

# 11th March 2018 Mothering Sunday



*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 Methodist Service at Semington**

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

## The Collect

God of love,  
passionate and strong,  
tender and careful:  
watch over us and hold us  
all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading

*Exodus 2.1-10*

Birth and Youth of Moses

**2** Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. **2** The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. **3** When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. **4** His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

**5** The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. **6** When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. **7** Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' **8** Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. **9** Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. **10** When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

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

## Gospel

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Luke 2.33-35*

**33** And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. **34** Then Simon 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

## Post Communion Prayer

Loving God,  
as a mother feeds her children at the breast  
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink  
of eternal life:  
help us who have tasted your goodness  
to grow in grace within the household of faith;  
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 Hilperton** at 7.30pm every Tuesday

**Hilperton 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 Hilperton Church** at 11.00am every Wednesday

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

**Hilperton 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

**Easter Tea at Hilperton School on Thursday 29**

**March @ 15:00.** Would you be able to bake (or buy) a cake, tray bake or some cookies for example and provide for the Easter Tea? If you can, THANK YOU very much, and if you were able to take to school on the day that would be great. Thank you, Dawn

**NEXT WEEK**

Wednesday

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

18th March

**Semington:** 9.30 Holy Communion

**Hilperton:** 10.00 Family 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

Joan Hawkes

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.

**Drop in For Coffee at St Mary's Hilperton Marsh**

Thursday 15th 10am - 12.00noon. All Welcome

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.

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



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