

# CANALSIDE NEWS

*for* DECEMBER 2024



The Canalside Parishes



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## 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.

## Christmas Decorations



Do you have Christmas decorations that you no longer want/need? If so, please let Alison Hoskins have them for her stall at the Christmas Fair. They can be taken to St Michael's or St Mary's any Sunday this month or left in the front porch at 42 St Mary's Close. (No Christmas trees over 3 foot, please.) Thank you.

## Raffle Prizes

If anyone would like to donate a raffle prize for the Quiz Night on 29<sup>th</sup> November or the Christmas Festive Fayre on 7<sup>th</sup> December it would be very much appreciated. Thank you.



# Hilperton & Staverton Churches'

# QUIZ NIGHT 2024

Friday

29<sup>th</sup> November

Raising Funds for  
St Michael's and  
St Mary Magdalen's Churches

6.45pm for  
7pm start

St Mary  
Magdalen's  
Church  
Horse Road  
Hilperton

Tickets £6 each  
available now  
from

Michael Gamble  
07795400262  
or  
canalsideoffice  
@gmail.com

Ticket includes  
light  
refreshments

Teams of 4-6  
which can be  
made  
beforehand or

JESUS - Light of the World

Saturday 21st December at 11.00am

# A Living Nativity

Help to share the real meaning  
of Christmas

Meeting at The Civic Centre  
For an 11.00am start, finishing at  
St. James' Church

If you would like to, please come dressed in a nativity costume  
of your own choice.

# St James' Church Trowbridge Christmas Tree Festival

Tuesday 3rd to Saturday 7th December 2024  
Open daily 10am until 5pm\*  
(\*4pm on Saturday)



All Welcome  
Free Admission  
Refreshments available

ST JAMES' CHURCH TROWBRIDGE www.stjamestrowbridge.co.uk | 07565 917441



Join us for a

# CHRISTMAS AUCTION

LIVE MUSIC - BAR - RAFFLE

NOV 29TH **£20** 19:30 - 22:30

WITH:  
AUCTIONEER PAUL MARTIN

Tickets include canapés & drink on arrival

AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MELKSHAM  
MELKSHAM.CHURCH/AUCTION

# St Michael's and St Mary Magdalen's Churches

**CHRISTMAS  
FESTIVE  
FAYRE**

**SATURDAY  
7<sup>th</sup>  
DECEMBER**

**10AM  
TIL  
NOON**

**ST MARY  
MAGDALEN'S  
CHURCH HALL  
HORSE ROAD  
HILPERTON**

**£2  
ADMISSION**  
includes coffee/  
Tea & biscuits  
Kids go free

**ALL  
WELCOME**

WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP ON THE DAY WITH THIS EVENT PLEASE – TO RUN THE STALLS ETC AND OF COURSE TO COME AND SPEND SPEND SPEND ! PLEASE LET MICHAEL KNOW ASAP IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE 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!**

If you can donate any food or hygiene items PLEASE, pop them in our trolleys or come on down and bring them to us. If you are a little flush; you can do online shopping with ASDA as they will deliver to us on your behalf. 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, and fridge. Fruit and vegetables are always welcome but do not put in a trolley.

**UPDATE:** So far this year we have cooked 729 breakfasts 551 lunches and fed 4,052 through the Storehouse. Please continue to donate to us so we can keep blessing the people of Trowbridge. Thank you all.

**Please use the collection boxes in the porches of St Mary Magdalen's and St Michael's to drop off food donations etc. Bill Stubbs then very kindly collects everything up and drops it off at Storehouse. As always Bill thank you so much for all you do on this.**

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 particularly at the moment... **UHT Milk, Jars of Pasta Sauce and Tinned Fruit.**

(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             | + Dave, Rosemary,<br>Matthew & Family | + Maureen Mitchell          |
| + Amelia-Lily and<br>family | + Helen Thomas                        | + Michael, Clem<br>& Jasper |
| + Andrew Margetts           | + Hilary & Mark Heaton                | + Mike Aldridge             |
| + Audrey Sheppard           | + Irene Hicks                         | + Molly Adams               |
| + Barbara Tucker            | + Jeannette                           | + Natalie Hogan-Wilkes      |
| + Cathy and Ian             | + Joan and Family                     | + Roger Emes                |
| + Chloe Stevens             | + Julie Alexander                     | + Rosa Light                |
| + Colin Jackson             | + Keith Joint                         | + Rosie, Alice & Mark       |
| + Collette Miyagawa         | + Lilly, Phil & Louis                 | + Isabelle & Family         |
| + Colston Carpenter         | + Maggie & Family                     | + Terry Harding             |
|                             | + Margaret Weston                     | + Val, Phil and family      |
|                             | + Marilyn Stubbs                      | + Viv and Jan               |



- We pray for all those who mourn at this time especially at this time the families and friends of Wally
- 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
<b>NOVEMBER</b>				
Tu	26 <sup>th</sup>	0930	<b>Hilpertion/Staverton Morning Prayer</b> <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89678887943?pwd=IKy2vBYNviwibNcoWUqgTtf4hpwQTA.1">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89678887943?pwd=IKy2vBYNviwibNcoWUqgTtf4hpwQTA.1</a>	Online
		1450	<b>Collective Worship</b>	St George's School
W	27 <sup>th</sup>	1000	<b>Midweek Communion</b>	St Michael's
		1430	<b>Collective Worship</b>	Hilpertion School
Th	28 <sup>th</sup>	0900	<b>Semington Morning Prayer</b> <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88553953942?pwd=1EHGGg18bBqgYKytMMRbYvZ5JZFZNM.1">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88553953942?pwd=1EHGGg18bBqgYKytMMRbYvZ5JZFZNM.1</a>	Online

		1445	<b>Collective Worship</b>	Staverton School
F	29 <sup>th</sup>	1845	<b>Annual Quiz Night</b>	St Mary Magdalen's
<b>DECEMBER</b>				
Su	1 <sup>st</sup>	1800	<b>Switch on of Semington's Christmas Lights</b>	Semington High Street
Tu	3 <sup>rd</sup>	0930	<b>Hilperon/Staverton Morning Prayer</b> Use link above	Online
		1450	<b>Collective Worship</b>	St George's School
W	4 <sup>th</sup>	1000	<b>Midweek Morning Worship</b>	St Michael's
		1430	<b>Collective Worship</b>	Hilperon School
Th	5 <sup>th</sup>	0900	<b>Semington Morning Prayer</b> Use link above	Online
		1445	<b>Collective Worship</b>	Staverton School
F	6 <sup>th</sup>	0930 1100	<b>Toddlers@theTin</b>	St Mary Magdalen's
Sa	7 <sup>th</sup>	1000 1200	<b>Christmas Festive Fayre</b>	St Mary Magdalen's
Tu	10 <sup>th</sup>	0930	<b>Hilperon/Staverton Morning Prayer</b> Use link above	Online
W	11 <sup>th</sup>	1000	<b>Midweek Communion</b>	St Michael's
		1430	<b>Open the Book</b>	Hilperon School
Th	12 <sup>th</sup>	0900	<b>Semington Morning Prayer</b> Use link above	Online
		1430 1600	<b>Friendship Group</b>	St Mary Magdalen's
		1445	<b>Open the Book</b>	St George's School
F	13 <sup>th</sup>	0930	<b>St George's School Christmas/Christingle Service</b>	St George's Church
		1800	<b>Carol Service</b>	St Mary's Whaddon
Tu	17 <sup>th</sup>	0930	<b>Hilperon/Staverton Morning Prayer</b> Use link above	Online
W	18 <sup>th</sup>	1000	<b>Midweek Morning Worship</b>	St Michael's
		1530	<b>Staverton School Carol Service</b>	Staverton School
Th	19 <sup>th</sup>	0900	<b>Semington Morning Prayer</b> Use link above	Online
		0930	<b>Hilperon School's Christmas</b>	St Michael's



			<b>Celebration</b>	
		1000 1200	<b>Community Café</b>	St Mary Magdalen's
<b>Online Morning Prayer and the Midweek Services will resume from Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>				
F	20 <sup>th</sup>	1800	<b>Carol Service</b>	St Mary Magdalen's
Su	22 <sup>nd</sup>	1500	<b>Carol Service</b>	St George's
		1800	<b>Carol Service</b>	St Michael's
Tu	24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>		
		1400	<b>Christmas Celebration</b>	St George's
		1500	<b>Crib Service</b>	St Mary Magdalen's
		1700	<b>Crib Service</b>	St Michael's
		2330	<b>Midnight Communion</b>	St Michael's
W	25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>		
		0930	<b>Christmas Morning Communion</b>	St George's
		1030	<b>Christmas Morning Communion</b>	St Michael's
Th	26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>BOXING DAY</b>		
Tu	31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b>		
<b>JANUARY 2025</b>				
W	1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>		
<b>DIARY DATES</b>				
Su	11 <sup>th</sup>	May	<b>Ebonite Concert</b>	St Mary Magdalen's

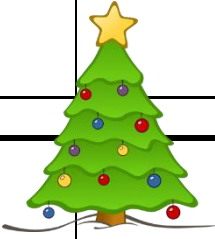
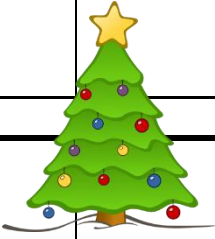



## The Mystery of the Brass Candlesticks

No it's not a recently discovered novel by Agatha Christie – it's a recently discovered box of brass candlesticks in the porch at St Mary's in Horse Road ! Can anyone shed any light on where they came from please and what they are intended for – for sale or for use in the church ?

## Quiz Sheets now on sale

Copies of Val Sims' latest Quiz Sheets are now available from Michael. The entry fee is £2 and the proceeds will be going to Dorothy House. The closing date is in February and the theme is Girls and Boys names.

# SUNDAY SERVICES *in* CANALSIDE

	HILPERTON St Michael's	HILPERTON St Mary Magdalen's	SEMINGTON St George's	WHADDON St Mary the Virgin
24 <sup>th</sup> Nov Christ the King	<b>10.30am CELEBRATION of CHRIST the KING with BAPTISM</b>	<b>4pm TEA@theTIN</b>		
<i>Readings</i>	Reading: John 18.33-37			
1 <sup>st</sup> Dec Advent 1		<b>10.30am HOLY COMMUNION</b>		
<i>Readings</i>	First Reading: Deuteronomy 6.1-9 Gospel: Mark 12.28-34			
8 <sup>th</sup> Dec Advent 2	<b>10.30am HOLY COMMUNION</b>		<b>9.15am BREAKFAST CHURCH</b>	
<i>Readings</i>	First Reading: Malachi 3.1-4 Gospel: Luke 3.1-6			
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec Advent 3	<b>10.30am HOLY COMMUNION</b>			
<i>Readings</i>	First Reading: Philippians 4.4-7 Gospel: Luke 3.7-18			
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec Advent 4	<b>10.30am HOLY COMMUNION and @ 6pm CAROL SERVICE</b>		<b>3pm CAROL SERVICE</b>	
<i>Readings</i>	First Reading: Hebrews 10.5-10 Gospel: Luke 1.39-45 [46-55]			
29 <sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas 1		<b>10.30am BENEFACT HOLY COMMUNION</b>		
<i>Readings</i>	First Reading: Colossians 3.12-17 Gospel: Luke 2.41-end			

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)



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Proceeds to St Michael's and St Mary Magdalen's Churches

# ADVENT and CHRISTMAS SERVICES in CANALSIDE



Friday 13th  
CAROL SERVICE

St Mary's Whaddon

6pm

Friday 20th CAROL SERVICE

St Mary Magdalen's Hilperton 6pm



Sunday 22nd  
CAROL SERVICE

St Michael's Hilperton 6pm

Christmas Eve  
CRIB SERVICE

St Mary Magdalen's Hilperton 3pm

Christmas Eve  
MIDNIGHT COMMUNION

St Michael's Hilperton 11.30pm



Sunday 22nd CAROL SERVICE

St George's Semington 3pm



Christmas Eve  
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

St George's Semington 2pm

Christmas Eve  
CRIB SERVICE

St Michael's Hilperton 5pm



Christmas Day  
CHRISTMAS MORNING COMMUNION

St George's Semington 9.30am



Christmas Day  
CHRISTMAS  
MORNING  
COMMUNION

St Michael's Hilperton 10.30am

