

8th April 2018 The Second Sunday of Easter



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

Whaddon:

8am Book of Common Prayer
Communion led by John Rees

Semington:

9.30am Morning Worship
led by Anne Rees

Hilperton:

10am Holy Communion led by John Rees

The Collect

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father. **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 4: 32-35

³² Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³ With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵ They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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 20: 19-end

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin^[c]), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸ Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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

Easter Morning Breakfast

Many thanks to Chris and Ros Brown for once again hosting our Easter Morning Breakfast at Hilperton House and for serving such a wonderful spread of food. About 30 of us attended the Dawn Communion Service and the weather was kind enough to enable part of the service to be held outside. David and Barbara Tucker joined us and recalled their trip to Windsor where David was one of the Royal Maundy Money recipients. All in all a wonderful start to Easter Day.

Charity Coffee Morning at St Mary's

Saturday 28th April : 10am - 12 Noon
Proceeds to be split equally between the Brains Trust (supporting people with brain cancer), Breast Cancer Support and St Mary's repainting fund (the next project is to repaint the sides of the tin building). £1 admission including coffee and cake. Everyone Welcome.

Benefice Weekend: 12/13 May

Please put this weekend in your diary! 12th May Benefice awayday at Steeple Ashton Methodist Church. Sr Debbie Orriss, Salisbury Diocesan Discipleship coordinator, will be helping us consider the question, 'What does it mean to be disciples of Jesus?' This will be followed by: 13th May Benefice Communion Service at St Michaels at 10am with Sr Debbie preaching.

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is on 12th May 8.30-10.30a.m. at Trowbridge RFC Doric Park Hilperton. Guest speaker: Major-General (rtd) Tim Cross CBE. Cost £8.50-pay at the door. Please book either via the website <http://www.menunited.ba.14.co.uk> or phone John Reynolds 01225 571375. This speaker will be popular so please book early to secure a place.

St Michael's Churchyard

At the last meeting of St Michael's PCC there was a discussion on the church yard which is in need of some care and attention. It was agreed that a church yard garden fund should be created so that a gardener could be employed to undertake maintenance of the flower beds and shrubs. If you would like to contribute any monthly sum to make the church yard beautiful please contact Tony Roddis on 01225 754134

Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs):

Our annual round of meetings start this morning at St Michael's after the Communion Service and next Sunday at 12.15pm at St Mary's Horse Road and then on 22nd April at 10.30am at St George's Semington. Please try and attend these important meetings and if you would like to become a member of the PCC it's not too late—just have a word with the Rector or the Churchwarden.

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, Michael, 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 today for:

Geoff Davis	Eve Banks
Brian Gingell	Val Lovell
Muriel Forsey	Patrick Webb
Roger Swaine	Ian Bradbury
Julia Riggs	Simon Masters
Joan Hawkes	Arthur & Doris Walker
Peter Margetts	

Please also pray for our Marriage Preparation morning for couples getting married this year being held on Saturday 14th April.

Parking at St Michael's

Additional parking is available at the Lion and Fiddle for the 8am and 10am Sunday Services.

Next week

Wednesday 11th April

Hilperton:

10am: Holy Communion & Coffee in St Michael's Room

Thursday 12th April

St Mary's Horse Road

2.30pm: Friendship Group All Welcome

Sunday 15th April:

The Third Sunday of Easter

Semington:

9.30am Holy Communion

Hilperton:

10am All Age Communion

Hilperton Marsh:

11am Holy Communion followed by APCM

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