

# CANALSIDE NEWS

## for MARCH 2024



## A Prayer for Canalside Benefice

*Loving God, during this time without a Rector, we pray for our Benefice, as we work together in unity to serve you in this place. Help us to grow in faith, as we love one another and care for those in need.*

*Give us the strength to reach out to others,  
and offer a warm welcome to all in our communities.*

*Guide us during this time, as we discern your plans for our parishes, and as we seek the person you want to join us as our new rector.*

*And may they know your heart, as they are drawn to come and share their ministry with us.*

*May our future together, in our villages, in our schools and in our churches be filled with your Holy Spirit as we make Jesus known in our every aspect of our lives in Canalside. Amen.*

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**PLEASE DON'T FORGET** that Canalside News is now a monthly newsletter so you need to keep each issue handy until the next one is published. In that way you will know what is happening where and when.

## A Message from Sandie

Dear All. Many thanks for all the kind offers of help with transport, shopping and other jobs. Thank you for all the good wishes, emails, messages and prayers. They've all been much appreciated. Sandie.

## Mary Barber

As you already know donations made at Mary's funeral were to go to St Mary Magdalen's and we have now received £2,000. This money is to be used towards the cost of a new carpet for the church – something that we think Mary would have appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

## Eco Church Coffee Morning, Wildflowers & Re-wilding works at St Michael's



On Saturday 13th April from 10am to Noon, there will be a coffee morning held in St. Michael's Room and also further re-wilding works in the churchyard, when there will be opportunities for folks to help out if they wish. In addition, there will be some small packs of wildflower seeds for visitors to take away and plant themselves.

These proposals are all part of the intention to submit an application in due course for an A Rocha Eco Church Bronze Award, the scheme which is designed to help churches look at how they are caring for God's creation through their worship, buildings, land, community engagement, and individual lifestyles.

## Maundy Thursday Chrism Service in Salisbury Cathedral

Each year the Bishops invite all clergy, commissioned lay assistants and others to the Chrism Service at the Cathedral on Maundy Thursday (28<sup>th</sup> March). If

you would like to attend the service please let Michael know and we will see if there are any spare places in the cars being driven to Salisbury.

## Around the World in 80 Stays Quiz Sheets



£130 was raised from Val Sims' latest Quiz Sheet and this will be split equally between Dorothy House and St Michael's and St Mary Magdalen's Churches. Four of those who submitted their answer sheets scored 100% so the winners of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes were drawn from a hat. 1<sup>st</sup> (£15) was Linda Guyatt of Bromham, 2<sup>nd</sup> (£10) was Roger Marsden of Middlesex and 3<sup>rd</sup> (£5) was Maggie Frost of Trowbridge Road, Hilperton. The 4<sup>th</sup> 100 percenter was from John and Jeremy Humphries from Yate. Congratulations to the winners and many thanks to everyone who bought a Quiz Sheet. Watch this space because rumour has it that Val is working on another Quiz!

## Electoral Roll



We are now starting to revise the Electoral Rolls for the two Parishes ahead of the Annual Meetings, both to be held after services on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April. In the same way that being on Wiltshire Council's Electoral Roll allows you to vote in parliamentary and council elections and referenda, joining the Church Electoral Roll means that you can vote on Church matters and stand for election to the PCC. If you are not already on our Rolls and would like to be or you would like to know more about it please contact Michael as soon as possible.

## Parish Annual Reports

Also ahead of the Annual Meetings mentioned above a Report needs to be produced for each of the Parishes outlining what we have all been up to in 2023. In addition to the church finances and the work of the Ministry Team we need reports for the Churchwardens, LPAs, Work with Children, Music, Fabric, technology, Friendship Group, Community Café, ECO Group etc. If any of those apply to you please can you ensure your



report is passed to Stella (Hilperton/Staverton) or Jack (Semington) by the end of March.

## Pancake Evening

We had a wonderful Pancake Evening on Shrove Tuesday at St Mary Magdalen's. About 25 people attended and around 56 pancakes were consumed. Special thanks to Joy and Christine for taking charge in the kitchen. Donations made at the evening totalled £102 and this has now been paid to the Deanery Fund for Kadugli in Sudan. Thank you all for your support.

## We still need your help on Sundays with...

...leading Prayers, Readings, Welcome, Coffee and Choir at St Michael's and St Mary Magdalen's? If you would like to volunteer, please contact Michael.

## Used Stamps



Thank you everyone who are still faithfully collecting used postage stamps for the Bible Society. Bill is almost ready to post off package number two for this year just need some more to fill the package. Every stamp counts please keep them coming, thank you. Bill & Marilyn Stubbs

## Last Call for Real Easter Eggs

I am ordering Real Easter Eggs from the Meaningful Chocolate Company. As Easter is early this year, I will be ordering on **Monday 26th February**, so need your orders by **Sunday 25th February please**. Details can be found on <https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/collections/real-easter-egg> and the original milk chocolate eggs cost £4.50 each.  
Bev Woodward 01380 870784



## Foodbanks Update



Together with many other Foodbanks across the country both Melksham and Trowbridge are desperate for more donations, as the demand is very high at present, so please give as generously as you are able.

# Storehouse Foodbank



at West Wilts Vineyard

This week the Food Bank would like all products but urgently need **Tinned ham and corned beef - curry, chilli, stews, toilet rolls, cleaning, toilet products and UHT milk.** Margarine, butter and eggs are always needed, just drop off at

the centre. Please drop into the building as they now do a breakfast for the homeless so eggs are always needed plus cheese, butter bacon etc as they have a fridge freezer, freezer and fridge. Fruit and vegetables are always welcome but do not put in a trolley.

If you prefer you can make a one off financial donation or support Trowbridge Storehouse regularly, please follow the link below and select storehouse.

<https://westwiltsvineyard.churchsuite.co.uk/donate/fund/zk54op3a>

**Storehouse is always in need of carrier bags**



are in desperate need all food items but especially **tinned meat, coffee and sugar.** (please ensure all items are well within the best before date). They can also take

large bags of rice, tea bags, sugar & pasta as these can be decanted into smaller bags for distribution. Please take your donations to the porch at St George's, Semington before 6pm on Wednesday. Please support all of our local foodbanks.

## Prayer Requests



It is important that we pray for all who seek our support. Please let Michael know of anyone who particularly needs our prayers. Do ensure that you have their permission.

### ***This month we pray for..***

+ Alison Meader  
+ Amelia-Lily and family  
+ Andrew Margetts  
+ Audrey Sheppard  
+ Barbara & David  
+ Beryl Curtis  
+ Chris Botha  
+ Colin Jackson  
+ Collette Miyagawa

+ Colston Carpenter  
+ Dave, Rosemary, Matthew & Family  
+ Deanna and family  
+ Helen Thomas  
+ Hilary Heaton  
+ Jeannette  
+ Joyce Palmer  
+ Keith Joint  
+ Lilly, Phil & Louis

+ Margaret Hulbert  
+ Marjorie Raymond  
+ Maureen Mitchell  
+ Mike Aldridge  
+ Ntombi and Family  
+ Richard & Irene Hicks  
+ Roger Emes  
+ Rosa Light  
+ Rosie Alice & Mark

+ Sandie Baker  
+ Sophia & Family  
+ Val, Phil and family  
+ Winnie Curtis



- We pray for all those who mourn at this time, especially the families of the children and young people killed in Bristol recently and Alexei Navalny.
- We pray for the people of Sudan at this time of conflict, including Archbishop Ezekiel as he leads the Anglican Church there.
- Please pray for the situation in Israel and Gaza.
  - For all living in fear, as the result of the ongoing trauma of bombardments and retaliation.
  - For all injured, killed, kidnapped or displaced. and those who mourn.
  - For all providing aid and seeking an end to violence.

## A Prayer for World Peace



Almighty God,  
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:  
kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace  
and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom  
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth  
that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,  
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.



## CANALSIDE DIARY

Please pray for all events taking place in the next few weeks

Day	Date	Time	Event details	Location
F E B R U A R Y				
Tu	27 <sup>th</sup>	0930	<b>Hilperton/Staverton Morning Prayer</b> <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89678887943?pwd=IKy2vBYNviwibNcoWUpqTtf4hpwQTA.1">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89678887943?pwd=IKy2vBYNviwibNcoWUpqTtf4hpwQTA.1</a>	Online
W	28 <sup>th</sup>	1000	<b>Midweek Communion</b>	St Michael's
Th	29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>LEAP YEAR DAY</b>		
		0900	<b>Semington Morning Prayer</b> <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88553953942?pwd=1EHGGg18bBggYKytMMRbYvZ5JZFZNm.1">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88553953942?pwd=1EHGGg18bBggYKytMMRbYvZ5JZFZNm.1</a>	Online
		1900	<b>Hilperton/Staverton PCC Meeting</b>	St Mary Magdalen's
M A R C H				
F	1 <sup>st</sup>	0930 1100	<b>Toddlers@theTin</b>	St Mary Magdalen's
		1030	<b>World Day of Prayer Service</b>	St James' Trowbridge
Sa	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1030 1630	<b>Silent Auction</b>	St Mary Magdalen's
M	4 <sup>th</sup>	1900	<b>Exploring Vocation – All Are Called</b>	Zoom (see poster)

Tu	5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO Morning Prayer Today</b>		
W	6 <sup>th</sup>	1000	<b>Midweek Morning Worship</b>	St Michael's
		1430	<b>Collective Worship led by Joy</b>	Hilpertown School
Th	7 <sup>th</sup>	0900	<b>Semington Morning Prayer</b> Use link above	Online
		1045	<b>Collective Worship led by Joy</b>	St George's School
		1445	<b>Collective Worship led by Joy</b>	Staverton School
F	8 <sup>th</sup>	0930 1100	<b>Toddlers@theTin</b>	St Mary Magdalen's
Su	10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>MOTHERING SUNDAY</b>		
Tu	12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>0830</b>	<b>Hilpertown/Staverton Morning Prayer</b> Use link above	Online
W	13 <sup>th</sup>	1000	<b>Midweek Communion</b>	St Michael's
		1430	<b>Open the Book</b>	Hilpertown School
Th	14 <sup>th</sup>	0900	<b>Semington Morning Prayer</b> Use link above	Online
		1045	<b>Open the Book</b>	St George's School
		1430 1600	<b>Friendship Group</b>	St Mary Magdalen's
		1445	<b>Open the Book</b>	Staverton School
F	15 <sup>th</sup>	0930 1100	<b>Toddlers@theTin</b>	St Mary Magdalen's
M	18 <sup>th</sup>	Date set aside for Interview process for new Rector		
Tu	19 <sup>th</sup>	Date set aside for Interview process for new Rector		
		0930	<b>Hilpertown/Staverton Morning Prayer</b> Use link above	Online
W	20 <sup>th</sup>	1000	<b>Midweek Communion</b>	St Michael's
Th	21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>NO Morning Prayer Today</b>		
		0930	<b>St George's School Easter Service</b>	St George's Church
		1000 1200	<b>Community Café</b>	St Mary Magdalen's
		1245	<b>Safeguarding Training</b>	St Mary Magdalen's
		1445	<b>Collective Worship led by David Ross</b>	Staverton School
F	22 <sup>nd</sup>	0930 1100	<b>Toddlers@theTin</b>	St Mary Magdalen's



Su	24 <sup>th</sup>	PALM SUNDAY		
		1500	Ebonite Concert	St Mary Magdalen's
HOLY WEEK				
M	25 <sup>th</sup>	1830	Compline for Holy Week	St Mary Magdalen's
Tu	26 <sup>th</sup>	0930	Hilperton/Staverton Morning Prayer Use link above	Online
		1830	Compline for Holy Week	St Michael's
W	27 <sup>th</sup>	0930	Staverton School Easter Service	Staverton School
		1000	Midweek Morning Worship	St Michael's
		1330	Hilperton School Easter Service	St Michael's
		1830	Compline for Holy Week	St Michael's
		1900	Hilperton and Staverton Wardens Meeting	St Michael's Room
Th	28 <sup>th</sup>	MAUNDY THURSDAY		
		0900	Semington Morning Prayer Use link above	Online
		1100	Chrism Eucharist Service	Salisbury Cathedral
		1930	Holy Communion for Maundy Thursday	St Michael's
F	29 <sup>th</sup>	GOOD FRIDAY		
		0930	Good Friday Breakfast@theTin	St Mary Magdalen's
		1400	Meditation for the Last Hour	St Michael's
Su	31 <sup>st</sup>	EASTER DAY		
		0700	Easter Dawn Service followed by a light breakfast	St Mary Magdalen's
		0915	All Age Easter Communion	St George's
		1030	All Age Easter Communion	St Michael's
APRIL				
M	1 <sup>st</sup>	EASTER MONDAY		
Tu	2 <sup>nd</sup>	NO Morning Prayer Today		
W	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1000	Midweek Communion	St Michael's
Th	4 <sup>th</sup>	0900	Semington Morning Prayer Use link above	Online

*Let us pray for a happy, peaceful  
and blessed Easter*

## DIARY DATES FOR THE COMING MONTHS

Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Apr	1000 1200	<b>ECO Group Coffee Morning</b>	St Michael's Room
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Apr	1030	<b>Semington's APCM</b> after 0915 Service	St George's
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Apr	1145	<b>Hilperton and Staverton's APCM</b> after 1030 Service	St Mary Magdalen's

### Hilperton/Staverton Churches Silent Auction

**Saturday 2nd March 2024**

**St Mary Magdalen's Church Hall**  
Horse Road Hilperton 10.30am-4.30pm



**Lots of Lots to bid for**

Just come along, have a look around

and if you see something you want



**write down your bid**

**Highest bid at the end of the day Wins**

If you have anything to be auctioned  
please contact Michael Gamble  
07795400262 [canalsideoffice@gmail.com](mailto:canalsideoffice@gmail.com)

**Teas and Coffees available ~ All Welcome**

**Proceeds to church funds**

**IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO  
BE AUCTIONED PLEASE  
CONTACT MICHAEL BY THE  
END OF MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup>  
FEBRUARY**



## YOUTH WORK AUCTION FUNDRAISER

COME ALONG TO A FANTASTIC NIGHT AND BID ON A RANGE  
OF EXCITING ITEMS FOR AN AMAZING CAUSE!



**FRIDAY 19 APRIL  
7:30PM**

**@ JOHN OF GAUNT  
SCHOOL HALL,  
TROWBRIDGE**

For info, contact:  
[fergus@wiltshireyfc.org.uk](mailto:fergus@wiltshireyfc.org.uk)  
07789838418

Book your ticket:  
[shorturl.at/GKNR2](http://shorturl.at/GKNR2)



The April edition of Canalside  
News will be available from  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March (Easter  
Day). Items for the  
newsletter should be sent to  
Michael by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March  
(Good Friday) please.

## Exploring Vocation

All are called...

Monday 4th March 7pm on Zoom

*Exploring a breadth of Lay and ordained ministry and calling, including: pastoral ministry, leading worship, and schools engagement such as Foundation Governor.*

**Future session on Specific ministries include:**

Exploring Ordained Ministry  
Wednesday 8th May 7pm on Zoom

Exploring Licensed Lay Ministry  
Wednesday 15th May 7pm on Zoom

Book your place via these links

[Exploring Vocation: All are called](#)

[Exploring Ordained Ministry](#)

[Exploring Licensed Lay Ministry](#)



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND  
DIOCESE OF SALISBURY



An afternoon of music with the

# EBONITE

Clarinet Ensemble

Sunday 24th March 2024

at 3pm

Doors open 2.45pm

St. Mary's (the "Tin" Church)

Horse Road

Hilperton

BA14 7PD



**Tickets £5**  
(including refreshments)  
All proceeds go towards Church funds and Brain Tumour Support



St Mary Magdalen's Church  
Horse Road Hilperton

**Friday 29th March**  
**9.30 - 10.30am**




Informal All Age Worship  
with a light breakfast



# ALL WELCOME

Details of our Holy Week and Easter services and events can be found in the Diary Section and on the back page of this newsletter.

A poster giving full details will be sent out to you nearer the time.

	HILPERTON St Michael's	HILPERTON St Mary Magdalen's	SEMINGTON St George's	
25 <sup>th</sup> Feb The Second Sunday of Lent	10.30am HOLY COMMUNION	4pm TEA@theTIN		
Readings	Epistle: Romans 4.13-end / Gospel: Mark 8.31-end			
3 <sup>rd</sup> March The Third Sunday of Lent		10.30am HOLY COMMUNION		3pm BCP HOLY COMMUNION
Readings	Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1.18-25 / Gospel: John 2.13-22			
10 <sup>th</sup> March Mothering Sunday	10.30am HOLY COMMUNION		9.15am BREAKFAST CHURCH	
Readings	Epistle: Colossians 3: 12-17 / Gospel: John 19: 25-27			
17 <sup>th</sup> March The Fifth Sunday of Lent	10.30am HOLY COMMUNION		9.15am HOLY COMMUNION	
Readings	Epistle: Hebrews 5.5-10 / Gospel: John 12.20-33			
24 <sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday	10.30am HOLY COMMUNION			
Readings	Liturgy of the Palms: Mark 11: 1-11    Liturgy of the Passion: Isaiah 50: 4-9a Mark 14:1 – 15:47			
31 <sup>st</sup> March Easter Day	10.30am ALL AGE EASTER COMMUNION	7am EASTER DAWN COMMUNION	9.15am ALL AGE EASTER COMMUNION	
Readings	Epistle: 1 Corinthians 11.23-26 / Gospel: John 13.1-7, 31b-35			

We aim to record one of our services each Sunday and to make them available to watch later on those days at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCS6\\_E8D47JK0aDFP89UvBrQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCS6_E8D47JK0aDFP89UvBrQ)