org.uk](http://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](http://www.canalsidebenefice.org.uk)*