

15th April 2018

## The Third 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.*

### **Semington:**

9.30am Holy Communion

led by John Rees

### **Hilperton:**

10am All Age Communion led

by Ivor Hughes

### **Hilperton Marsh:**

11am Holy Communion followed by  
APCM

## The Collect

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:

strengthen us to proclaim your risen life

and fill us with your peace,

to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

## First Reading

*Acts 3: 12-19*

<sup>12</sup> When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?' <sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup> But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup> and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup> And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. <sup>17</sup> 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup> In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup> Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

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 24: 36b-48*

<sup>36</sup> While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>37</sup> They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?' <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' <sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup> While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

## Post Communion Prayer

Living God,

your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread:

open the eyes of our faith,

that we may see him in all his redeeming work;

who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*Alleluia*

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

### Thank you Emma

Today we are officially marking Emma's departure as Benefice Administrator after nearly ten years in the role. Thank you Emma for all you have done to support us. It has been so good to have someone in the Office who is always so welcoming, cheerful, good humoured and happy to help. Best wishes for all that you do in the future and the challenges that lie ahead. You will be greatly missed Emma.

### Thank you Margaret

At St Mary's in Horse Road this morning we are also saying thank you to Margaret Weston at the end of ten years as our cleaner there. You've been a valuable member of the team at St Mary's Margaret, not only as cleaner but also as our flower rota person and PCC member. Best wishes to you in your new job and for the future.

### Thank you from Henry and Sam

There is at the back of St Michael's a 'thank you' card from Henry & Sam. If you haven't read it please do. Thank you to all who gave towards their leaving gift. They were presented with tokens to the value of £120 to use at any garden centre, a box of 'goodies' for the day they moved into their new home also a perpetual Daily Bread calendar.

### 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.

### Benefice Weekend: 12/13 May

Sign up sheets are in church today for the Benefice awayday on Saturday 12th May at Steeple Ashton Methodist Church from 10am-3.30pm. Sr Debbie Orriss, from the Diocese will be helping us consider the question, 'What does it mean to be disciples of Jesus?' Please come if you can: the first talk starts after Men's Breakfast. Drinks provided but please bring lunch. On the Sunday at 10am a Benefice Communion will be held at St Michael's with Sr Debbie preaching.

### Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is on 12th May 8.30am at Trowbridge RFC. 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. Book early !

### Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs):

The annual round of APCMs continue this morning at St Mary's Horse Road after the Communion Service and then finally next Sunday at 10.30am at St George's Semington. Thankyou to everyone who attended last Sunday's meeting at Hilperton & a very warm welcome to our new PCC members.

### 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	

### Parking at St Michael's

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

## Next week

### Thursday 19th April

#### **St Mary's Horse Road:**

10am– 12 Noon: Drop in for Coffee

### Friday 20th April

#### **Staverton Village Hall**

9.15am: Staverton Cygnets

### Sunday 22nd April:

#### **The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

##### **Semington:**

9.30am: Patronal Festival Morning Worship followed by APCM

##### **Hilperton:**

10am: Holy Communion

11.45am: Baptism of Noah Chilton

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



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

The weekly pewsheets and Monthly newsletter can also be found on the website and paper copies should be available in church. Please ask if you cannot find one.

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