



## CANALSIDE NEWS

SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022

TRINITY SUNDAY



**HOLY COMMUNION**

9.15am St George's, Semington

**HOLY COMMUNION**

10.30am St Michael's, Hilperton

*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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCS6_E8D47JK0aDFP89UvBrQ)

## **Preparing for worship**

As some people find it helpful to be still before worship, please respect this by sitting quietly for a few minutes immediately before a service starts. Do enjoy listening to the music being played. Thank you.

## **The Collect (a special prayer for this Sunday)**

Holy God,

faithful and unchanging:

enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,  
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,

that we may truly worship you,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **A Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me,  
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,

I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.

O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,

may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more  
nearly, day by day. Amen.

## **The Post Communion Prayer**

Almighty and eternal God,

you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:

hold us firm in this faith,

that we may know you in all your ways

and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,

who are three Persons yet one God,

now and for ever. Amen.



## **The First Reading: Romans 5.1-5**

**5** Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. <sup>2</sup> Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory.

<sup>3</sup> We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. <sup>4</sup> And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. <sup>5</sup> And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

## **The Gospel: John 16.12-15**

<sup>12</sup> "There is so much more I want to tell you, but you can't bear it now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. <sup>14</sup> He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me. <sup>15</sup> All that belongs to the Father is mine; this is why I said, 'The Spirit will tell you whatever he receives from me.'

## **Reflection for the week by John**

Today is Trinity Sunday. Every Sunday in our worship we declare our faith in God through saying one of the creeds which were agreed as a summary of Christian faith during the early centuries of the Church. The creed we are using today, the Nicene Creed dates from the Council of Nicea. In 325 a group of Bishops gathered to agree this statement of faith. Were you aware that when we proclaim our faith using this creed we are following a tradition that goes back 1700 years?

When we proclaim our faith together, we are acknowledging the three-personed or Trinitarian nature of God. God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. When we lead Collective Worship in our Church Schools we begin by lighting three candles and lead everyone in this prayer:-

We come together in the presence of God,  
The Father and creator of the world,  
The Son, our Saviour and friend, Jesus,  
and The Holy Spirit  
who lives within us. Amen.

Our services in church nearly always end with a Blessing in the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Despite this, most, if not all. Christians wrestle with the doctrine of the Trinity. What does it mean for us to say God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit? How do God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit relate to one another – and what does it mean for us to have a faith in God who is both three persons and one?

If you are hoping that I will give a definitive answer to these questions I'm afraid you will be disappointed! In the 3rd Century, Gregory of Nyssa wrote this:-

“The Trinity” lies beyond words and understanding.”

Theologians of every age have sought to understand God's nature and God's revelation to the world in a new, deeper way. Although they have emphasised different aspects of the nature of the inter-relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, they are all clear that God, in his love, has revealed himself to the world and calls us to respond.

I think this is the key message of our readings today...they invite us to rest in our faith in Jesus Christ and to participate in the inter-relationship between Father, Son and Holy Spirit, through worshipping God joyfully, prayerfully seeking God's will for our lives and asking God

to show us how we participate in bringing hope, healing and blessing to God's world.

Our faith is to be lived out, rather than dissected and analysed. Ever since I maintained my childhood bikes, I have used 3 in 1 oil to lubricate anything from bike chains to squeaking doors (other oils are available!). On each can it says it "lubricates, cleans and protects". I don't know exactly which component of the oil provides lubrication, how the oil cleans or what it does to protect the chain or hinge I'm lubricating. However, it is my lived-out experience, over many years, that 3 in 1 oil does what I need it to.

Similarly, I know God the Father created the heavens and the earth to be perfect and appointed human beings to look after it. God still sustains it and makes it wonderful, despite our neglect and poor stewardship. I know, too, that God the Father sent his Son Jesus to earth to teach us how to live and love, and that we are forgiven by God and freed to make a new start when we confess our wrongdoing, because of Jesus' death and resurrection. I also know that Jesus, before he ascended to heaven, sent the person of the Holy Spirit as a gift to human kind. As we heard last week, when we ask the Holy Spirit to fill us and guide us, we know God's love in a new way, and can be empowered to serve and bless others.

I know too, that this brief explanation is far too simplistic, but much more importantly my experience is that lived out faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit transforms our lives and enables us to serve God's world. Remember Archbishop Stephen's image at the Jubilee Service of faith being like a well, "a well from which we can draw deeply and replenish ourselves."

Our readings today point to some of the ways in which our lived-out faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, makes a difference, to us and through us, for others. Paul, in his letter to the Romans, wrote that Jesus is the source of our peace – the sort of peace that “passes all understanding”. Through Christ we have grace – in other words we are accepted by and loved by the Father despite all our frailties. Then the Holy Spirit makes us aware of God’s sustaining, loving presence. Paul pointed out that this sense of God’s presence gives us hope and the ability to keep going even at times when life isn’t easy.

In our Gospel reading, we heard how Jesus promised that the Spirit of truth, the Holy Spirit, would come upon the Disciples. The Spirit would reveal what he hears from the Father and the Son. They would be enabled to give glory to Jesus and they would know God’s will for the future through the Spirit.

This is still our work today. We are to dwell in the love of our Trinitarian God, and to invite others to participate in that love too. We can only invite others to participate in the love of God, Father Son and Holy Spirit with integrity when we model that sort of love ourselves.

We began to prayerfully work out what that might mean for us in these challenging times in our first Vision Morning two weeks ago. Next Saturday we will be seeking to take this further. In groups in St Mary’s Horse Road we will consider:-

- What does it mean for us to proclaim God’s love in our communities?
- What can we offer our communities as we seek to serve them in Jesus name?  
and
- How can we care for God’s world?

Each group will be encouraged to suggest up to three ways in which we can make a difference. Some may well be based on what we already do, some proposals will be new. They will all need to be realistic, resourced and achievable.

Do come along if you can; but in any case, please pray that God will reveal the direction we are called to travel in through the Holy Spirit and in Jesus' name.

### **Special Services Next Sunday (19<sup>th</sup> June)**

At 1030 next Sunday we will be welcoming the Archdeacon of Wiltshire, Ven Sue Groom, to our Benefice Communion at St Michael's Hilperton. During this service, we will be thanking Catherine Warr as she retires from her faithful service as a Licensed Lay Minister over many years and becomes LLM Emeritus.

Bishop Stephen Lake will be enthroned at a Service in Salisbury Cathedral at 3pm that afternoon. Everyone is welcome to attend. Joy will be going to Salisbury and is happy to offer a lift to anyone who would like to join her. Please be aware that some walking may be necessary from the car park to the Cathedral. Please contact Joy for more details.

### **A note from Bishop Karen**

As part of Bishop Stephen's welcome, I would like to invite all of us across the diocese to join with me in prayer. The attached Novena, (A novena is a method of prayer in which we pray for the same petition or devotion for nine consecutive days) beginning of Saturday and ending on the day of Bishop Stephen's inaugural service, draws us personally into prayer, reflecting on those characteristics we as a diocese asked for in a new diocesan Bishop. Uniting in prayer at this juncture of our life together will, I believe, create a new openness to God in our hearts and homes, in our schools and churches. As we move on from Pentecost into Ordinary time, we place ourselves afresh at God's

disposal, trusting God for the future as we, together with Bishop Stephen, discern a new vision which honours the possibilities and realises the challenges of being the Church in the 21st century. ***For those of us online the Norvena is attached as a separate document to this newsletter. For those not online the Norvena is enclosed within the newsletter.***

## **Relaxation of Covid restrictions**

Although the wearing of masks during our services has only been advisory in recent months, in the main nearly everyone has continued to wear them. Most people are no longer wearing masks in shops, schools and even in many churches. At a recent meeting of the Ministry Team and the Hilperton and Staverton Wardens it was decided that from now on no one in church should feel that they have to wear masks. Some of you will still feel the need to do so and that is perfectly acceptable – the choice is entirely yours. The area near the church door in St. Michael's will be retained for those who prefer to sit only with others who are also masked. If needed similar areas would be made available in our other churches.

## **An end of season report from Lady Marmalade at the Marmalade Factory**

Total raised £1,500. Thanks to Matthew at the Nursery where they sold £1,000 worth.

£100 was given to Dorothy House and the remaining £1,400 was given to St Michael's, St Mary Magdalen's, St Mary's at Whaddon, Wiltshire Air Ambulance, Ukraine and the Peace School and Kindergarten in Kadugli.

525lbs of marmalade produced. Just think of all those recycled jam jars ! It takes 4 hours to prepare and 4 hours to cook ! That is apart from cleaning the jars all through the year. Thankyou to everyone who returned the jars either to me at my house, or the bin provided at the Nursery. Thankyou to Michael Gamble for printing the labels, that was



wonderful. Please continue to return Bon Mamam 1lb jars. But I don't need any small jars thank you. Please leave lids off the jars as if slightly damp they can get mould. I sell the marmalade slightly cheaper to church people and those who buy at the house. 794gm for 1 large and 1 small for £5. The Nursery 2 for £6 - 740gms. We aimed to deliver where needed. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way and for buying the marmalade. Jeannette Worth.

## **Drop in for Coffee**

As you all know Val and Colin have decided to stand down, after seven years, from running the monthly Drop in for Coffee at St Mary Magdalen's. The Drops Ins on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June (this week) and the one on 21<sup>st</sup> July will be their last. A huge thank you to Val, Colin and all who've supported this great outreach. Plans are being explored for the future – please see below!

## **Do you have a ministry of hospitality?!**

Launch of new coffee in the community at St Mary Magdalen's (the Tin Church) in the Autumn. A warm invitation to be part of the team is open to all. Please have a chat with Stuart, Marjorie ([marjraymond@gmail.com](mailto:marjraymond@gmail.com)) or Claire for more information. Would be great to hear from you.

## **Hilperton's Platinum Jubilee Fete**

It was wonderful to see so many people at last Saturday's Fete. After a couple of years of not having a Fete there were huge numbers there. Saturday began with a few showers but in the afternoon the weather was very well behaved and there was even a flyover of the Red Arrows !

A message from Carole: Many thanks to everyone who served, washed up, dried and also all who donated and baked cakes for the refreshments at the Fete. A total of £660 was made and this will be split equally between St Michael's and St Mary Magdalen's.

A message to Carole: A big THANKYOU Carole and Team for all you did last weekend to make the Teas/Cakes such a success – all your hard work certainly paid off with such a wonderful total raised.

### **Jubilee Celebrations at Semington....**

were also wonderful as the village came together in a variety of ways. The Semingtones Choir sang in St George's Church, where there was a lovely flower festival. Another highlight was soap box racing down the High Street on Sunday!

### **Staverton Jubilee Fete**

Please note that this event which was scheduled for Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June will not now be taking place.

### **Keys at St Michael's**

If anyone has keys for St Michael's, that they no longer use or need, please let me have them asap. We have a number of people who need access to the church and we may have to cut some new keys cut so any spares would save us some expense. Many thanks. Sandra

### **Vision Morning – Part 2**

Please note that the follow up meeting to our recent Vision Morning will be held NEXT SATURDAY (18<sup>th</sup> June) starting at 1000, with coffee available from 0930 at St Mary Magdalen's Church in Horse Road, Hilperton. All are welcome, whether or not you came to the last one.

### **Hospitality after Church Services**

As you know we are hoping to reintroduce Coffee and Tea after our services at St Michael and St Mary Magdalen's. Sandra has now started drawing up a rota of people who can take a lead on this and many thanks to all of you who have already volunteered. If you would like to join that team of people to lend a hand with the coffees and teas please get in touch with Sandra as soon as possible. The more

people that help with this means the fewer times your name will appear on the rota.



You are invited to join us from 7.00 pm prompt until 7.45 pm on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022** at the Westbury White Horse Car Park when Trowbridge Churches Together meet again to pray God's will and blessing over Trowbridge, Westbury and the surrounding area.

This short but vital time of intercession is **open to everyone – men and women**. Do please wrap up well as it can be windy and quite cold on top of the hill!

*"The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results." James 5:16 (NLT)*

*"Our only true power is the power of prayer. When we pray, God moves from heaven. When we pray, things happen that would not otherwise happen. By prayer all things are possible."*

Evening arranged by MENUNITED Trowbridge

**How can we  
support  
the people of.....**



The people of Ukraine still desperately need our support and prayer. This prayer written by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York might help you pray.

**Prayer:**

God of peace and justice,

we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

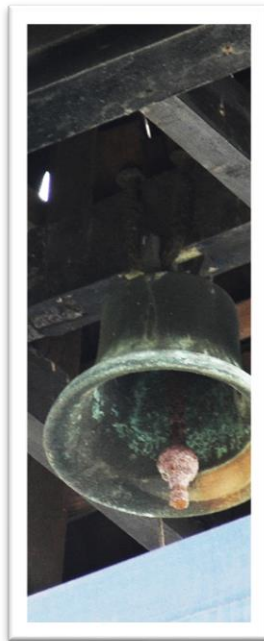
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
 that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
 We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom,  
 discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.  
 Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that  
 you would hold and protect them.  
 We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen

**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  
 Colin Jackson  
 Collette Miyagawa  
 Audrey Sheppard  
 David Franklin  
 Deanna and Family  
 Debbie &  
 Sam and Family  
 Doreen  
 Doris and Arthur Walker  
 Gwen Breakspear  
 Hannah, Ash & Oliver  
 Holly Thompson



*St Mary  
 Magdalen's  
 Hilperton*

James Vincent  
 Jeannette  
 Jess Humphries  
 Judith Phillips  
 Ken and Pat  
 Lilly, Phil & Louis  
 Maisie  
 Margaret Hulbert  
 Mary Humphries  
 Michael and Clem  
 Mike Aldridge  
 Nancy Leonard  
 Pat & Stan Thompson  
 Phyl Brown  
 Rosa Light  
 Rosie Alice & Mark  
 Sophia & Family  
 Winnie Curtis

**In our Benefice Cycle of Prayer this week please pray for....**

Staff and residents of residential and care Homes in our communities

- We pray for all those who mourn but particularly at this time for the families of Fiona Lydiate, David Sheppard, Valerie Swaine and Steve Payne.
- Please pray for our Village Halls and those who manage them, and all who work in them including the many volunteers. May the Hall management committees make wise decisions for the benefit of the communities they serve.
- Please pray for Bishop Stephen as he begins his ministry
- Please pray for all pupils, teachers, other staff and the Governing bodies of all of our schools.

## **FOODBANKS UPDATE**

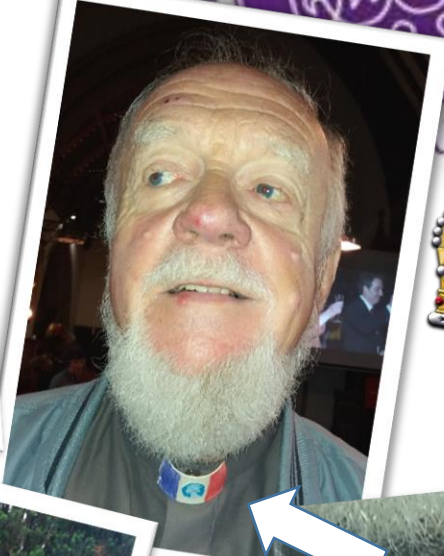
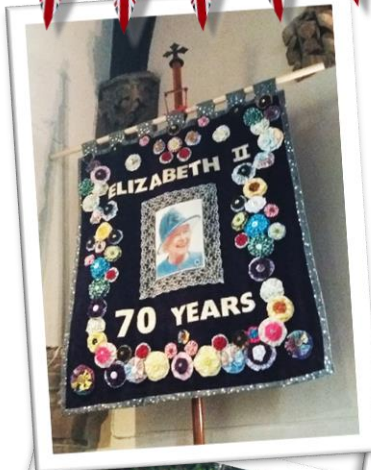
**TROWBRIDGE STOREHOUSE:** Many thanks to Bill who continues to collect donated items from the church porches & takes them for us directly to Storehouse. You are always welcome to visit the Food Bank to see the work they do. If you are walking by fruit, butter and cheese is always needed but please do not put in the trollies.

This week the Food Bank would like Tinned meals e.g stewed steak, chicken in sauce, spaghetti bolognese, curries, ravioli etc, meatballs, tinned ham, spam, tinned fruit and tinned custard, sugar and coffee. If you wish to donate fresh vegetables or fruit please take to the food bank, do not put it in the Supermarket 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>

A Community Lunch is now held on a Wednesday. The Food Bank gave out 80 food bags and feed 20 at the Community Lunch.

**MELKSHAM FOODBANK:** is particularly requesting **UHT milk, tinned meat, tinned veg, crisps, biscuits, tinned rice pudding, tinned fruit. Please take your donations to the Somerset Arms any time or to the church porch before 6pm on Wednesday. inside this week again please, next to the organ, as there are floral displays in the porch. Please continue to support the work of both our local foodbanks.**



**OUR  
JUBILEE**

# DIARY FOR THE COMING WEEK

Please pray for all events taking place in the coming week

Month	Day	Date	Time	Event details	Location
JUN	Tu	14 <sup>th</sup>	0930	Hilperton/Staverton Morning Prayer <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88326941179">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88326941179</a>	Online
	W	15 <sup>th</sup>	1000	Midweek Communion	St Michael's
			1430	Collective Worship	Hilperton School
			1930	Hilperton and Staverton PCC	St Michael's
	Th	16 <sup>th</sup>	0900	Semington Morning Prayer <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84008141990">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84008141990</a>	Online
			1000 1200	Drop in for Coffee	St Mary Magdalen's
			1045	Collective Worship	St George's School
			1445	Collective Worship	Staverton School
	F	17 <sup>th</sup>	0915 1045	Toddlers@the Tin	St Mary Magdalen's
	Sa	18 <sup>th</sup>	1000	Benefice Vision Morning 2 (see details above)	St Mary Magdalen's
Su	19 <sup>th</sup>	1500	The Enthronement of Bishop Stephen Lake as the 79 <sup>th</sup> Bishop of Salisbury (see above)	Salisbury Cathedral	

Sunday  
19th June

**BENEFICE  
HOLY COMMUNION**  
and a Celebration of  
**Catherine Warr's Ministry**  
10.30am St Michael's, Hilperton

Find details on our Facebook page & our website:

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