



CANALSIDE NEWS

SUNDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2021

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Following the Government's lifting of Covid-19 restrictions there is no longer any need to book to attend services in the Benefice.

THIS SUNDAY

BENEFICE COMMUNION
10.30am St Michael 's, Hilperton
followed by a Bring your own
Lunch at St Mary Magdalen's at
12 Noon

TEA@THE TIN
4pm St Mary Magdalen's

The Service at St Michael's will be filmed and available to watch online on Sunday afternoon.

Here is the link to watch the service together with any of our pre-recorded services:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCS6_E8D47JK0aDFP89UvBrQ

10.30am

SUNDAY SERVICE

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT FROM
THIS WEEKEND MOST SUNDAY
MORNING SERVICES AT ST MICHAEL'S
AND ST MARY MAGDALEN'S
WILL START AT 10.30AM**

The Collect (a special prayer for this Sunday)

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Gospel: John 15 1-17

Jesus, the True Vine

15 Jesus said, "I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce

even more. ³You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. ⁴Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

⁵“Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. ⁷But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! ⁸When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

⁹“I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. ¹⁰When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! ¹²This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. ¹³There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn’t confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. ¹⁶You didn’t choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. ¹⁷This is my command: Love each other.

This week our Sunday sermon is being given by Rev. Canon Roger Morgan who will speak on the reading above.

You might like to reflect on the following questions:-

- *“You cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me”*. All of live fruitful lives even if we don’t always feel this. Remember that this fruitfulness comes from God.

- *“For apart from me you can do nothing”*. Do you, like me, sometimes try to do something significant in your own strength rather than ask God for wisdom and the strength to do what is required?” If so do ask God to help you grow in your capacity to change.
- *“I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn’t confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told”*. Remember Jesus is always your friend.

John Rees

Prayer Requests

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

This week we pray for..

Amelia-Lily and family
 Andrew Margetts
 Barbara & David
 Beryl Curtis
 Beryl Strange
 Colin Jackson
 Collette Miyagawa
 David Franklin
 David and Audrey
 Sheppard
 Deanna and Family
 Doreen
 Doris and Arthur Walker
 Elizabeth
 Hannah, Ash & Oliver
 Holly Thompson



*St Mary
 Magdalen’s
 Hilperton*

Iris and Paddy Webb
 James Vincent
 Jess Humphries
 Judy Meats
 Lilly & Phil
 Margaret Hulbert
 Michael & Clem
 Mike Aldridge
 Ottie
 Pat & Stan Thompson
 Pauline Burbidge
 Phyl Brown
 Rosa Light
 Roselyne Mélan
 Rosie Alice & Mark
 Sophia & Family
 Winnie Curtis

- We pray for all those who mourn but particularly at this time for the families of Diana Burbidge, Janet Pearce and Joyce Lee (Stuart's sister).
- Please pray for the Dean of Salisbury and all those involved in the appointment of the 79th Bishop of Salisbury.
- Let us thank God for the continuation of the vaccination programme and the ray of hope it brings to all our lives.
- This Tuesday is the National Prayer Day for Schools - a call to action for Christians everywhere to pray for their schools. So we continue to pray for the staff, pupils and governors of Hilperton, Staverton and St George's School and of all our local schools
- Please pray for all those grieving at this time around the world for all those who have died from the Coronavirus.
- Lord we bring before you all those suffering from the effects of Coronavirus in any way and thank you for the NHS, scientists, health professionals, politicians and key workers working so hard to help us through the crisis.

Fundraising Returns !

The Treasurer was very pleased on his return from holiday to find that over £650 had been raised in his absence for Hilperton and Staverton churches. Firstly there was the Cream Tea Afternoon which, by all accounts, was a great success and over 40 tickets were sold. With a raffle, a cake stall and donations the total raised came to just over £333 (50/50 for each church). A few days later Barbara Hunt held her Coffee Morning at Dymott Square and lots of people attended and enjoyed her lovely garden. Over £320 was raised for St Michael's. A big thank you to everyone who supported these events – the Treasurer must have another holiday !

Next weekend is Harvest at Hilperton and Staverton

St Michaels @10.30 We have Harvest Communion which will include some traditional Harvest hymns accompanied by Tim Davies on the

organ for the first time since last Christmas. Tea and Coffee will be available after the service. Please bring items for Storehouse Foodbank.

St Marys@10.30 Jill and Claire will be leading next Sunday's Harvest Festival at St Mary Magdalen's and they invite us to bring foodbank items to be offered up during the service. If the weather behaves we hope to worship alfresco but if need be we can move things indoors. After the service there will be light refreshments.

Whaddon@6pm. We have a Book of Common Prayer Harvest Evensong.

Congratulations Mrs Roddis....

winner of the September Draw of the St Michael's and St Mary Magdalen's 100 Club.

Harvest Festival Celebration in St Mary Magdalen's Garden

Jill and Claire will be leading next Sunday's Harvest Festival at St Mary Magdalen's and they invite us to bring foodbank items to be offered up during the service. If the weather behaves we hope to worship alfresco but if need be we can move things indoors. After the service there will be light refreshments. See you there.

The Peace Primary School in Kadugli

Education in Sudan is not free, as it is here, so Peace Primary School has to raise income by charging fees, and these fees pay, among other things, the salaries of the teachers. It has always been intended that Peace Primary School should meet its own costs, and this is the plan for next year. This year, however, there are special considerations arising from the creation of the kindergarten to whose building we contributed. The school and kindergarten needs to recruit four new teachers at a cost of \$5,000 (about £3,700).

In addition, the school wishes to be able to waive the fees for the poorest children and orphans, and this year there are 30 of them. The fees are \$50 each, a total of \$1,500 or about £1,100.

In short, the school needs about £4,800. We do not have this sum in our account.

Our deanery Sudan Link Committee is prepared to pay £3,300 towards the cost of recruiting the teachers, but we think the payment of the school fees is a matter for the churches and people of the deanery, which is why I am writing to you now. I must in fairness point out that this appeal is for this year's fees, but it is a need which will arise every year.

I am asking you therefore if you and your church would contribute towards the payment of the fees of these poor and sometimes orphaned children this year. I would also ask you to consider whether you would continue to do this in following years.

I have quoted fees of \$50 per child; at current rates of exchange this would be about £37. Rates of exchange fluctuate, and I have not allowed for banking charges for making transfers. May I suggest £40 to £45 would be more realistic.

I shall be grateful if you are able to give these children your support, and to do so very soon as the start of the new term is imminent.

For ease of transfer, please send the money to Bradford Deanery's bank account and we will collect the money and arrange its transfer to Kadugli. The account details are:

Name of Account:	Bradford Deanery Synod
Sort Code:	30-98-75
Ac No:	00710285

Please quote reference: Kadugli (this is important).

If you do not do internet banking, you are welcome to send a cheque made payable to Bradford Deanery Synod to me at:

11 Stancomb Avenue, Trowbridge, BA14 7HS

Every blessing to each of you. *John Joy (Bradford Deanery Lay Chairman)*

Shoeboxes – 4 weeks to go

Following the launch of this year's Christmas Link to Hope Appeal – you now have 4 weeks to get your shoeboxes ready before they need to be brought to church for onward transit. This year's deadline is Sunday 24th October.

Can you help us with a monthly Fellowship Lunch ?

As we plan ahead we would like to start a monthly Fellowship Lunch at St Mary Magdalen's in Horse Road, Hilperton. This is intended to be a simple lunch of **SOUP AND A ROLL**. To make this happen we need someone to take a lead who can bring together a team of helpers and be part of the Parish Social and Fundraising Group (see below). If this is something you could help us with we would love to hear from you. Contact Michael for more details.

Social and Fundraising Group – We need your help

Fundraising and meeting for social activities are both significant in parish life but obviously during the pandemic most of our annual events have had to be cancelled. In Hilperton and Staverton Parish we are now forming a Social and Fundraising Group to start work on planning ahead for the rest of this year and beyond. If you would like to be part of this Group we would love to hear from you – just contact Michael as soon as possible.

Our very own Calendar for 2022

We have decided to extend the deadline for you to let us have your seasonal photos by a month to 31st October. We have received a few entries but would love to see more please. The entries will be independently judged to select 13 shots (1 for each month and 1 for the cover) The Calendar will then be sold to raise funds for our



churches. The entry fee for each photo is £3. Don't worry if you only have photos on paper – they can still be entered – just let Michael have the photo and he can copy it and return the original



to you to go back into your album or wherever you keep them. If you prefer you can enter digital photos by email or by phone. Just remember that each photo must be

taken in Hilperton, Staverton or Whaddon and should depict Spring, Summer, Autumn or Winter views. The photo can be an old one or one taken recently. **Please send your entries to Michael by no later than Midnight on SUNDAY 31st OCTOBER 2021.**

Foodbanks Update

TROWBRIDGE STOREHOUSE:

Many thanks to Bill who continues to collect donated items from the church porches & takes them directly to Storehouse. **Stock is very low at the moment,** everyday items are needed. Urgently needed: **Sugar / Angel delight / Custard / Rice pudding / Tinned Fruit / Tinned meat / Tinned meat pies / Shampoo / Soap / Toilet rolls** On Wednesdays they are now holding a Community Meal for at least 16.

The Food Bank hopes to give 70 or more families all they need for a fresh wholesome Christmas. Your donations could buy the following: **Complete Hamper £50, Meat/Vegetarian option £25, Fresh Vegetables £10, Christmas trimmings: Christmas pudding custard etc £15.**

If you prefer you can make a financial donation so that Storehouse can order supplies from the supermarkets. EVERY donation makes a difference. If you would like to support Trowbridge Storehouse regularly or give a one off donation, please follow the link below and select storehouse.

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

On Wednesdays Storehouse provide a Soup Kitchen from 1-2pm *“Come on down for smiles and food to fill hungry tummies”*

MELKSHAM FOODBANK:

is particularly requesting **Tinned Fruit, Jam, Squash, Sugar, Dried Pasta and Coffee** this week. Items for the Melksham Foodbank can be left in the porch at St George’s Church, in most local supermarkets and at the Somerset Arms. Please continue to support the work of both our local foodbanks.

DATES FOR DIARIES



Month	Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
OCT	Sa	9 th	1000-1200	COFFEE MORNING for St Michael's and St Mary's	St Mary Magdalen's
	Th	14 th	1430-1600	FRIENDSHIP GROUP	St Mary Magdalen's
	Tu and W	26 th and 27 th	All day	JOHN'S SPONSORED WALK	Kennet and Avon Canal
NOV	F	26 th	1900+	QUIZ NIGHT for St Mary Magdalen's	St Mary Magdalen's
DEC	F	10 th	1400-1630	CHRISTMAS FAYRE AFTERNOON	St Mary Magdalen's

BENEFICE DIARY 2021



The Canalside Parishes

Month	Day	Date	Time	Event details	Location
SEP	Tu	28 th	0930	Hilperton/Staverton Morning Prayer https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88326941179	Online
	W	29 th	1000	Midweek Communion	St Michael's
	Th	30 th	0900	Semington Morning Prayer https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84008141990	Online
			1000-1130	Private Prayer	St Michael's
OCT	F	1 st	0915-1045	Toddlers@the Tin	St Mary Magdalen's
	Su	3 rd	1215	Baptism of Ruby Milner	St Michael's

**SUNDAY
3rd
OCTOBER**

**PATRONAL FESTIVAL and
HARVEST COMMUNION**
10.30am St Michael 's, Hilperton

HARVEST FESTIVAL
10.30am St Mary Magdalen's

HARVEST EVENSONG
6pm St Mary's, Whaddon

Find details on our Facebook page & our website:

www.canalsidebenefice.org.uk

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