

CANALSIDE NEWS

for FEBRUARY 2025



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Appeal for Garden Angels



Some years ago the church yard was not in a very good state. The only maintenance being carried out by the Council who cut the grass. To improve the look of the area to make it more attractive and welcoming we made an appeal for members of the congregation to become "GARDEN ANGELS " by making a small monthly contribution in order to employ a gardener for three or four hours a month.

The appeal was successful and we now have a church gardener who works for more than three or four hours.

For various reasons the number of “Angels” has reduced therefore so Has the income. We are now only just covering the costs and need More “Angels”. If you would like to become an “Angel”, making a small Monthly contribution, please contact Tony Roddis at Church or on 07999 863823.

The Real Easter Eggs

There are Easter Eggs in the shops, but not the Fairtrade ones from The Meaningful Chocolate company. Their website says 'The 2025 Original Real Easter Egg includes a new 24 page Easter story activity book with a £200 prize competition. There is also a super thick Fairtrade milk chocolate egg (150g) with a lovely creamy taste. 30% cocoa – Palm Oil & plastic free'. More details <https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk>



Buying in bulk they cost £5.50 each. Please let me know as soon as possible if you'd like one (or more!), and by Monday 10th March at the latest. Bev Woodward 01380 870784

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.



THE MEETING PLACE

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/>

A quick guide to watching our Recorded Services

Instead of us sending out an email each Sunday to let you know when that day's recorded service is available to



watch, all you need to do is to click on the link below. Each new recording is generally available from mid afternoon on Sunday. The link will take you

directly to our section on the You Tube Channel where you will find our latest recording together with all the others we have done in the past from those Lockdown days onwards ! To activate the link hover the computer mouse over it, hold down the ctrl button and then click your mouse.

Here is the link.....

<https://www.youtube.com/@churchmouse-canalside/videos>

Once you are in our Section called **Churchmouse** you can bookmark it/make it a favourite so that you don't have to click on the link each time you want to watch a video.

If you are a regular user of You Tube you can subscribe to **Churchmouse** by clicking on the subscribe button on screen. Subscribing is free and you should find that this will give you a quick link to the latest recording.

If you get stuck with any of the above please get in touch with Michael or James who will do their best to help you.

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. 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



Melksham Foodbank continue to need all items but in particular at the moment Cereal, Tinned Rice Pudding and Tinned Carrots, 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.

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.



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	+ Hannah, Ash & Oliver	+ Michael, Clem & Jasper
+ Andrew Margetts	+ Helen Thomas	+ Mike Aldridge
+ Audrey Sheppard	+ Hilary & Mark Heaton	+ Molly Adams
+ Barbara Tucker	+ Irene Hicks	+ Natalie Hogan-Wilkes
+ Cathy and Ian	+ Isabelle & Family	+ Roger Emes
+ Chloe Stevens	+ Jeannette	+ Rosa Light
+ Colin Jackson	+ Julie Alexander	+ Sheila and June
+ Collette Miyagawa	+ Keith Joint	+ Val, Phil and family
+ Colston Carpenter	+ Laurence & Family	+ Viv and Jan
	+ Lilly, Phil & Louis	
	+ Maggie & Family	
	+ Marilyn Stubbs	



- We pray for all those who mourn at this time especially at this time the families and friends of Sue Aldridge, Peter Richardson and Dave Smith
- We pray for the people of Sudan at this time of conflict, including Archbishop Ezekiel as he leads the Anglican Church there.

News from St Michael's

It's been a busy time up at the Knap ! Firstly the clock strike mechanism was repaired and things were fine for a while but then the chimes stopped again. Our clock people returned and more repairs are underway. We hope to hear those chimes again shortly. Secondly we have had leaking radiators at St Michael's and most significantly in St Michael's Room. Thanks to James, Martyn, Tony and Tony's plumber repairs have been made and St Michael's Room is now being dried out. What a Team !

CANALSIDE DIARY

Please pray for all events taking place in the next few weeks

Day	Date	Time	Event details	Location
JANUARY 2025				
Tu	28 th	0930	Hilperton/Staverton Morning Prayer https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89678887943?pwd=IKy2vBYNviwibNcoWUqgTtf4hpwQTA.1	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 https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88553953942?pwd=1EHGGg18bBqqYKytMMRbYvZ5JZFZnm.1	Online
		1445	Collective Worship	Staverton School
F	31 st	0930 1100	Toddlers@theTin	St Mary Magdalen's
FEBRUARY 2025				
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 1100	Toddlers@theTin	St Mary Magdalen's
Tu	11 th	0930	Hilperton/Staverton Morning Prayer Use link above	Online
		1450	Collective Worship	St George's School
		1930	Bradford Deanery Synod Meeting	St Leonard's Church Keevil
W	12 th	1000	Midweek Morning Worship	St Michael's
		1430	Collective Worship	Hilperton School

Th	13 th	0900	Semington Morning Prayer Use link above	Online
		1445	Collective Worship	Staverton School
		1430 1600	Friendship Group	St Mary Magdalen's
F	14 th	0930 1100	Toddlers@theTin	St Mary Magdalen's
		1000	Funeral: Sue Aldridge	West Wiltshire Crematorium
M	17 th	START OF SCHOOL HALF TERM BREAK		
Tu	18 th	0930	Hilperton/Staverton Morning Prayer Use link above	Online
W	19 th	1000	Midweek Communion	St Michael's
		1430	Open the Book Practice Meeting	St Michael's Room
Th	20 th	0900	Semington Morning Prayer Use link above	Online
		1000 1200	Community Café	St Mary Magdalen's
Sa	22 nd	1100 1200	Meeting of Hilperton/Staverton Readers and Intercessors	St Mary Magdalen's
Tu	25 th	0930	Hilperton/Staverton Morning Prayer Use link above	Online
W	26 th	1000	Midweek Morning Worship	St Michael's
		1430	Open the Book	Hilperton School
Th	27 th	0900	Semington Morning Prayer Use link above	Online
		am	Open the Book	St George's School
		1445	Open the Book	Staverton School
F	28 th	0930 1100	Toddlers@theTin	St Mary Magdalen's
MARCH 2024				
Tu	4 th	SHROVE TUESDAY		
		0930	Hilperton/Staverton Morning Prayer Use link above	Online
		1450	Collective Worship	St George's School
W	5 th	ASH WEDNESDAY		

		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
F	7 th	0930	Toddlers@theTin	St Mary Magdalen's
		1100		
		1030	WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE	St James' Church Trowbridge

DIARY DATES

Su	11 th	May	Ebonite Concert	St Mary Magdalen's
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Family Prize BINGO and Raffle!



Saturday, 15 February
Doors open 1pm
EYES down at 2pm



Emmanuel's Yard
Church Street
Trowbridge BA14 8RZ

**OPTIONAL
EXTRAS**

**RAFFLE
TICKETS**

**PRE-BOOKING
ESSENTIAL**

Join us for an unforgettable time of excitement, and the thrill of the win, all in aid of the **Storehouse**. Get your daubers ready and mark your calendars for a time of fun!

QR Code to Book Tickets or website





Foodbank



Re-Fresh



Community Lunch



Cookery School



Nexus

westwiltsvineyard.com/events charity no. 1174910

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025

Friday 7 March

A service for everyone!

Join us at 10.30am
at
St James' Church
Church Street
Trowbridge

Cook Islands *I made you wonderful*

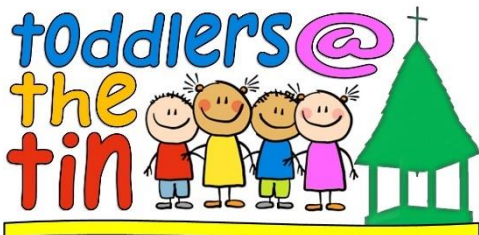


INFORMED PRAYER PRAYERFUL ACTION

24-7 365 Days a year Prayer movement Ecumenical International Women-led

wwdp.org.uk

Registered Charity Number 233242



Every Friday from 0930 to 1100
during term time
@ St Mary Magdalen's
in Horse Road Hilperton

A group for babies, pre-school children and their parents/carers with toys, crafts, stories, singing and snacks. Only £2 per family! Booking required - please contact Sandie Baker on 07549125610 or sandiebaker201@gmail.com for details.

**BREAKFAST
CHURCH**



9.15am on the
Second Sunday
of each month
at St George's
Church in
Semington

An informal service for ALL ages with a light breakfast



St Mary Magdalen's Horse Road
www.canalsidebenefice.org.uk



**EACH FOURTH SUNDAY OF
THE MONTH**

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
ALL WELCOME

SUNDAY SERVICES *in* CANALSIDE

	HILPERTON St Michael's	HILPERTON St Mary Magdalen's	SEMINGTON St George's	WHADDON St Mary the Virgin
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	<i>Candlemas Day</i> 	10.30am HOLY COMMUNION		3pm BCP HOLY COMMUNION
<i>Readings</i>	First Reading: Hebrews 2.14-end Gospel: Luke 2.22-40			
9 th February Fourth Before Lent	10.30am HOLY COMMUNION		9.15am BREAKFAST CHURCH	
<i>Readings</i>	First Reading: Psalm 24 Gospel: John 2.1-11			
16 th February Third Before Lent		10.30am HOLY COMMUNION	9.15am HOLY COMMUNION	
<i>Readings</i>	StMM: First Reading: Nehemiah 2.11-18 Gospel: Matthew 7.24-29 StG: First Reading: John 4.1-15 Gospel: John 4.16-30			
23 rd February Second Before Lent	10.30am HOLY COMMUNION	4pm TEA@theTIN		
<i>Readings</i>	First Reading: Psalm 27.1-5, 11-14 Gospel: Matthew 21.28-32			
2 nd March Sunday Next Before Lent		10.30am HOLY COMMUNION		3pm BCP HOLY COMMUNION
<i>Readings</i>	First Reading: John 4.1-15 Gospel: John 4.16-30			

