

CANALSIDE NEWS

for MAY 2024



We were all shocked and saddened to hear the very sad news that Sandra Harding had passed away on 19th April after a short illness. Sandra joined the congregation at St Michael's about eight years ago and later joined the PCC, became Deputy Warden and in 2019 became Churchwarden alongside Barrie Lovell and more recently James Newton. Just two months before she was taken ill Sandra joined our team of Lay Pastoral Assistants. Sadly, we often don't fully appreciate someone until they are gone and that is very much the case with Sandra. She leaves us with a huge gap to fill and she will be greatly missed.



Dear Lord, we thank you for Sandra's life, her service to you and to Canalside. May she rest in Peace and Rise in Glory. Amen.

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Following the recent announcement that the Rev. Chris Hunter is to be our next Rector we can confirm that his Induction and Installation Service will be at **St Michael's on Tuesday 16th July at 7pm.**

Loving God, We thank you for the appointment of Rev. Chris Hunter as the new Rector for Canalside Benefice.

We pray for Chris, Sally & their children, Micah and Sophie, as they prepare for their move to Canalside, & especially for the children as they leave their friends and settle into new schools. As Chris joins us, we pray that our future together, in our villages, in our schools & in our churches will be filled with your Holy Spirit as we make Jesus known in every aspect of our lives in Canalside Benefice. Amen.



Chris,
Micah and
Sophie
(Sally is
behind the
camera)

News from our ECO Group

On Saturday, April 13th there was a Eco Church coffee morning in St Michael's room which raised £48.70 for Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. Packets

of wildflower seeds were given out at the coffee morning and they will also be available from time to time at the back of the church.

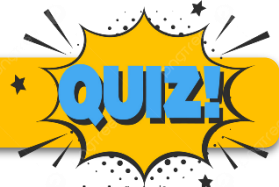
At the same time there was a re-wilding working party in the churchyard, planting wildflower seeds and installing a couple of bird boxes and a bug box. We hope to install a hedgehog house at some point.

Used Stamps



Thank you to all those who faithfully keep saving used stamps & popping them into the containers for Storehouse for Bill to collect. Please keep it up. Blessings Bill & Marilyn Stubbs.

New Quiz Sheet now available



Valerie Sims has produced another of her Quiz Sheets and this time any proceeds will be given to Dorothy House and MacMillan Cancer Support. The sheets are now available from Val or from Michael Gamble and cost £2. The closing date is 6th July and the Prizes are 1st: £15, 2nd: £10 and 3rd: £5.

The Gates at St Michael's

If you are wondering why the gates at St Michael's have disappeared it is because they are being repainted off site. We look forward to seeing the finished work in the coming weeks.

As the churchyard is 'closed' it is managed and maintained by Wiltshire Council including grass cutting, tree felling and gate repainting.



Painting by
Gill Guymer

Hilperton Village Fete



As you will see from the poster in this newsletter, this year's village Fete is being held on Saturday 8th June at the Village Hall and Playing Field from 1pm. As in previous years St Michael's and St Mary Magdalen's will be running the Teas at the Fete and any proceeds from sales will go to church funds.

In order for this to be a success we need as many **PEOPLE** as possible to help. We need **PEOPLE** to make and bake cakes and biscuits for sale, **PEOPLE** to help on the day making teas/coffees, **PEOPLE** selling cakes and biscuits, **PEOPLE** in the kitchen washing and drying up etc. Jobs for us all, men, women, young and old. Please let Michael know what you can do to help.

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



HELP!

We are almost empty on some of our shelves; please drop items in the church porch boxes, the supermarket trolleys, come in and drop things off,

do an online shop if you can. We are so grateful for your support. Any items that can go in the fridge or freezer need to come direct to us please; i.e. yogurts, sausages, bacon, butter. **We are in URGENT need of Sugar at the moment plus biscuits, treats and savoury snacks**

Please drop into the building as we now do a breakfast for the homeless so eggs are always needed plus cheese, butter bacon etc as we 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 for all food items but especially **UHT Milk, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Meat.** (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
- + Cathy
- + Chloe Stevens
- + 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 Sandra Harding, Beryl Curtis and Sara Robert.
- 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 an end to violence.
 - For leaders to make wise decisions that lead to a lasting peace.
 - For all the men, women and children who have suffered and whose suffering is ongoing.
 - For all who mourn.
 - For hope from despair, and healing for all who have been traumatised and injured.
 - For the safety of aid agencies to enable them to distribute much needed food, water and medical supplies.

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
A P R I L				
Tu	30 th	0930	Hilperton/Staverton Morning Prayer https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89678887943?pwd=IKy2vBYNviwibNcoWUpqTtf4hpwQTA.1	Online
M A Y				
W	1 st	1000	Midweek Communion	St Michael's
		1430	Open the Book	Hilperton School
Th	2 nd	POLLING DAY FOR THE ELECTION OF WILTSHIRE'S POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER		
		0900	Semington Morning Prayer https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88553953942?pwd=1EHGGg18bBqqYKytMMRbYvZ5JZFZNM.1	Online
		1045	Open the Book	St George's School
		1445	Open the Book	Staverton School
F	3 rd	0930 1100	Toddlers@theTin	St Mary Magdalen's
Sa	4 th	1615	Visiting Bell Ringers from Leeds University Society	St Michael's
M	6 th	BANK HOLIDAY		
		1000 1200	Coffee Morning with Village History Books and Maps	Hilperton Village Hall
Tu	7 th	NO Morning Prayer Today		
W	8 th	1000	Midweek Morning Worship	St Michael's
Th	9 th	ASCENSION DAY		
		0900	Semington Morning Prayer Use link above	Online
		1430 1600	Friendship Group	St Mary Magdalen's
		1930	Holy Communion for Ascension Day	St Michael's
F	10 th	0930	Toddlers@theTin	St Mary Magdalen's

		1300	LPA/LWL Meeting	St Michael's Room
Sa	11 th	1130	Visiting Bell Ringers from Salisbury Guild of Ringers	St Michael's
Tu	14 th	0930	Hilperton/Staverton Morning Prayer Use link above	Online
W	15 th	1000	Midweek Communion	St Michael's
		1430	Collective Worship	Hilperton School
Th	16 th	0900	Semington Morning Prayer Use link above	Online
		1000 1200	Community Café	St Mary Magdalen's
		1045	Collective Worship	St George's School
		1445	Collective Worship	Staverton School
		1900	Hilperton and Staverton PCC Meeting	St Mary Magdalen's
F	17 th	0930 1100	Toddlers@theTin	St Mary Magdalen's
Sa	18 th	1000 1200	Coffee Morning raising funds for Church and for Julia's House Hospice for Children	St Mary Magdalen's
Tu	21 st	0930	Hilperton/Staverton Morning Prayer Use link above	Online
W	22 nd	1000	Midweek Morning Worship	St Michael's
Th	23 rd	0900	Semington Morning Prayer Use link above	Online
F	24 th	0930 1100	Toddlers@theTin	St Mary Magdalen's
M	27 th	BANK HOLIDAY		
Tu	28 th	0930	Hilperton/Staverton Morning Prayer Use link above	Online
W	29 th	1000	Midweek Communion	St Michael's
Th	30 th	0900	Semington Morning Prayer Use link above	Online
F	31 st	1330	Visiting Bell Ringers from East Anglia Guild	St Michael's

DIARY DATES FOR THE COMING MONTHS

Sat 8 th June	From 1300	Hilperton Village Fete Church will be running the Teas again this year	Hilperton Village Hall
Sat 22 nd June	1000 1200	Hilperton WI Coffee and Bacon Roll Morning	Hilperton Village Hall
Tue 16 th July	1900	A Celebration of New Ministry: The Induction and Installation of the Rev. Chris Hunter as Rector of Canalside	St Michael's
Sat 20 th July	1400 1600	Semington Village Fete followed by Duck Race at 1630 Live music and bar from 1730	Around the village

THE 100 CLUB

supporting St Michael and All Angels' and St Mary Magdalen's Churches

RE-LAUNCH

**THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO
HAVE ALREADY SIGNED UP.
THIS IS THE LAST CALL FOR NEW
MEMBERS. PLEASE CONTACT
MICHAEL TO JOIN**

**MEMBERS PAY £12 EACH YEAR
EACH MEMBER IS INCLUDED
IN A MONTHLY DRAW
WINNER RECEIVES £20
£50 PRIZE IN DECEMBER**



"22nd June"

COFFEE & BACON ROLL MORNING

in aid of
Bath Cancer Unit Support Group (Trowbridge) &
WI funds



at Hilperton VILLAGE HALL,
Whaddon Lane BA14 7RN

10.00 – 12.00

Entry - **£4.50** includes a
roll & drink

Raffle – Cake Stall – Bring & Buy
– Lucky 50p's

All Welcome

Any questions call SUE
07808 507203

Coffee Morning

Saturday 18th May

10am - Noon

St Mary Magdalen's
Church Hall - Horse Road

raising funds for...

St Mary Magdalen's & St Michael's &



Julia's House

The Dorset & Wiltshire Children's Hospices

£1 Admission



Cakes / Raffle / Stalls

All Welcome

Hilperton Village Fete

Saturday 8th June - 1pm

at

Hilperton Village Hall

Whaddon Lane, BA14 7QZ

Family fun for all ages ...

- ◇ Live Music
- ◇ Plant Stall
- ◇ Cake Stall
- ◇ Raffles
- ◇ Craft Stalls
- ◇ BBQ
- ◇ Children's Games
- ◇ Cub Scout Stalls
- ◇ Model Train Rides
- ◇ Ice Cream Van
- ◇ Afternoon Teas
- ◇ Licensed Bar

Supported by Hilperton Parish Council

For more information www.hilpertonvillagehall.co.uk
Email hilpertonvillagehall@gmail.com

People attending the Fete do so at their own risk.
Children must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times.
Please walk to the fete if you're able, parking is limited,
NO PARKING ON WHADDON LANE

EMMAUS SCHOOL

OPEN DAY



FRIDAY 10TH MAY 2024

9.30 AM – 3 PM

Please book an appointment by emailing
info@emmaus-school.org.uk

We invite families to visit to get a taster of a day at Emmaus School and learn more about Christian education.

- An independent, co-educational Christian school for Reception to Year 11.
- Caring, family environment.
- 80% grade C (4) and above pass rate at GCSE.
- Affordable fees starting from £5,200 per annum.



Now accepting admission for Reception 2024/25.
Other years, including Year 7, by application.



Chippenham Male Voice Choir

will sing at

St Mary's Church,
Steeple Ashton, BA14 6EW
Saturday May 11th

At 7:30 pm

Tickets £10 (to include refreshment)

You may obtain tickets at the village shop, at the door or telephone 01380 870119.

Also don't miss

The Military Wives Choir June 8th
Bratton Band July 19th



Joy's Cross of Nails and Daffodils
from Good Friday & Easter Day

	HILPERTON St Michael's	HILPERTON St Mary Magdalen's	SEMINGTON St George's	WHADDON St Mary the Virgin
5 th May The Sixth Sunday of Easter		10.30am HOLY COMMUNION		3pm BCP HOLY COMMUNION
<i>Readings</i>	Epistle: Acts 10.44-end / Gospel: John 15.9-17			
12 th May The Seventh Sunday of Easter	10.30am HOLY COMMUNION		9.15am BREAKFAST CHURCH	
	12.15pm BAPTISM			
<i>Readings</i>	Epistle: Acts 1.15-17, 21-end / Gospel: John 17.6-19			
19 th May Pentecost	10.30am HOLY COMMUNION		9.15am HOLY COMMUNION	
<i>Readings</i>	Epistle: Acts 2.1-21 / Gospel: John 15.26-27, 16:4b-15			
26 th May Trinity Sunday	10.30am HOLY COMMUNION	4pm TEA@theTIN		
<i>Readings</i>	Epistle: Acts 8 :26-end / Gospel: John 15 :1-8			
2 nd June The First Sunday after Trinity		10.30am HOLY COMMUNION		3pm BCP HOLY COMMUNION
<i>Readings</i>	Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4.5-12 / Gospel: Mark 2.23-3.6			

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

The June edition of Canalside News will be available from Sunday 26th May. Items for the newsletter should be sent to Michael by Friday 24th please.