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SEMINGTON

PARISH



MAGAZINE

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Semington Diary



April 2015

3rd	Friday	GOOD FRIDAY		
5th	Sunday	EASTER DAY		
6th	Monday	BANK HOLIDAY		
8th	Wednesday	Annual Meeting SEM PC	8pm	Village Hall
9th	Thursday	SEM WI	7.30pm	Village Hall
10th	Friday	SEM A Men Skittles	8pm	Village Hall
11th	Saturday	Book & Bacon Event	NOON	Village Hall
12th	Sunday	Quiz Night	7.30pm	Village Hall
15th	Wednesday	Melksham A. B. meeting	4-10pm	Village Hall
16th	Thursday	CHIP Summer Skittles	8.15pm	TBA
17th	Friday	No Semingtones Ladies Choir Practice tonight		
22nd	Wednesday	SEM PC Meeting	8pm	Village Hall
23th	Thursday	CHIP Summer Skittles	8.15pm	TBA
23th	Thursday	The Book Club	7.30pm	Somerset Arms
24th	Friday	WWWSPA Party	7.30-9pm	Village Hall
25th	Saturday	Fish/Chip Food Night	8pm	Village Hall
30th	Thursday	CHIP Summer Skittles	8.15pm	TBA

EVERY WEEK IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Bingo	Monday (NOT Easter Monday)	7.30pm
Post Office	Monday & Thursday (NOT Easter Monday)	9.30am - 12.30
Stompers	Tuesday	2.30 - 3.30pm
Bridge Club	Tuesday & Friday (NOT Good Friday)	9.15 - 1pm
Zumba fitness	Wednesday (NOT 15th April)	6.30pm - 7.30pm
Coffee Morning	Thursday	10 - 12noon
Semingtones Choir	Friday (NOT Good Friday or 17th April)	6 - 7.30pm



VILLAGE EVENTS & NEWS

Bible Study Please contact Jack & Bev, 870784 for dates and venues.

Messy Church None arranged for April.

MAGAZINE DEADLINES & ADVERTISING

Next deadline is Sunday 19th April 2015 for the May issue: email Leon, the Editor, at sepmag1@outlook.com. For all advertising enquiries, please contact Jeremy on 870708 or email jez_tyler@hotmail.com

EDITOR'S NOTES:

I hope you were able to do your part on Red Nose Day, and enjoyed the BBC programme, despite several dubious sketches which I personally found inappropriate. Oh well, we are all entitled to an opinion!

Easter is another happy occasion for friends and family to get together and enjoy each other's company, and it's just around the corner.

It looks like we are trying to do more for our young people in Wiltshire. Please see the article from Ceri Evans on page 23 relating to Community Youth.

This issue includes a flyer for Community Messaging and an envelope for sponsoring one of the teachers from St. George's School. I do hope you can support her.

And finally... my projector for use at your own event may still be borrowed for a small donation to the village hall funds. Contact me, Leon, on 870708.

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Semington WI March AGM

Semington WI had their AGM on Thursday 12th March. It was well attended and the outgoing committee were greatly thanked and presented with flowers.

The new committee were elected as follows:-

President Deb Hurn, Secretary Sue Connor, Treasurer Julie Hervin.

Committee Members:- Sue Gibbs, Lesley Vooght, Sue Wilthew and Carole Ball.

We are having a planning meeting on Thursday April 9th at 7.30pm. Come join us and have your say as to what you'd like to see go on at your local WI.

We meet every second Thursday of the month (with the exception of August) in Semington Village Hall at 7.30pm. Cost £2.00 for non members £1.00 for members. Refreshments are provided. If you decide to join there is a membership fee which brings extra benefits.

We very much look forward to welcoming new members and our regular ladies.

Deb Hurn

Paws

For thought



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Psalm 62: 8



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Is anyone willing to deliver magazines to St. George's Court? You would need to do this towards the end of each month, for 10 months of the year. It would be helpful if someone who lives in St George's Court could volunteer, but any volunteer would be appreciated.

Please ring Julia Wade on 870137

THE BOOK CLUB



Bookclub met on 5th March and discussed Arthur and George by Julian Barnes. Of the eight members present, four really enjoyed it and would recommend the book, three found it boring and did not like the alternating biography style and one had not read it. There was a lively discussion and all were appalled at the miscarriage of justice which is the basis for the book. The intervention of Arthur Conan Doyle and his championing of George led to the setting up of the Appeal Court system within English Justice, which was obviously a much needed level of justice. The next meeting will be on Thursday 23rd April at 7.30pm in the Somerset Arms and we will be discussing The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt. All welcome. For the following meeting (date still to be decided) we will be discussing Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro.

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QUIZ NIGHT



Many thanks to Neil and Margaret from the Terry's Turnips team for setting a very interesting quiz in March. Everyone really enjoyed it, which was great, with 7 teams attending.

The Marathon was especially good, with quizzers having to identify people, poets, politicians and events from World War I from a number of photos featuring, for example, a very young Adolph Hitler, Rasputin, Mata Hari, the Red Baron and the Serbian bloke who shot Archduke Franz Ferdinand. Out of 32 questions the winning team were The Druids with 25 correctly identified.

The main quiz was also closely contested and included a music round and another picture round, this time of things with 'connections' such as, Matthew Kelly, Mark Owen, Luke Skywalker and John Lennon - Answer: the four Gospels in the Bible. There was also a round on famous Neils!

The winners were The Hilperton Hobos, whom we had been happy to welcome back, until they won! Well done to Kevin, Ernie and Thomas. There was a tie between the Close Friends and Druids teams for third place so the emergency tie breaker question was: When is Neil's birthday? The Druids were nearest so bagged 3rd place. Team 'I haven't thought of that' were second.

We would love to see more people coming to the quiz, so do give it a go. It doesn't matter if you come on your own, we can put you in a team.

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WILTSHIRE COUNCIL NEWS FROM JONATHON SEED

Wiltshire Council passed its budget last month and will now be delivering services with £30 million less funding from Westminster and with the prospect of similar next year - whichever party wins the general election. So Wiltshire Council now settles down to the work of the year and the delivery of services but now with a refreshed team at the top as the Leader made changes to her Cabinet straight after the Budget. The changes include the inclusion of a new Cabinet Member to deliver solely on Highways and Transport issues. I have taken on the large housing portfolio to add to leisure, libraries and flooding and my campus and community responsibilities pass to the Deputy Leader. I really look forward to overseeing the 5500 houses that the Council owns as well as delivering new ones to meet the County's housing needs.

Good news for our area has come out of the reorganisation of our Wiltshire Council youth services. There is more money available for youth projects, we have established a Local Youth Network (LYN) to deliver youth services and youth projects and we have an excellent youth officer in Ceri Evans who is dedicated to delivering these services and projects for the first time across the whole of our community area. Ceri is very keen to work in our rural villages and to try help provide activity for our 13 to 19 year olds, who in my opinion have been forgotten up to now. The best news of all in this area is that the old Seend community mini bus has been taken over by the Melksham Youth charity and will now be available to collect and return any of our young people from Semington who want to go to the new LYN Youth Club in Melksham. It is early days and the mini bus is still short of volunteer drivers. However this new youth service will be pretty much door to door every Tuesday evening and if it is to be a success it needs to be used, so please get in touch with Ceri at ceri.evans@wiltshire.gov.uk or call 07557 322714 if you are interested. (See also page 23)

Finally there is another service which could be very valuable to local residents with the introduction of the new Community Messaging service. Residents can be informed by the Neighbourhood Police Team instantly by text or e mail of local police, crime and community alerts. This service could be critical to get information out in the event of local crime sprees, burglaries, flood alerts, etc. as they happen. The more residents who sign up to this service the better so visit www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk to sign in.

Jonathon Seed - Cabinet Member for Communities, Campuses, Area Boards, Leisure, Libraries and Flooding. Member for Summerham and Seend. Wiltshire Council

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Trowbridge Talking News (TTN)

Although we are called Trowbridge Talking News we cover all of West Wiltshire and our clients and volunteers come from this wide area. TTN is a local group of volunteers which records and distributes an audio tape of articles from the Wiltshire Times every week.



This is a free service for people in West Wiltshire who have difficulty in reading newsprint. We currently have 70 Listeners but we are keen to enrol more people who could enjoy and benefit from this service. For more information please call Geoff Holt on 01225 762336.

We need more volunteers to help us continue this valuable service. Full training and modern digital equipment is supplied. Readers and Duplicators work on a rota. This means 2 Fridays every 20 weeks, i.e. approx. three times a year. It takes about 2 hrs to make a master recording or to duplicate the memory sticks and take them to the Post Office.

We are looking for a Duplicator as one of our members would like to step down. Please call Paul Phillips on 01225 866108 if you would like to know what is involved. We also need extra people to help set up new Listeners or to give short talks to groups such as WI or community centres.

We welcome any new venues or ideas to help us spread the word about TTN! We have recently received a lot of publicity in the Wiltshire Times who have sponsored us. You can also nominate us at Waitrose, Melksham as a local charity for their green token scheme. Just fill in a form at Customer Services and quote 01225 762336 as our contact.

Thank you all for your kind support.

Jackie Merivale (for TTN)

THE SEMINGTONES LADIES CHOIR



The Semingtones Ladies Choir has competed in its first competition at The Swindon Music Festival and came in second with only one point separating them from the winners. What a thrill for all of us as we set off by coach, 40 singers, Lorraine our musical director, our lovely pianist Jean Hancock and several supportive husbands. The competition was held in the beautiful floodlit Christchurch Church and as we nervously took our seats, dressed in our signature white and black outfits with flamboyant red and gold scarves, we could see that there was quite a large audience awaiting us. We sang two songs with great spirit - "You'll never walk alone" and "Down by the Riverside". There were four choirs competing in our section and after listening to the choir that won I thought that we would not stand a chance but we were so pleased to find that we were only one point behind them. Congratulations to Lorraine for licking a crowd of unruly ladies like us into shape enough to come second in our very first competition.

Joy Karas on behalf of the Semingtones Ladies Choir



St. George's CofE Primary School

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The school continues to be actively involved in the process of becoming an Academy as part of the ATOM (Academy Trust of Melksham.) There have been a lot of meetings and hard work by governors and school staff and we look forward to a secure and improved future for our pupils once the Academy conversion process is completed.

Meanwhile, at the beginning of March, Parents' Evenings were held for all students. Parents and carers were able to meet with teachers to discuss their child's progress and look at their work.

This was followed by a visit from an Archaeologist who spent a day with pupils in each class on their topics of Anglo-Saxons, the Stone Age and how we find out about the past.

Red Nose Day on Friday 13th March proved extremely popular, with pupils dressing in red and cakes and red squash being sold at break time. Best of all, everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable time raising £127.22!

We are really looking forward to Saturday May 9th for our fundraising 'Semington Slog' – a 10k run to raise funds for the new path around the school field or 'Toe Path'. If you'd like to take part please go to www.entrycentral.com/semingtonslog to sign up! Besides the 10k there is also a George and the Dragon Fancy Dress Fun Run for the children and lots more happening so come along and be a part of the day! For more details or to volunteer to help contact victoriafarmer1980@icloud.com or phone Victoria on 01380 870796.

Children are now able to partake in the Cool Milk scheme. Parents can sign up for their children to receive milk during the school day, which helps towards brain power!

Just a reminder that we are collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers again so please ask your friends and neighbours for any vouchers they might like to donate – pupils benefit greatly from this free equipment! The scheme finishes on 5th May.

Headteacher: Mr Gordon Campbell

FRIENDS OF ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL

Fundraising for the Sensory Path Project 'Toe Path' is coming along. This term we have organised a school disco, poker night, Jumble sale and Chocolate Bingo.

The Semington Slog 10k and Fun Run is now open to competitors and you can enter by going online at www.entrycentral.com/semingtonslog

We are hoping this event will involve the whole village community, so please help us to raise money by spreading the word. There are still vacancies for marshals, cake sellers or hot dog sizzlers. So if you would like to get involved, but don't wish to run, please contact Victoria on 01380 870796 or victoriafarmer1980@icloud.com.

Mrs. James from Jupiter Class will be running the Brighton Marathon on Sunday 12th April 2015 - a whopping 26.2 miles. This is a personal quest for Mrs. James and has been on her "to do list" for sometime. Training started back in December and on 1st March she successfully completed the Bath Half Marathon. She has generously decided with this challenge to raise much needed funds through sponsorship/donation for St Georges School "Toe Path". Donation envelopes are being delivered and we hope you can join us in showing your support and generosity. To follow her preparations for the Marathon please visit the Facebook page Mrs James' Marathon Challenge. I'm sure you will join us in wishing her the very, very best of luck - **GOOD LUCK MRS JAMES !**

GREAT BULKINGTON RAILWAY Easter Monday

On Monday 6th of April 2015 the Great Bulkington Railway will be offering train rides to children of all ages (including Young Grandad!) from 1.30pm to 4.30pm. The track is located next to the Village Hall in Bulkington. The event will supported by the West Wilts Society of Model Engineers and subject to weather we will be serving teas & sticky buns on the lawns – if it rains we will have the catering in the village hall. We have a thousand feet of track, signals and a forty foot long tunnel – rides only cost a pound. The trains are hauled by coal fired steam and diesel engines which are hand built by members of the society. Since 1988, when the track was built – over 17,000 trains have gone around it!

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VILLAGE FETE 2015 - Update

Date: Saturday 4th July
Venue: St George's School Field
Time: 2.00pm

Plans are well in hand for this year's Village Fete, with a Bouncy Castle, Zumba Dancing Display and The Semingtones Ladies Choir among the afternoon's many attractions.

As last year, profits from the Fete will be distributed between the Church, School, Village Hall and a local charity. The Fete Committee would appreciate your suggestions for a charity to benefit from a share of the profits; please contact Victoria Shackleton (01380 871936) with your nominations.

The Plant Stall is always popular, so please remember this stall when you are potting up; any young plants in flower would be greatly appreciated.

Teas and Cake Stall: Donations of cakes, cupcakes, biscuits, etc. would be most welcome. There are some wonderful home bakers in Semington whose delicious fare is one of the highlights of the afternoon.

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NATURE NOTES

The daft hill plover

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daft in the wide hill-sky.

Alone with his hill-top daftness,
he runs himself a race,
The windy, daft hill plover,
daft with wind and space.



This is George Campbell Hay's vivid description of an air-borne golden plover, which he observed in remote Wester Ross. If you're really very lucky, you might see one in Wiltshire in winter.



WILTSHIRE GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Working with older people in our rural communities, as your local Good Neighbour Co-ordinator I can provide a range of information and put you in touch with sources of help for any issue, to enable you live a more independent life. I can visit you at home, or help over the phone. Here are some of the things I have provided information on recently:

- Applying for Attendance Allowance
- Arranging to install a 'Lifeline'
- Finding out about local social activities
- Free fire safety checks from Wiltshire Fire and Rescue
- Accessing support if you are a carer
- Help with transport for care home visits or medical appointments

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your friends and families of these thefts and advise them that the police have purse chains available and they can be obtained by contacting your local Beat officer or PCSO.

A bicycle has been stolen from a barge moored near to the Barge inn at Seend Cleeve.

The skirt from the front bumper of a VW Passat was stolen from Devonshire Place. So if you know anyone who's VW Passat has suddenly acquired a new skirt around the front bumper let us know so we can check it out.

Two incidents of Criminal damage have been recorded. On Sunday there was a report of four youths jumping over the bonnet of a car in Littlejohn Avenue. Two of them ran towards the Pig and Whistle and two ran towards Bowden Crescent. The other was damage to a car in Perretts Court and the suspect is currently being dealt with.

There have been two persons dealt with for possession of drugs.

There have been four violent crimes reported one of which occurred in a public space outside of Chicoland and the suspect was arrested and remains on bail.

Geographers amongst us will realise that all these are well outside Semington!

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WILTSHIRE COMMUNITY YOUTH

This is just an email to introduce myself as the new Community Youth Officer for the Melksham areas.

Wiltshire council has developed a new community-led model for positive activities with young people. This model sees the implementation of new Community Youth Officers, the development of a Local Youth Network and an annual budget available through a grants process, accessible through the area board.

Part of my role is to grow and enhance current community provision, signpost and support funding bids. With this in mind the Local Youth Network (LYN) has kindly been gifted a minibus from the Seend community which gives us the opportunity to provide transport for the young people who live in the Melksham community area, including Semington, enabling them to participate in activities located in the town. We are in the process of establishing the need for this service with regards to logistics and timings.

Any advice you could give would be very much appreciated.

Ceri Evans

Community Youth Officer – Melksham Community Area.
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Wiltshire & Swindon Community Messaging - Flyer

Last month we told you about the new community messaging service, set up by Wiltshire Police, Neighbourhood Watch and the Police & Crime Commissioner (see www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk)

However, there should have been a flyer included with the magazine with a form for those of you who wanted to send in your application by post rather than go online to do it. It arrived too late for the last edition so we have included the flyer with this issue of the magazine.

CATHOLIC NEWS

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST TROWBRIDGE & ST BERNADETTE'S WESTBURY

PARISH PRIEST CANON LIAM O'DRISCOLL

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St John's Sunday Masses : Saturday (Vigil) 6pm; Sunday 10.30am & 6pm

Weekday Masses: Mon: 9am; Tues: 6pm; Wed: 12.10pm; Fri 6pm
Sat: 10am; 6pm (Vigil)

Rosary: Weekdays before Mass. SVP Fri 6.45pm

Confessions: Sat: 10.30-11.15am and 5-5.45pm

St Bernadette's Sunday Mass - 9am **Weekday Mass** -Thursday 11am
Confessions/Reconciliation before Mass and any time on request.

EASTER TRIDUUM SERVICES: St. John The Baptist, Trowbridge:

Maundy Thursday	<i>Mass of The Last Supper</i>	7.30pm
Good Friday	Stations of The Cross	10.30am
	Solemn Passion of Our Lord	3.00pm
Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil & Mass of The Resurrection		8.00pm
Easter Sunday Masses: Morning	Evening	10.30am 6.00pm

Confessions (Sacrament of Reconciliation):

Maundy Thursday: 8.30 - 9.00pm

Good Friday: 11.00 - 11.30am & 4.30 - 5.00pm

Holy Saturday: 11.00 - 11.30am & 3.00 - 4.00pm

THE NEW 300 CLUB 2015

Subscriptions: £50 annually - £13 quarterly - £4.33 monthly. New members are most welcome to join at any time. Prizes are: £200-£70-£50-£10 -£5 monthly. Information and application form from Francis Geraghty – details below

SICK AND/OR HOUSEBOUND. Any catholic who is sick or housebound should let Canon Liam (01225 752152) know as he would be pleased to arrange a visit and bring Holy Communion, if desired.

**For information on any of the above contact Francis Geraghty
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Parish Council (PC) Minutes

The next meeting of the PC will be held on 25th March 2015 so we are unable to print the minutes in this issue, but they will be produced next month. Meanwhile there are two items of PC business of particular note:

Further Development at the Greenacres Gypsy and Traveller Site

The Parish Council strongly opposed this development because of [1] over development that is against Wiltshire Council's Core Strategy, [2] traffic dangers on the A361, [3] going against planning conditions imposed by a government inspector, and [4] adverse impacts on peoples' experience of the crematorium.

In addition to the objections from the parish council, 60 letters of concern about the proposals were sent to Wiltshire Council from the village. These echoed the points (above) with most stress being placed on the planning inspector's arguments, and on the loss of green open space between the caravans and the crematorium.

The application will be considered at the Strategic Planning Committee in County Hall on April 22nd at 1030. Everyone is welcome.

Wilts & Berks Canal Presentation

This will be held at the Annual Parish Meeting in Semington Village Hall – 8th April at 8pm.

All Semington Parishioners are invited to attend the presentation to be given by members of the W&B Canal Project. Drawings will be available for perusal from 7:30pm.

This is an opportunity to find out about the latest design and funding proposals and to provide the Canal Project Team with your early views on a development which could have a significant impact on Semington village. For further information available see www.melkshamlink.org.uk/

The presentation will take place as the first item on the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting at which the Chairman will also provide a report on the activities of the PC during the last year and where Parishioners can raise any other issues they wish.

Semington Parish Council



The Canalside Benefice

St. Michael and All Angels, Hilperton

with St. Mary the Virgin, Whaddon;

St. George's, Semington;

St Paul's, Staverton with St. Mary Magdalen, Hilperton Marsh;

near the Kennet and Avon Canal, within the Dioceses of Salisbury

Dear Friends

Hope neatly wrapped up in the potential of spring bulbs is making itself visible again in green shoots and flowers. The darkness of winter is giving way to the light of spring and, best of all, the warmth of the sun is making us look forward to those long summer days.

That is what the season of Easter brings for every Christian; hope of new life and, indeed, hope of eternal life for those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God and source of life. The death and resurrection of Jesus bring new life giving possibilities in place of desolate old ones. The empty cross, the symbol of the Christian faith, speaks of the ultimate destruction of death and sickness in this life and the next. It speaks of transformation and of renewing. Sadness is turned to laughter, anger to love, emptiness and loneliness to a real place of belonging in God. It doesn't just happen; we have to want it, seek after it and reach out for it. I know so many people whose lives have been utterly transformed for the better as they have chosen to follow Jesus

Now I am not talking about the Church here. There are often problems there because it is filled with ordinary human beings. Well what did you expect? Human beings make mistakes; mind you they also do lots of good things too. We do our best but ultimately it is God who we need to look to. There have been many moments of transformation in my life for which I am grateful to God. I have seen too many big and small transformations in others to doubt anymore.

I cannot imagine life without the meaning and purpose that belonging to God, knowing Jesus and being filled with the Holy Spirit brings. The Christian faith is a living faith in a living God. It is not meant to be dour or a religion of obligation. If it ever seems so it is because humans have shaped it that way. It is certainly not how God is. The empty cross is not some talisman against evil;

it is a symbol of hope, freedom and a new kingdom of life crashing in on the sickly kingdom of this world.

Does this all sound a bit over the top and farfetched to you? Does it sound like a way of life that seems a bit far off? Well, it's here, right now. Maybe there are those who wish it were real because of the hope it suggests. Well, there are many in these villages that experience it as real and life transforming.

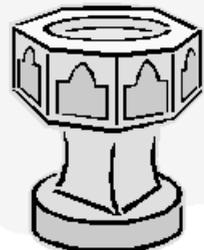
I am not going to invite you to church this Easter just for the sake of it but I am going to invite you to come and join us as we ask Jesus to come and show us that he is real. I am going to invite you to come and find that reality along with your place of belonging in God and with his people. Never mind the kind of service it is; that is just so unimportant in comparison. Just come and receive his goodness and his love. We won't promise to be perfect but we will promise to help you find real and lasting hope in God.

Every blessing

***Stephen* (Rector) 01225 774903 sb54rev@gmail.com**

BAPTISM: Archie Salmons

Archie Salmons on Sunday 22nd February 2015 was welcomed into the church family at his baptism. We pray God will bless him and his family and, as he grows, he will experience God's love for himself.



**St. Michael's Hilperton with St. Mary's Whaddon
St. George's, Semington
St. Paul's Staverton with St. Mary Magdalen, Hilperton Marsh**

YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN ANY SERVICE IN THE BENEFICE

April 2015 Sunday Services

St. George's Semington

5th	Apr	9.15am	Easter Communion
12th	Apr	9.15am	Morning Worship
19th	Apr	6pm	Evening Prayer
26th	Apr	9.15am	Together in Worship

St. Michael's Hilperton

1st	Apr	9.15am	Holy Communion / 6.30pm Benefice Service
2nd	Apr	7pm	Maundy Thursday Communion
3rd	Apr	2pm	Devotional Benefice Service
5th	Apr	11am	Easter Communion
12th	Apr	9.15am	Parish Communion
19th	Apr	11am	Together in Worship
26th	Apr	11am	Methodist Service

St. Mary Magdalen Hilperton Marsh

12th	Apr	6pm	Evening Worship
19th	Apr	4pm	Tea Time Service
26th	Apr	10.30am	Prayer Weekend Celebration Communion

St. Mary's Whaddon

5th	Apr	8am	BCP Communion
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