

# CANALSIDE NEWS

## for JUNE 2025



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On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May, after a special Rogation Sunday Communion Service, 17 of us + 2 dogs set off from St

Michael's and began a 2.5 mile Walk. We first headed to Whaddon Lane and halfway down we paused to pray for Semington. The weather for the trek was perfect with beautiful sunshine and a fresh breeze. At the Whaddon Canal Bridge we prayed for Whaddon

before moving onto the towpath to head west towards Staverton.

On arrival at the Marina we paused again and prayed for the village of Staverton before continuing to the Rectory for a buffet lunch. The final leg of our Rogation Day walk took us from the Rectory to St Mary Magdalen's in Horse Road for more food and drink. As we arrived there we prayed for Hilperton. The day concluded with Tea@theTin which included some fun and games in the garden. Many thanks to Chris and Sally for a lovely lunch and to everyone who helped with the teas and cakes at St Mary's. A lovely day.

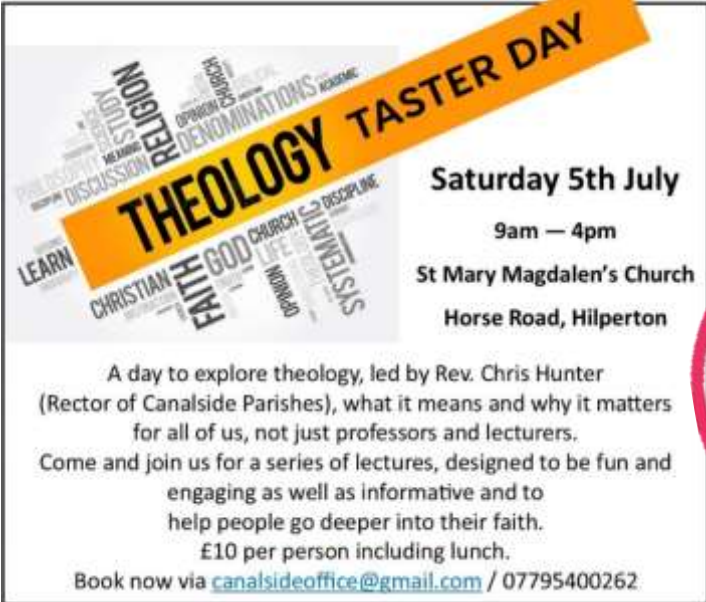


## Used Stamps

Thank you to all those who have passed on all their used postage 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.

## Flower Arrangers at St Michael's and at St Mary Magdalen's

Is anyone interested in becoming a flower arranger at St. Michael's and/or at St Mary Magdalen's ? To help at St Michael's please contact Carole Roddis on 07999863085. To help at St Mary's please contact Valerie Legg on 755034.



**THEOLOGY TASTER DAY**

**Saturday 5th July**  
9am — 4pm  
St Mary Magdalen's Church  
Horse Road, Hilpertion

A day to explore theology, led by Rev. Chris Hunter (Rector of Canalside Parishes), what it means and why it matters for all of us, not just professors and lecturers. Come and join us for a series of lectures, designed to be fun and engaging as well as informative and to help people go deeper into their faith. £10 per person including lunch.

Book now via [canalsideoffice@gmail.com](mailto:canalsideoffice@gmail.com) / 07795400262

The poster features a word cloud with terms like 'RELIGION', 'THEOLOGY', 'FAITH', 'GOD', 'CHURCH', 'DISCIPLINE', 'SYSTEMS', 'LEARN', 'DISCUSSION', 'OPINION', 'ACADEMIC', 'CHRISTIAN', 'HONOR', 'JUDICIAL', 'DISCIPLINE', 'CHURCH', 'GOD', 'FAITH', 'LEARN', 'DISCUSSION', 'OPINION', 'ACADEMIC', 'CHRISTIAN', 'HONOR', 'JUDICIAL', 'DISCIPLINE'.



## Hilpertion Village Fete



This year's village Fete is being held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

A big thankyou to everyone who has already signed up to help on the day and/or to provide cakes/biscuits for sale. Please join us at the Fete to enjoy some tea and cake and to take in all the fun and fellowship that's on offer.

## 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 thanks 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 require tinned meat and fish, pasta and squash, 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.

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.

## A Floral Quiz

Val Sims' latest Quiz sheet is now available and this time there are 60 questions on the theme of Garden Flowers. Entry is £2 and all proceeds will go to Dorothy House Hospice Care. If you would like a copy please let Michael know. Closing date for entries is 26<sup>th</sup> July so it is something you can do when you are laid out in your gardens or on a far flung beach on those long hot summer days that lie ahead.



## 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	+ Eve and Jim Banks	+ Mike Aldridge
+ Andrew Margetts	+ Hannah, Ash, Oliver & baby Leo	+ Ntombi and Family
+ Audrey Sheppard	+ Helen Thomas	+ Richard Marshman
+ Barbara Tucker	+ Hilary & Mark Heaton	+ Roger Emes
+ Bob Cradock	+ Irene Hicks	+ Rosa Light
+ Cathy and Ian	+ Isabelle & Family	+ Val, Phil and family
+ Chloe Stevens	+ Jeannette	+ Viv and Jan
+ Colin Jackson	+ Joanna Martin	
+ Collette Miyagawa	+ Keith Joint	
+ Colston Carpenter	+ Kenneth & Catherine	
	+ Laurence & Family	
	+ Lilly, Phil & Louis	
	+ Maggie & Family	
	+ Marilyn Stubbs	



- We pray for all those who mourn at this time particularly the family and friends of Lawry Bird, Patricia Edginton and Teresa Neeamuthkhan.
- Please pray for Henry Brayshaw, his parents and Godparents as they prepare for his baptism at St Michael's on 29<sup>th</sup> June.
- Stephen (Greg) and Melanie (Mel) are getting married at St Mary's Whaddon on 7<sup>th</sup> June and we pray that they will have a blessed, long, happy and healthy marriage.
- We pray for the people of Sudan at this time of conflict, including Archbishop Ezekiel as he leads the Anglican Church there.

## New Pattern of Services in Hilperton and Staverton

From June, we will be tweaking our service pattern so that we will be at St Michael's on the first and third Sundays of each month and St Mary's on the second and fourth Sundays. We would love to reach the point where more families join us and this pattern means we will be able to offer children's groups in St Michael's Room on the Sundays when we are at that church, while the weeks we are at St Mary's are the weeks when we run Breakfast Church and Tea@theTin. As a PCC, we continue to think about how we can best reach out to new people while offering rich and engaging services for people currently in our congregation. We hope that the change will not cause any issues but if you have concerns, please feel free to contact either myself, Joy or a member of the PCC. We are also using this opportunity to think creatively about our services and to consider where we might try a few different things as several people have asked if we can occasionally change things up. Watch this space!

Chris

<b>From 1<sup>st</sup> June the monthly pattern of services across Canalside will be as follows</b>				
	<b>St Michael's</b>	<b>St Mary Magdalen's</b>	<b>St Mary the Virgin</b>	<b>St George's</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	10.30am: Communion		3pm: BCP Communion	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday		10.30am: Communion		9.15am: Breakfast Church
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	10.30am: Communion			9.15am: Communion
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday		10.30am: Explore Service and 4pm: Tea@theTin		
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	A Benefice Service will be held in one of our churches			





# Hereford to Hilperton

As Chris and Martyn prepare for their 75 mile trek from Hereford to Hilperton the sponsorship money continues to flow in. We have even had a very kind donation from John and Anne Rees who began a series of sponsored walks during their time with us and raised a lot of money for us. **THANKYOU** to those who have already donated/sponsored this year's event. If you haven't already done so it is not too late and details of how to do so are set out in the poster below. There are also sponsor forms in church.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR CHRIS AND MARTYN DURING THEIR WALK**

If you would like to sponsor Chris and Martyn there are a number of ways you can do so.....

- **BACS payment:** Hilperton PCC / 30-98-75 / 00319535 (state 75in25) in the transaction)
- **Give a Little website:** use this link <https://givealittle.co/c/75in25>
- **Cash/Cheque**

Pop it into an envelope marked 75 in 25 and give it to Michael or one of the Wardens at any of our churches. Cheques should be made payable to Hilperton PCC please.

Contact: Michael Gamble 07795400262 [canalsideoffice@gmail.com](mailto:canalsideoffice@gmail.com)

**THANKYOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**





# CANALSIDE DIARY

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

Day	Date	Time	Event details	Location
<b>JUNE 2025</b>				
M	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>START OF 75 IN 25 PILGRIMAGE FROM HEREFORD TO HILPERTON</b>		
Tu	3 <sup>rd</sup>	0930	<b>Hilpertion/Staverton Morning Prayer</b> <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89678887943?pwd=IkY2vBYNviwibNcoWUpqTtf4hpwQTA.1">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89678887943?pwd=IkY2vBYNviwibNcoWUpqTtf4hpwQTA.1</a>	Online
		1450	<b>Collective Worship</b>	St George's School
W	4 <sup>th</sup>	1000	<b>Midweek Morning Prayer</b>	St Michael's
		1430	<b>Collective Worship</b>	Hilpertion School
		1530	<b>Interment of Ashes:</b> Patricia Edginton	St Paul's Churchyard, Staverton
Th	5 <sup>th</sup>	0900	<b>Semington Morning Prayer</b> <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88553953942?pwd=1EHGGg18bBqqYKytMMRbYvZ5JZFZNm.1">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88553953942?pwd=1EHGGg18bBqqYKytMMRbYvZ5JZFZNm.1</a>	Online
		1445	<b>Collective Worship</b>	Staverton School
		1915	<b>Chris and Martyn's Return from 75 in 25 Pilgrimage from Hereford to Hilpertion</b>	St Mary Magdalen's
F	6 <sup>th</sup>	0930 1100	<b>Toddlers@theTin</b>	St Mary Magdalen's
Sa	7 <sup>th</sup>	1300+	<b>Hilpertion Village Fete:</b> Church selling teas and cakes	Village Hall and Playing Field
		1500	<b>Wedding:</b> Stephen Gregory and Melanie Garrard	St Mary's Whaddon
Tu	10 <sup>th</sup>	0930	<b>Hilpertion/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>	Hilpertion School
		1930	<b>Deanery Synod</b>	St Barnabas, Beanacre
Th	12 <sup>th</sup>	0900	<b>Semington Morning Prayer</b> Use link above	Online

		1045	<b>Open the Book</b>	St George's School
		1300	<b>Funeral:</b> Teresa Neeamuthkhan	St Michael's
		1430 1600	<b>Friendship Group</b>	St Mary Magdalen's
		1445	<b>Open the Book</b>	Staverton School
F	13 <sup>th</sup>	0930 1100	<b>Toddlers@theTin</b>	St Mary Magdalen's
Su	15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>FATHER'S DAY</b>		
Tu	17 <sup>th</sup>	0930	<b>Hilperton/Staverton Morning Prayer</b> Use link above	Online
		1450	<b>Collective Worship</b>	St George's School
W	18 <sup>th</sup>	1000	<b>Midweek Morning Prayer</b>	St Michael's
		1430	<b>Collective Worship</b>	Hilperton School
Th	19 <sup>th</sup>	0900	<b>Semington Morning Prayer</b> Use link above	Online
		1000 1200	<b>Community Café</b>	St Mary Magdalen's
		1445	<b>Collective Worship</b>	Staverton School
F	20 <sup>th</sup>	0930 1100	<b>Toddlers@theTin</b>	St Mary Magdalen's
Tu	24 <sup>th</sup>	0930	<b>Hilperton/Staverton Morning Prayer</b> Use link above	Online
		1450	<b>Collective Worship</b>	St George's School
W	25 <sup>th</sup>	1000	<b>Midweek Communion</b>	St Michael's
		1430	<b>Collective Worship</b>	Hilperton School
Th	26 <sup>th</sup>	0900	<b>Semington Morning Prayer</b> Use link above	Online
		1445	<b>Collective Worship</b>	Staverton School
F	27 <sup>th</sup>	0930 1100	<b>Toddlers@theTin</b>	St Mary Magdalen's
Su	29 <sup>th</sup>	TBC	<b>Lunchtime Service and Barbecue</b>	Brook House, Semington
<b>JULY 2025</b>				
Tu	1 <sup>st</sup>	0930	<b>Hilperton/Staverton Morning Prayer</b> Use link above	Online
		1450	<b>Collective Worship</b>	St George's School
W	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1000	<b>Midweek Morning Prayer</b>	St Michael's

		1430	<b>Collective Worship</b>	Hilpertont School
Th	3 <sup>rd</sup>	0900	<b>Semington Morning Prayer</b> Use link above	Online
		1445	<b>Collective Worship</b>	Staverton School


## D A T E S F O R D I A R I E S

Month	Day	Date	Time	Event details	Location
JULY	Sat	5 <sup>th</sup>	0900 1600	<b>THEOLOGY TASTER DAY</b>	St Mary Magdalen's
	Sat	26 <sup>th</sup>	pm	<b>SENINGTON VILLAGE FETE</b>	Around the Village
SEPTEMBER	Sat	27 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	<b>SILENT AUCTION</b>	St Mary Magdalen's
OCTOBER	Fri/Sat tbd	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> tbd	TBD	<b>HILPERTON/STAVERTON HARVEST SUPPER</b>	St Mary Magdalen's
	Sat	18 <sup>th</sup>	1000 1200	<b>AUTUMN COFFEE MORNING</b>	St Mary Magdalen's
			evening	<b>SENINGTON HARVEST SUPPER</b>	Semington Village Hall
NOVEMBER	Sat	22 <sup>nd</sup>	TBD	<b>CHRISTMAS FESTIVE FAYRE</b>	St Mary's Magdalen's
	Fri	28 <sup>th</sup>	1900	<b>QUIZ NIGHT</b>	St Mary Magdalen's

**ST MARY'S ART GROUP**

SATURDAY JULY 5<sup>th</sup> & SUNDAY JULY 6<sup>th</sup>  
10.30 am - 4.00 pm

**SUMMER EXHIBITION**



LOCAL ART  
AT ITS  
VERY BEST!

**HOLT VILLAGE HALL, BA14 6QH**  
*Teas, coffees, soft drinks & delicious  
homemade cakes available to buy!*

Please join us at Holt on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> July. I shall be there with my new range of cards, "Radiate Love", and there are also some new Notelets in the Canalside Benefice range.

Orders can be taken for personalised cards. Proceeds from my art work, cards and notelets all go to church funds.

Come and see the incredible work of the St Mary's Art Group, they are talented cake makers too!

Thank you Gill Guymer

# CHURCH SERVICES *in* CANALSIDE BENEFICE *during* JUNE



	HILPERTON St Michael's	HILPERTON St Mary Magdalen's	SENINGTON St George's	WHADDON St Mary the Virgin
1 <sup>st</sup> June Sunday after Ascension	10.30am HOLY COMMUNION			3pm BCP HOLY COMMUNION
8 <sup>th</sup> June Pentecost		10.30am HOLY COMMUNION	9.15am BREAKFAST CHURCH	
15 <sup>th</sup> June Trinity Sunday	10.30am HOLY COMMUNION		9.15am HOLY COMMUNION	
22 <sup>nd</sup> June First Sunday after Trinity		10.30am 'EXPLORE' SERVICE		
		4pm TEA@theTIN		
29 <sup>th</sup> June Second Sunday after Trinity	10.30am BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION		LUNCHTIME SERVICE & BBQ @ BROOK HOUSE, SENINGTON Contact Bev Woodward for further details 01380 870784	

Full details of upcoming services and events can be found on our  
website [www.canalside.org.uk](http://www.canalside.org.uk)