

CANALSIDE NEWS

for MARCH 2025



CANALSIDE CONTACTS

Rector	Rev. Chris Hunter	07396875236 01225 975510	rector.canalside@gmail.com
Associate Priest	Rev. Joy Albone	07931638524	canalsidecurate@gmail.com
Office	Michael Gamble	07795400262	canalsideoffice@gmail.com
Churchwardens			
Semington	David Wildsmith	c/o 01380 870784	c/o jackbev.woodward@gmail.com
Hilperton and Staverton	James Newton	07803904947	jpnewton@churchmouse.org.uk
	Martyn Carpenter	07831309377	martyncarpenter55@gmail.com
Website	canalsidebenefice.org.uk		
Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/canalsideparishes		

New Electoral Roll

Every six years, instead of a revision, a completely new Church Electoral Roll has to be prepared in each Parish, the next time being this year. Notices about this will be appearing on our church noticeboards in the coming weeks and application forms will be made available to you. The new roll has to be completed ahead of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in each Parish.

Hilperton and Staverton APCM: Sunday 27th April after the 10.30am Communion Service at St Michael's

Semington APCM: Sunday 11th May after the 9.15am Breakfast Church at St George's Church

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

Update on Garden Angels

Many thanks to the new Garden Angels for signing up, also many thanks to the original Angels. Without your support we could not maintain the appearance of the Churchyard. Needless to say if anyone else wishes to join please contact me. Tony Roddis

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.

GRAND PARENTS

An opportunity to meet with other Grandparents to think about being a Christian Grandparent

Saturday 8th March
2.30 - 4.00pm
St James' Church

Afternoon Tea



Contact Nick Lambert to book
nick@stjamestrowbridge.co.uk
Or scan the QR code



An opportunity to meet with other Grandparents from local churches to think and talk about what it means to be a Christian Grandparent and what that might look like in reality.

It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes to support people living with cancer.

Saturday 1 March 2025
10am - 1pm

Bethel Trowbridge Apostolic Church
Back St. Trowbridge, Wiltshire BA14 8LH

betheltrowbridgechurch.co.uk



BETHEL TROWBRIDGE
APOSTOLIC CHURCH

Supporting

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT



Macmillan Cancer Support registered charity in England and Wales (10575) and in Scotland (SC019177) and the UK (11403888) (not operating in Northern Ireland) (00000000)

A RECAP: 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.

In 2024 Melksham FoodBank gave out 1538 bags of food for single people, 3693 to families and 3086 to children, although this is slightly fewer than 2023. In December 2024 they were supporting 276 adults and 212 children. These figures include 24 pensioners, 13 disabled adults and 4 disabled children. They helped 198 households, but that does not include one-off bags taken by agency workers. The volunteers put on a Christmas lunch for 114 people, which was free. They gave out 254 Christmas bags, including a Christmas card in each one. They gave out socks and chocolates to 54 women and 67 men. All this shows that our continued support of Melksham FoodBank and Trowbridge StoreHouse is vital, and a part of our response to God's generosity to us.

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.

News from St Michael's

It's been **another** busy time up at the Knap ! Last month we told you about the problems with the clock. We are pleased to report that the chimes are now working again but then Ernie spotted that the time shown on the two clock faces was different on each. Nathan and Janet returned to Hilperton, repairs were made and as we go to print all seems good. Also last month we told you about the leaking radiators at St Michael's. Just when we thought it was all fixed the radiator by the piano cracked and spewed its contents all over the floor, the carpet, the pews, the wall and the piano. Emergency repairs followed over a number of days and a dehumidifier was hired to dry things out. By the

following Sunday the church was nice and warm again for the congregation. A big thankyou to everyone who helped with this incident. As we said last month - What a Team !

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	+ Natalie Hogan-Wilkes
+ Barbara Tucker	+ Irene Hicks	+ Roger Emes
+ Bob Cradock	+ Isabelle & Family	+ Rosa Light
+ Cathy and Ian	+ Jeannette	+ Sheila and June
+ Chloe Stevens	+ Julie Alexander	+ Val, Phil and family
+ Colin Jackson	+ Keith Joint	+ Viv and Jan
+ Collette Miyagawa	+ Laurence & Family	
+ Colston Carpenter	+ 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 Stephen Ackland, Terence Hatter, Sue Aldridge and Rosemary Perrett.
- We pray for the people of Sudan at this time of conflict, including Archbishop Ezekiel as he leads the Anglican Church there.

CANALSIDE DIARY

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

Day	Date	Time	Event details	Location
FEBRUARY 2025				
Tu	25 th	0930	Hilperston/Staverton Morning Prayer https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89678887943?pwd=IKy2vBYNviwibNcoWUppTtf4hpwQTA.1	Online
		1400	Interment of Ashes: Sue, Alfred and Gillian Aldridge	St George's
W	26 th	1000	Midweek Morning Worship	St Michael's
		1200	Funeral: Stephen Ackland	St Michael's
		1300	Burial: Terence Hatter	St George's
		1430	Open the Book	Hilperston School
Th	27 th	0900	Semington Morning Prayer https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88553953942?pwd=1EHGGg18bBqqYKtMMRbYvZ5JZFZNM.1	Online
		1045	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 2025				
Tu	4 th	SHROVE TUESDAY		
		0930	Hilperston/Staverton Morning Prayer Use link above	Online
		1450	Collective Worship	St George's School
W	5 th	ASH WEDNESDAY		
		1000	Ash Wednesday Midweek Communion	St Michael's
		1430	Collective Worship	Hilperston School
		1930	Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday	St Michael's
Th	6 th	0900	Semington Morning Prayer Use link above	Online
		1445	Collective Worship	Staverton School

F	7 th	0930 1100	Toddlers@theTin	St Mary Magdalen's
		1030	WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE	St James' Church Trowbridge
Tu	11 th	0930	Hilperton/Staverton Morning Prayer Use link above	Online
		1450	Collective Worship	St George's School
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
		1430 1600	Friendship Group	St Mary Magdalen's
		1445	Collective Worship	Staverton School
F	14 th	0930 1100	Toddlers@theTin	St Mary Magdalen's
Tu	18 th	0930	Hilperton/Staverton Morning Prayer Use link above	Online
		1445	Collective Worship	St George's School
W	19 th	1000	Midweek Communion	St Michael's
		1430	Collective Worship	Hilperton School
Th	20 th	0900	Semington Morning Prayer Use link above	Online
		1000 1200	Community Café	St Mary Magdalen's
		1445	Collective Worship	Staverton School
F	21 st	0930 1100	Toddlers@theTin	St Mary Magdalen's
Sa	22 nd	1100	Meeting for Hilperton and Staverton's Eucharist Assistants	St Michael's Room
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
		1900	Hilperton and Staverton PCC Meeting	St Michael's Room
Th	27 th	0900	Semington Morning Prayer	Online

			Use link above	
		1045	Open the Book	St George's School
		1445	Open the Book	Staverton School
F	28 th	0930 1100	Toddlers@theTin	St Mary Magdalen's
Su	30 th	MOTHERING SUNDAY		
APRIL 2025				
Tu	1 st	0930	Hilperton/Staverton Morning Prayer Use link above	Online
W	2 nd	1000	Midweek Communion	St Michael's
		1400	Easter Service for Staverton School	Staverton School
Th	3 rd	0900	Semington Morning Prayer Use link above	Online
		0930	Easter Service for Hilperton School	Hilperton School
F	4 th	0930 1100	Toddlers@theTin	St Mary Magdalen's
F	4 th	0930 1100	Toddlers@theTin	St Mary Magdalen's
		0930	Easter Service for St George's School	St George's Church
Su	11 th	May	Ebonite Concert	St Mary Magdalen's
Sa	7 th	June	Hilperton Village Fete (the Church are running Teas again this year)	Hilperton Village Hall

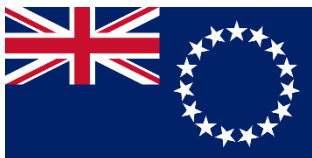


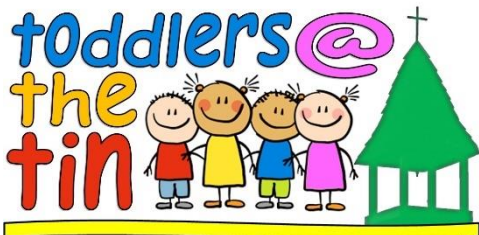
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025
Friday 7 March
 A service for everyone!

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
 www.wdp.org.uk Registered Charity Number: 232242





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
23rd 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			
9 th March First Sunday of Lent	10.30am HOLY COMMUNION		9.15am BREAKFAST CHURCH	
<i>Readings</i>	St Michael's: First Reading: Romans 10.8b-13 Gospel: Luke 4.1-13 St George's: Acts 17.16-34			
16 th March Second Sunday of Lent		10.30am HOLY COMMUNION	9.15am HOLY COMMUNION	
<i>Readings</i>	StMM: First Reading: Ezekiel 39.25-29; 43.6-7 Gospel: Luke 13.31-end StG: First Reading: Genesis 15: 1-12,17-18 / Philippians 3:14-4.1 Gospel: Luke 13.31-end			
23 rd March Third Sunday of Lent	10.30am HOLY COMMUNION	4pm TEA@theTIN		
<i>Readings</i>	First Reading: Isaiah 55.1-9 / 1 Cor. 10.1-13 Gospel: Luke 13.1-9			
30 th March Mothering Sunday			9.15am BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION	
<i>Readings</i>	First Reading: Exodus 2: 1-10 Gospel: Luke 2:33-35			