

# CANALSIDE NEWS

## for AUGUST 2025



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### Paper products that don't cost the earth

As we consider ways in which our church can contribute to caring for God's creation, it's good to reflect on the products we choose to purchase, how they impact on the environment and whether more sustainable alternatives are available. Take toilet rolls and tissues for example. We all need these and, as with many products, there is a bewildering variety on the market with varying degrees of effects on the planet. Looking for goods produced and sold by BCorp companies which meet the highest standards of social and environmental impact is a good starting point. Two such companies which some people might not be aware of have come to light - 'Naked Paper' and 'Who Gives a Crap'. They don't seem to appear on supermarket shelves but are available online

and at some specialist retailers. However, they do provide interesting food for thought!

Interested? Why not check them out!



<https://uk.whogivesacrap.org/>



<https://uk.nakedpaper.com/>

## Used Postage 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.



# TROWBRIDGE STREET PASTORS

How would you like to have fun with Jesus? Are you being called to help people in need? Would you like to find a different way to talk to people who wouldn't normally go near a church? Then maybe becoming a Street Pastor is exactly what you need to do.



I'll be honest – it is a calling and it is a commitment, including undertaking extensive training, having an interview and a DBS check. We need people who really feel called to go out on the streets of Trowbridge late at night, talking to strangers, listening to them and helping them. You may feel nervous or unsure about it, but do give it a try and see if you perceive that call and, truth be told, we really need you!

There has been a Street Pastors Initiative operating in Trowbridge since 2009, but our numbers have gone down, especially since Covid. Currently we have 9 active Street Pastors and have had to reduce our patrols to every fortnight, on a Saturday night. However, each Street Pastor would, generally, only go out on patrol once a month.

Our Chair, David Goldstone, always says that we have fun with Jesus out on patrol; and that is true. I have seen potentially confrontational situations turn into something completely different, even ending in laughter. We certainly each know that we absolutely could not do this without Jesus being with us, or without the Holy Spirit within us. *The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.* Deuteronomy 31:8 NIV UK.

One of the great privileges of being a Street Pastor is that we are on the front line between the world and God's Kingdom and we meet people on *their* patch. We can have really good conversations about why we do what we do, for no pay, which is so counter cultural that people are really taken aback. We have the opportunity to show people God's love, in action, which is truly wonderful. So, if you would like to know more then please contact the Coordinator, Julia Wade, on 01380 870137 or email [trowbridge@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:trowbridge@streetpastors.org.uk). If you would like to hear a short talk about our work in your church, then ask your leader to book us. You are welcome to come out as an observer to see for yourself what we do, without any obligation to take it further.





## *In Loving Memory*

This week we lost two dear friends and members of our congregation. Margery Ford and Kenneth Warr. We may not have seen them in church recently, due to health issues, but they both had great faith and were always loyal supporters of the church here. Margery passed away on Tuesday (22<sup>nd</sup>) and Kenneth on Friday evening (25<sup>th</sup>) aged 100 Years and 7 days. Please pray for their families and friends at this time.



*Kenneth  
Warr*

*May they Rest in  
Peace and Rise in Glory*

*Margery  
Ford*



St. Michael's  
and All Angels  
Hilberton



St. Mary Magdalene  
Hilberton



St. George's  
Semington



St. Mary the Virgin  
Whadden

## 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
+ Catherine	+ Isabelle & Family	+ Val, Phil and family
+ Cathy and Ian	+ Jeannette	+ Viv and Jan
+ Chloe Stevens	+ Joanna Martin	
+ Colin Jackson	+ Laurence & Family	
+ Collette Miyagawa	+ Lilly, Phil & Louis	
+ Colston Carpenter	+ Maggie & Family	



- We pray for all those who mourn at this time particularly the family and friends of Margery Ford and Kenneth Warr.
- Please pray for those being baptised in the Benefice in the coming weeks as they begin their Christian journey: Lilly Ayda Rowland on 3<sup>rd</sup> August at St Michael's and Darcie-Mae Crystal Larcombe and Delilah-Rose Crystal Larcombe on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August at St Michael's. Please also keep in your prayers their Parents, Godparents and Families as they gather to support them.
- We pray for the people of Sudan at this time of conflict, including Archbishop Ezekiel as he leads the Anglican Church there.



# Hilperton Churches Silent Auction

**Saturday 27th September 2025**

**St Mary Magdalen's Church Hall**

**Horse Road Hilperton 10.30am-4.30pm**



**Lots of Lots to bid for**

**Just come along, have a look around  
and if you see something you want  
write down your bid**

**Highest bid at the end of the day Wins**

**If you have anything to be auctioned  
just complete and return the form opposite  
to Michael Gamble 07795400262 [canalsideoffice@gmail.com](mailto:canalsideoffice@gmail.com)**



**Teas and Coffees available ~ All Welcome**  
**Proceeds to church funds**

# Silent Auction

**Saturday 27th September 2025**

**Registration form for your items to be auctioned**

YOUR NAME	YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS

Description of item	Reserve £ (optional)	Full proceeds to church or 50/50 ?	Can you bring item to St Mary Magdalen's Church on Friday 26th Sept between 5 - 8pm ?

Once completed please return this form to Michael Gamble 07795400262 / [analsideoffice@gmail.com](mailto:analsideoffice@gmail.com)

**NOTES:**

- DEPENDING ON THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ITEMS THAT ARE REGISTERED WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO INCLUDE THEM ALL IN THE AUCTION DUE TO THE AMOUNT OF SPACE AVAILABLE IN THE HALL.
- ITEMS CAN BE AUCTIONED WITH A PHOTOGRAPH IF YOU PREFER ESPECIALLY IF THE ITEM IS LARGE
- ITEMS THAT DON'T SELL ON THE DAY WILL BE RETURNED TO 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 require : Tinned meat / Dried rice  
Tinned Fruit, but all items are still urgently needed.



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.

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

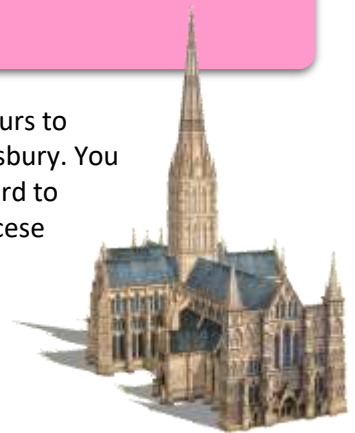
Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with 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.

## Free Entry to Salisbury Cathedral

Salisbury Cathedral offers free entry during visiting hours to regular worshippers of churches in the Diocese of Salisbury. You will need to apply for a Salisbury Cathedral Diocese Card to redeem free visitor admission. How to apply for a Diocese Card.

- Please download the form online:  
<https://www.salisburycathedral.org.uk/worship-and-music/congregation/#1>

- Return the form to [diocese-card@salcath.co.uk](mailto:diocese-card@salcath.co.uk) or bring a printed copy of your completed form to the Welcome Desk in Salisbury Cathedral."



# CANALSIDE DIARY

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

Day	Date	Time	Event details	Location
<b>JULY 2025</b>				
Tu	29 <sup>th</sup>	0930	<b>Hilpertont/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
W	30 <sup>th</sup>	1000	<b>Midweek Communion</b>	St Michael's
Th	31 <sup>st</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
<b>AUGUST 2025</b>				
Su	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1215	<b>Baptism:</b> Lilly Ayda Rowland	St Michael's
Tu	5 <sup>th</sup>	0930	<b>Hilpertont/Staverton Morning Prayer</b> Use link above	Online
W	6 <sup>th</sup>	1000	<b>Midweek Communion</b>	St Michael's
Th	7 <sup>th</sup>	0900	<b>Semington Morning Prayer</b> Use link above	Online
Tu	12 <sup>th</sup>	0930	<b>Hilpertont/Staverton Morning Prayer</b> Use link above	Online
W	13 <sup>th</sup>	1000	<b>Midweek Morning Prayer</b>	St Michael's
Th	14 <sup>th</sup>	0900	<b>Semington Morning Prayer</b> Use link above	Online
		1430-1600	<b>Friendship Group</b>	St Mary Magdalen's
Tu	19 <sup>th</sup>	0930	<b>Hilpertont/Staverton Morning Prayer</b> Use link above	Online
W	20 <sup>th</sup>	1000	<b>Midweek Communion</b>	St Michael's
Th	21 <sup>st</sup>	0900	<b>Semington Morning Prayer</b> Use link above	Online
		1000-1200	<b>Community Café</b>	St Mary Magdalen's

Su	24 <sup>th</sup>	1230	<b>Baptisms:</b> Darcie-Mae Crystal and Delilah-Rose Crystal Larcombe	St Michael's
Tu	26 <sup>th</sup>	0930	<b>Hilpert/ Staverton Morning Prayer</b> Use link above	Online
W	27 <sup>th</sup>	1000	<b>Midweek Morning Prayer</b>	St Michael's
Th	28 <sup>th</sup>	0900	<b>Semington Morning Prayer</b> Use link above	Online
<b>SEPTEMBER 2025</b>				
Tu	2 <sup>nd</sup>	0930	<b>Hilpert/ Staverton Morning Prayer</b> Use link above	Online
W	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1000	<b>Midweek Communion/ Morning Prayer</b>	St Michael's
Th	4 <sup>th</sup>	0900	<b>Semington Morning Prayer</b> Use link above	Online

D A T E S   F O R   D I A R I E S					
Month	Day	Date	Time	Event details	Location
SEPTEMBER	Sat	20 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	PRAYER DAY	St George's
	Sat	27 <sup>th</sup>	1030-1630	SILENT AUCTION	St Mary Magdalen's
OCTOBER	Fri/Sat tbd	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> tbd	TBD	HILPERTON/STAVERTON HARVEST SUPPER	St Mary Magdalen's
	Sat	18 <sup>th</sup>	1000-1200	AUTUMN COFFEE MORNING	St Mary Magdalen's
			evening	SEMINGTON HARVEST SUPPER	Semington Village Hall
NOVEMBER	Sat	22 <sup>nd</sup>	TBD	CHRISTMAS FESTIVE FAYRE	St Mary's Magdalen's
	Fri	28 <sup>th</sup>	1900	QUIZ NIGHT	St Mary Magdalen's

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



	HILPERTON St Michael's	HILPERTON St Mary Magdalen's	SEMINGTON St George's	WHADDON St Mary the Virgin
27 <sup>th</sup> July Trinity 6	10.30am <b>'EXPLORE' SERVICE</b>	4pm <b>TEA@theTIN</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup> August Trinity 7	10.30am <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>			3pm <b>BCP HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	12.15pm <b>BAPTISM</b>			
10 <sup>th</sup> August Trinity 8		10.30am <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>	9.15am <b>BREAKFAST CHURCH</b>	
17 <sup>th</sup> August Trinity 9	10.30am <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>		9.15am <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>	
24 <sup>th</sup> August Trinity 10	12.30pm <b>BAPTISM</b>	10.30am <b>'EXPLORE' SERVICE</b>		
31 <sup>st</sup> August Trinity 11		10.30am <b>BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION</b>		

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