

**4th March 2018**  
**Lent 3**



*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 Hugh Hoskins**

**10.00 Together in Worship at Hilperton led by John and Marilyn**

**11.00 Holy Communion at Hilperton Marsh led by Ray Guymer**

## The Collect

Eternal God,  
give us insight  
to discern your will for us,  
to give up what harms us,  
and to seek the perfection we are promised  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading

*1 Corinthians 1:18-25*

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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 2:13-22*

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

## Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord,  
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil,  
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If you are a regular worshipper at our churches and would like to attend our Annual Parochial Church Meetings then please speak to your electoral roll officer or churchwarden and get your name on the electoral roll.

Only those registered on the ER can participate in the Annual Parochial Church Meetings.  
APCM's: Hilperton 8th April, Hilperton Marsh 15th April (TBC) Semington 22nd April, these will all follow on from the service that morning.

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

**An invitation to the farewell for The Bishop of Ramsbury, the Rt Revd Dr Edward Condry. St John's, Devizes, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 6.00pm.**

This service of Choral Evensong is open to all and tickets are not required.

Parking is available at either the Market Place; the Car Park behind "Poundland" off Monday Market Street, or the Central Town Car Park off New Park Street. There is also a limited amount of street parking available on Long Street, High Street, and St John's Street.

**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.**

If you have not already attended this training, please book if you work, within the church, in any way with children or you hold a position of trust in this benefice.

**Please** can you confirm with Dawn, 01225 753118, if you are attending.

**Lent 2018**

Our Lent Groups continue this week; see details below. It is still not too late to join in

**32 Hulbert Close Hilpertown** at 7.30pm every Tuesday

**Hilpertown Marsh** also on Tuesdays at 7.30pm (details from Gill Guymer on 01225 763558

or email [rayandgillguymer@gmail.com](mailto:rayandgillguymer@gmail.com));

**St Michael's Room in Hilpertown Church** at 11.00am every Wednesday

**Semington** housegroup meets on alternate Tuesdays. Contact Jack Woodward on 01380 870784.

**Messy Church Saturday 17 March requires**

**FOOD!** Well actually cakes, biscuits and fruit to be accurate. If you can help with making or buying any of these please let Dawn know by Monday 12 March on 01225 753118. Thank you

**The Studio at Hilpertown School** was reopened by Barbara Hunt on Thursday 01 March as the new library which was rather fitting as it was World Book Day. Having Barbara present was really special as the Studio is in memory of Gerald who for many years was a faithful Governor and Chair at the school as well as Churchwarden at St. Michael's. With thanks to Carole Roddis for all of her volunteering and expertise to get the Library back in order, organised, labelled and displayed so beautifully. The Parents and Friends Association paid for the furniture after some serious fund raising - so thanks go to them for enabling this area to be so wonderful for the children to really enjoy being in. Dawn

**NEXT WEEK**

Wednesday

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

Mothers' Sunday 11th March

**Whaddon:** 8.00 Holy Communion

**Semington:** 9.30 Morning Worship

**Hilpertown:** 10.00 Holy Communion

**Please note that there is no service at Hilpertown Marsh**

**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

Brian Gingell

Muriel Forsey

Barbara Tucker

Julia Riggs

Simon Masters

Joan Hawkes

Eve Banks

Pauline Burbridge

Val Lovell

Roger Swaine

John Webb

Ian Bradbury

Arthur and Doris Walker

Please pray for the family and friends of Jim Davies, Jacqueline Wickham and of Aaron who died recently.

Parking for St Michaels We are very grateful to the Lion and Fiddle, who have given permission for people attending St Michael's 8.00am and 10.00am services to use their car park on Sunday mornings.

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 **Mothers' 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**

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

**International Women's Day Celebration** on Saturday 10th March in Trowbridge Town hall, at 12.30pm. Details are on our website.

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)*