

CANALSIDE NEWS

for JANUARY 2025



A BLESSING FOR THE NEW YEAR

from Chris and Joy

As we enter a New Year,
May God the Father keep you in all your days,
May God the Son shield you in all your ways,
May God the Holy Spirit bring you healing and peace.
May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you
and pour upon you blessing and light.

Amen.



Thankyou and congratulations to everyone who has worked so hard during December to ensure that all the Advent and Christmas Services in the Benefice ran so smoothly from Carols by Candlelight at Whaddon on the 13th to Christmas Morning Communion at St Michael's on the 25th. A total of ten services over twelve days plus all the services and events in the three schools. The total attending the church services all seemed to be higher than in 2023 which is great news. Thankyou to all involved.

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Hilpertont and Staverton Parish Finance Update

As you all know before Christmas the Parish was heading for a deficit of around £8,000 at the end of the current financial year (31st Dec). But in recent days our prayers were answered when four separate, anonymous donations were received totalling **£19,000**. What an amazing turnaround ! On behalf of all of us involved in the Parish a huge thankyou to those four donors – a very kind and generous gesture which is very much appreciated by us all. Not only does it allow us to meet all our 2024 financial commitments but it provides us with a good start to 2025. Our thanks also go to all those who have increased their monthly

giving in recent months and supported all our fundraisers – the Autumn Coffee Morning £705, the Quiz Night £330 and the Storm Bert Christmas Festive Fayre £650. Michael

Used Stamps



Thank you to all those who have passed on all their used Christmas stamps to Bill and Marilyn Stubbs for the Bible Society. Please keep them coming and use the Storehouse church porch containers for dropping them off from which Bill will collect them.

100 Club Results

Congratulations to the recent winners of the St Michael's and St Mary Magdalen's 100 Club. Carol Emes won the November Draw and Valerie Legg won the Prize in December. If you would like to join this fundraiser please contact Michael now.



Coffee - Cake - Chat - Company - Choice of activities

Tuesdays @ Bethesda Baptist Church from 2-4pm

The Meeting Place is a weekly drop in on Tuesdays from 2-4pm at Bethesda Baptist Church. Alongside tea, coffee and cake, there are some activities such as board games or crafts. We are

providing a space for people to meet with their friends or to make new ones and It could also be an opportunity to find help, a listening ear or to be signposted towards support.

The crossroads in the image reminds us that although we all come from different backgrounds, that we have a lot to learn and gain from each other if we meet together. Everyone is welcome!

We have been open now for several weeks and it is wonderful to see community forming already. This is currently limited to a small number and we know there are other people out there who would benefit from some friendship, support and company. Could we ask you to let people know about The Meeting Place who you feel would benefit from it.

Find out more here <https://bethesdabaptistchurch.co.uk/the-meeting-place/>



Christingle Tea@theTin
St Mary Magdalen's Church
Horse Road Hilperton
Sunday 26th January
@ 4pm

To ensure we have sufficient resources for everyone, please email
Joy if you wish to attend. canalsidecurate@gmail.com



The Canalside Parishes
www.canalsidebenefice.org.uk

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.



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. 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 thankyou 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



Melksham Foodbank need all items (EXCEPT Cereal), the demand for support is very high (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, Matthew & Family	+ Maureen Mitchell
+ Amelia-Lily and family	+ Helen Thomas	+ Michael, Clem & Jasper
+ Andrew Margetts	+ Hilary & Mark Heaton	+ Mike Aldridge
+ Audrey Sheppard	+ Irene Hicks	+ Molly Adams
+ Barbara Tucker	+ Isabelle & Family	+ Natalie Hogan-Wilkes
+ Cathy and Ian	+ Jeannette	+ Roger Emes
+ Chloe Stevens	+ Julie Alexander	+ Rosa Light
+ Colin Jackson	+ Keith Joint	+ Sheila and June
+ Collette Miyagawa	+ Laurence & Family	+ Val, Phil and family
+ Colston Carpenter	+ Lilly, Phil & Louis	+ Viv and Jan
	+ Maggie & Family	
	+ Marilyn Stubbs	



- We pray for all those who mourn at this time especially at this time the families and friends of Chris Brown, Wally and Joan
- Please pray for Adam, Alexia, George and Peter who are being baptised by Joy at Christ Church, Shaw on 19th January
- We pray for the people of Sudan at this time of conflict, including Archbishop Ezekiel as he leads the Anglican Church there.

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
DECEMBER 2024				
M	30 th	1400	Funeral: Chris Brown	St Michael's
Tu	31 st	NEW YEAR'S EVE		
JANUARY 2025				
W	1 st	NEW YEAR'S DAY		
Tu	7 th	0930	Hilperton/Staverton Morning Prayer https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89678887943?pwd=IKy2vBYNviwibNcoWUpqTtf4hpwQTA.1	Online
		1450	Collective Worship	St George's School
W	8 th	1000	Midweek Communion	St Michael's
		1430	Collective Worship	Hilperton School
		1430	Open the Book Practice Meeting	St Michael's Room
		1900	Hilperton and Staverton PCC Meeting	St Michael's Room
Th	9 th	0900	Semington Morning Prayer https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88553953942?pwd=1EHGGg18bBqqYKytMMRbYvZ5JZFZnm.1	Online
		1445	Collective Worship	Staverton School
		1430 1600	Friendship Group	St Mary Magdalen's
F	10 th	0930 1100	Toddlers@theTin	St Mary Magdalen's

Tu	14 th	0930	Hilperton/Staverton Morning Prayer Use link above	Online
W	15 th	1000	Midweek Morning Worship	St Michael's
		1430	Open the Book	Hilperton School
Th	16 th	0900	Semington Morning Prayer Use link above	Online
		am	Open the Book	St George's School
		1000 1200	Community Café	St Mary Magdalen's
		1300	LWL/LPA Meeting	St Michael's Room
		1445	Open the Book	Staverton School
F	17 th	0930 1100	Toddlers@theTin	St Mary Magdalen's
Tu	21 st	0930	Hilperton/Staverton Morning Prayer Use link above	Online
		1450	Collective Worship	St George's School
W	22 nd	1000	Midweek Communion	St Michael's
		1430	Collective Worship	Hilperton School
Th	23 rd	0900	Semington Morning Prayer Use link above	Online
		1445	Collective Worship	Staverton School
F	24 th	0930 1100	Toddlers@theTin	St Mary Magdalen's
Tu	28 th	0930	Hilperton/Staverton Morning Prayer Use link above	Online
		1450	Collective Worship	St George's School
W	29 th	1000	Midweek Morning Worship	St Michael's
		1430	Collective Worship	Hilperton School
Th	30 th	0900	Semington Morning Prayer Use link above	Online
		1445	Collective Worship	Staverton School
F	31 st	0930 1100	Toddlers@theTin	St Mary Magdalen's
FEBRUARY 2024				
Tu	4 th	0930	Hilperton/Staverton Morning Prayer Use link above	Online

		1450	Collective Worship	St George's School
W	5 th	1000	Midweek Communion	St Michael's
		1430	Collective Worship	Hilperton School
Th	6 th	0900	Semington Morning Prayer Use link above	Online
		1445	Collective Worship	Staverton School
		1930	Semington PCC Meeting	Semington
F	7 th	0930	Toddlers@theTin	St Mary Magdalen's
		1100		

DIARY DATES

Tu	11 th	Feb	Bradford Deanery Synod Meeting	St Leonard's Church Keevil
Su	11 th	May	Ebonite Concert	St Mary Magdalen's

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

A monthly informal get together to chat over a cuppa, catch up on some knitting, play a board game or whatever you choose.

Second Thursday of each month

2.30 - 4pm

St Mary Magdalen's Church Hall

Horse Road Hilperton

ALL WELCOME

COMMUNITY CAFÉ

**St Mary Magdalen's
Horse Road Hilperton**



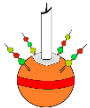

3rd Thursday of the month

10am-Noon

Coffee/Tea & Chat

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SUNDAY SERVICES *in* CANALSIDE

	HILPERTON St Michael's	HILPERTON St Mary Magdalen's	SEMINGTON St George's	WHADDON St Mary the Virgin
29 th Dec Christmas 1		10.30am BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION		
<i>Readings</i>	First Reading: Colossians 3.12-17 Gospel: Luke 2.41-end			
5 th January Epiphany		10.30am HOLY COMMUNION		3pm BCP HOLY COMMUNION
<i>Readings</i>	First Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6 Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12			
12 th January Baptism of Christ	10.30am HOLY COMMUNION		9.15am BREAKFAST CHURCH	
<i>Readings</i>	First Reading: Acts 8.14-17 Gospel: Luke 3.15-17, 21-22			
19 th January Epiphany 2		10.30am HOLY COMMUNION	9.15am HOLY COMMUNION	
<i>Readings</i>	StMM: First Reading: Isaiah 5.1-7 Gospel: Matthew 20.1-16 StG: First Reading: Isaiah 62. 1-5 / 1 Cor. 12. 1-11 Gospel: John 2.1-11			
26 th January Epiphany 3	10.30am HOLY COMMUNION	4pm CHRISTINGLE TEA@theTIN		
<i>Readings</i>	First Reading: 1 Samuel 16.1-21 Gospel: Luke 4.14-21			
2 nd February Candlemas		10.30am HOLY COMMUNION		3pm BCP HOLY COMMUNION
<i>Readings</i>	First Reading: Hebrews 2.14-end Gospel: Luke 2.22-40			

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