

**THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN MELBOURNE,
SMISBY, STANTON-BY-BRIDGE AND TICKNALL**

The Bulletin

A weekly publication for the Benefice

Sunday 17th March 2024

The Fifth Sunday of Lent
Passiontide begins

Melbourne

8.00am	Morning Prayer Reader	Joanna Hocknell Rachel Coupe
10.30am	Parish Eucharist Server Sidespersons Reader Intercessor Junior Church	Rev'd Canon Richard Andrews Kit Emery David Smith Griselda Kerr Margaret Murray-Leslie Rachel Coupe and Vicky Emery
6.30pm	Passiontide Music and Readings	Rev'd Canon Richard Andrews

Ticknall

9.15am	Morning Prayer	Dr Nick Gravestock
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Stanton-by-Bridge

11.00am	Morning Prayer	Dr Nick Gravestock
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Smisby

5.30pm	Evening Prayer	Canon David Edwards
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***A warm welcome is extended to all
especially any newcomers and visitors***

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Daily Hope from the Church of England

It is very important to remember those who do not have access to the internet especially when it comes to sharing in public worship. Please do recommend Daily Hope to anyone you think would benefit from it.

0800 804 8044

A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers



Bible Readings

Collect

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31.31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Gospel Reading: John 12.20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

A pattern for daily prayer, so that at home or at church we can pray together:

Monday: God's Creation; the people of the Ukraine; those affected by the cost-of-living crisis.

Tuesday: Those who have asked for our prayers: Sue Webster, Rosemary King, Anne Brazier, Campbell Laird, Christopher Browne, Sandra Jones, Christine Young, Nadine Worthington, Revd Michael Rogers, Blake Hanchett, Claire, Bethy Hughes, Frank Turner, Nigel Tasker, Frankie Fagan, Ann Archer, Karen Grewcock, Anita and Desmond Radloff. Those in Derby's hospitals and hospices. All who are suffering from Covid-19.

Wednesday: Our benefice and our diocese. For our bishops, Bishop Libby and Bishop Malcolm, our Cathedral Dean, Peter, our archdeacon, Matthew and Area Dean, Mike.

Thursday: Our schools. The church worldwide.

Friday: 14 million people in the UK live in poverty. All in need, especially the hungry, poor and homeless.

Saturday: For our planet and to act now for the benefit of future generations.

Sunday: For children and young people for whom life is a challenge.

The Departed In our prayers this week, we remember those who have died recently and also those whose anniversaries occur at this time, among them, Harry Brame, Hedley Needham, William Hancock, Charles Osbond, Michael Blood and Mary Messer.

Prayer List and Pastoral Care

If there is anyone you know who would like to go on our prayer list or who would appreciate a phone call, do please contact our Curate, Revd Alan Winfield.

Refreshments

Please feel free if you are able to stay and enjoy the refreshments at the back of church every Sunday after the 10.30 service and, once per month, after Choral Evensong. Hot drinks, wine and Sherry on offer and always delicious chocolate biscuits or chocolates... looking forward to meeting you for a chat...

Wendy Robinson

Publication of the Bulletin

Please send all items for publication to the parish email: melbourneparishchurch@gmail.com

I will need to have ALL items by 9am on a Friday for that week's edition. Anything received after this time will not be included as the copy will be printed and emailed out on a Friday morning from now on.

Kate Bedford

Please note, the Easter Bulletin will cover two weeks and therefore the deadline for items for publication will be 9am on Thursday 28th March to cover March 31st - April 13th. Thank you.

Rector Vacancy – Second Communication from Benefice Vacancy Team

Rev. Steve Shorts licensing service is on Tuesday 19th March at 7pm all welcome.

The Benefice Vacancy Team has had a second meeting.

There will be a Benefice service on Sunday 30th June at St Georges, Ticknall, 10.30am. All welcome.

Archdeacon Matthew has met with the PCCs to officially begin the period of Vacancy.

Many thanks to the team for their work producing a rota. This will continue going forward, securing services for the upcoming months.

Rev. Mike Firbank, the Area Dean will be visiting each of the parishes to become better acquainted with each church and the area. You are very welcome to come along to meet Mike and Debbie if you have any questions or issues that you would like to talk through.

The visits will be on

Stanton-by-Bridge – Tuesday 16th April – 2pm

Ticknall – Tuesday 23rd April – 10am

Smisby – Tuesday 23rd April – 2pm

Melbourne – 24th or 25th April – To be confirmed

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Please be aware that the road between Ticknall and Repton (via Milton) will be closed Mon-Weds next week so if you are travelling for Rev'd Steve's licensing service on Tuesday evening you will need to find an alternative route.

LISTENING TO GOD IN LENT

We are keeping Lent together, putting aside at least thirty minutes, once a week or ten minutes a day, stopping everything to sit down and listen to God. As before, you will need your Bible, pen and paper and a hymn book might come in handy. In this way, we are hoping to strengthen our faith and discipleship.

We have been following Jesus as, after his baptism, he was led by the Spirit into the wilderness and was, as the Gospels record, tempted by Satan. He needed, as Abraham before him, to put his trust in God and to realise afresh that God will provide all that is necessary for life; that he has nothing to fear from the 'wild beasts'. Last week, we explored with him what it might mean to be designated God's 'Beloved Son' at his baptism, and concluded that Jesus now knew what he had to do. The first three (Synoptic) Gospels then record that he went from the wilderness into Galilee, in the power of the Spirit (Luke), and began to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom. As usual, there is good precedent in the Scriptures, with which he would be familiar, for concluding that the call of the Lord must lead to action. Look at what Isaiah says (6.6-9). Amos too is quite clear- Amos 7.14-5 and 3.7-8.

Mark puts it this way- “Jesus came into Galilee preaching the Gospel of God and saying ‘The time is fulfilled and the Kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel’” (1.14-15). As usual, the words can be dwelt on with profit. The ‘time’ (kairos is Mark’s word), which has been fulfilled, is the day in the future spoken of by Isaiah in 49.8; the ‘day’ looked forward to by the prophets, when God would act - see Isaiah 27, for example and compare. Isaiah 11.10-11, 12.1 etc. The Kingdom of God (Heaven in Matthew- does it make a difference?) is at hand; ‘has drawn near’ literally in the Greek. So, Jesus urges the people to ‘repent’, which does not, I would suggest, necessarily mean saying you are ‘sorry’, as for a misdemeanour, but ‘change your mind and your ways’. That again is the real root meaning of the Greek word ‘metanoia’. Once again it finds an echo in the Scriptures. Look at Hosea 6.1-9, Jeremiah 18.11-12 and Amos 5.14-15. Amos also makes clear that he has to preach in this way- Amos 3.3-8

And so the Gospels record Jesus went about ‘teaching in their synagogues’ with authority, ‘preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and infirmity’ (Matthew 4.23). Luke even suggests that, at this stage, he was ‘glorified by all’ (Luke 4.15). Once again, there is good scriptural precedent for this. The confident witness of a good person can have an effect on others. Look at how, in fulfilment of Genesis 12.3 perhaps, the witness of Isaac is effective in Genesis 26.26-31, as is that of Daniel in Daniel 4.34-7 and 6.25-7. Is this what we also see in the delightful story of Elisha in 2 Kings 6.11-23?

No wonder then that Jesus says what he does in two more significant passages in Luke. In Luke 4.16-21 he reads from the Scriptures in the synagogue, with telling effect. In 7.18-23, he is again explicit when responding to John the Baptist’s disciples. It is not, however, just in his own ministry that we see God at work. In Matthew 10, as in Luke 9 and 10.1-12, Jesus send his disciples out to proclaim the Kingdom in the same way. He also says to the Lawyer, who had rightly understood the parable of the Good Samaritan, ‘Go and do thou likewise’ (Luke 10.25-37).). However, on the other hand, he was challenging the religious authorities. Look, briefly, at Matthew 5-7, the Sermon on the Mount, and note Jesus saying, time after time. ‘but I say to you’. All too soon, he was facing increasing opposition and he has to warn his disciples that he has to go to Jerusalem with all that entails...

The crucial moment seems to come after Peter’s confession of faith, most clearly in Matthew 16.21-23, but also in Mark 8.31-33 and Luke 9.18-22. It is put rather differently in John (today’s Gospel). It may be that the Greeks seeking Jesus is significant (Genesis 12.1-3 again) but Jesus now says that his ‘hour’ has come (echoes of Mark’s ‘kairos’?), and so are we led into Holy Week.

I did suggest that you might think of various hymns which pick up the themes we have covered in the last few weeks. My own selection is as follows: 383 253 583 174 429 What do you think?

Let me know if you would like more such reflections on listening to God and if you have any questions my e-mail is aandabarnard@tiscali.co.uk Have a good Holy Week.

Tony Barnard

Lent Lunches 2024

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with and supported this year's Lent Lunches 2024. Despite slightly inclement 'Monday weather' a large number of people turned out each week to enjoy delicious home made soups, delicious home made breads of various variety and beautiful home made tray bakes and cup cakes! All for £5 including a hot fresh cup of tea coffee or hot chocolate... no wonder we had several 'walkers' and 'passers by' popping in to try the most tasty and best value lunch in town!! This is something we could be offering on a more regular basis and I would be very interested to hear anyone's ideas as to how we might achieve this. Meanwhile we raised nearly £600 for charity. Traditionally we have supported *Kolkata Cathedral Relief Service*.

Final special thank you to everyone who diligently made soup each week. Thank you to Maureen Anderson who supplied freshly made bread and Romey Cunnington for her fabulous cakes. And thank you to all the helpers who served, washed up and cleared away... invaluable!

Wendy Robinson



Living Waters

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday March 26th** at 2 Dunnicliffe Lane. Coffee will be served from 10am and the meeting will end by 12 noon. Ros A. will be leading our discussion. All are welcome.

Alison Gregory

Flower Club

The next Flower Club will be on **Saturday 30th March** (Holy Saturday). Donations of foliage for our Easter arrangements will be gratefully received and may be brought into Church from Maundy Thursday onwards and placed behind the screen at the back of Church. New volunteers are always welcome, please contact Kate in the Parish Office if you would like further info or to be added to the Flower Club 'WhatsApp' group. Rachel Hewitt

Date for your diary

Saturday 18th May 2024, 11am – 3pm – Vintage and Handmade Fayre. Featuring vintage clothing and homeware, jewellery, pet accessories, textiles and handmade goods and much more! Plus, live entertainment and tea room refreshments.

Rachel Hewitt

Intercessions Rota.

I shall shortly be preparing the rota for people leading the intercessions at the 10.30 service. If anyone is interested in joining this team I would be very pleased to hear from them. Please catch me after the service or contact me on 01332 405303 or Alison2gregory@gmail.com. People on the rota can expect to be needed about once every two months. Some people write their own prayers but there is a selection of books which can be used or adapted. Please do consider joining our team. I think is a valuable contribution to our worship.

Alison Gregory

Mothers' Union

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 2nd April at 2:00pm** in the Honner room and will be a talk from the "Safe and Sound" team. "Safe and Sound" began providing safe spaces for young girls who were victims of grooming gangs when the police were not doing anything, and are currently focussing on helping families where children have been enticed into taking drugs across county lines, and will update us on their work in these areas.

All are welcome to come along, you don't need to be a mother or female or belong to MU or to be welcomed at a Mothers' Union meeting. This month we had a female and male guest, and hope they will come again!

Jane Dalton

Easter Cards

Just to let everyone know there are a selection of Easter Cards on the book stall. We have had a delivery of new items over the last few weeks which we hope give the stall a wider variety of items including prayer crosses and bookmarks. A big thank you to everyone who supports the stall it is a dependable income stream and very popular with both locals and visitors.

Maureen Anderson

News from Ticknall

A series of 6 Lent Meetings have been arranged for all in our benefice. These will all be held at Ticknall, St. George's Church. The title of the course is " ALL OF LIFE " Inspired by the Television series 'Call the Midwife'. The remaining meetings are from **11am -12pm on Thursdays 21st March and 14th April**. David Edwards and Nick Gravestock will be leading the meetings and they hope that many of you from all the parishes will come along to some if not all the days.

Mary Hirst

Angels' Delight

Our next Angels' Delight, is at **9.00 a.m. on Wednesday 20th March**, our last session before Easter. Please pass the word around to those who may not get to know otherwise - see you all then!

Jane Dalton

Junior Church Holiday Club and Messy Church

Messy Easter will be Saturday 23rd March, 4 – 5.30pm, all welcome!

I'm very excited to be able to run our first ever holiday club over this coming summer half term!!! The best word to describe a holiday club is 'FUN'! – and it's 'fun' that brings children and their families into church... 'Juggling Steve' will come and help us. There's nothing like a professional entertainer to attract interest and it'll take the pressure off us leaders to help make this the best possible experience for all concerned. I've run many holiday clubs elsewhere, supported by marvellous teams, including many who've taken annual leave to participate. We shall need group leaders and assistants who can come for the four days. These lucky volunteers get to build up strong relationships with the children in their small groups. Storytellers, craft preparers, games leaders, caterers and tidy-uppers are needed for each day. The daily sessions are 10am – 12 noon; each session having a separate, stand-alone Bible theme.

YOU'RE INVITED... New volunteers are always welcome. I'm especially grateful for any practical help for the Easter events as I've broken my wrist. Please take pity on me and get in touch with offers of help!!!

Rachel Coupe (07752 686000 rachel@coupe.me.uk)

Creative Melbourne – Blossoming and Bearing Fruit Project

Friday 22nd March 1.00 – 3.00pm: Free BLOOMING CREATIVE WORKSHOP for UNDER-5's with VICTORIA BROWN also at Wesley Hall. Get Creative with your toddlers taking inspiration from blossom and the beauty of this spring season. Activities will include painting, drawing & getting creative with clay.

Friday 5th April 2.30 – 4.30pm: Free YOUNG PEOPLES BACK TO NATURE WORKSHOP with JANE BEVAN at Whistlewood Common Community Woodland, The Common, Melbourne DE73 8DH. Aged 13 years and above and looking for something fun and interesting and free to do in the school holidays? Then why not come along to a nature-based creative art session for young people, set in the heart of the South Derbyshire countryside. Artist Jane Bevan will take you through a foraging activity where you will source some of the materials for your creations. Campfire and marshmallows to close!

For further information on any of the above workshops and booking please email clarelimbcreates@outlook.com

Matters Musical

Melbourne Evening Services

Our next Evening service is TONIGHT, March 17th, when we have our **Sequence of Passiontide Music and Readings on Passion Sunday at 6.30p.m.** It takes the format of Carol Service, telling the Story of Christ's Passion. Please do come along particularly if you haven't been before.

Also, Monthly **Choral Evensong** at 6.30p.m. continues on **March 31 (Easter Sunday), April 14, May 19, June 9 and July 14.** Please do note the dates and join us for these and the refreshments afterwards.

Sung Lenten Compline

Unfortunately we have not been able to find a suitable date for our Church Choir to offer a Sung Compline this Lent but we will sort out dates for the Spring and Summer and publish them here.

A reminder that on Monday evenings BBC Radio 3 is broadcasting a Sung Lenten Compline which I can highly recommend. Details at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m001g70w>

Future Cathedral Visits

So far we have the following definite bookings for 2024 with others to follow:

Weekend of 6/7 April: Residency at St David's, Pembrokeshire residency

Bank Holiday Monday 6th May: Ely

Bank Holiday Monday 26th August: St. Albans

As usual, there will be full details of each nearer the time with a coach booked for the day trips. We are now finalising accommodation at St David's so do be in touch if you are interested in joining us.

Weekly music suggestions

Here are my music selections for this Passion Sunday, the Fifth Sunday of Lent. In next week's Bulletin for Palm Sunday, I shall also include music suggestions for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

Please do keep in touch: 07808 474236 or simon.e.collins@btinternet.com

Hymns

Lift high the cross	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=08JSCEHR-p8
There's a wideness in God's mercy	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gM1ijdRa7Ls
My song is love unknown	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HMart4wXsI0
Praise to the holiest in the height	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pjPhcD75E34
When I survey the wondrous cross	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z9eCUqz_x5A
We sing the praise of Him who died	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=On5VDxNxM

Choral Music

Herbert Sumsion: There is a green hill far away	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z_Cle6GhkHc
Tallis: Salvator mundi	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xn52A6wK1es
Philip Moore: It is a thing most wonderful	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sC19qQWul_A
Stainer: God so loved the world	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dLvthjDEUnQ
Howells: O Saviour of the world (Requiem)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=in_olw7_RPc
Schütz: Praise to thee, Lord Jesus	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZlVY0yigy0

Organ Music

Zsolt Gárdonyi: Lift high the cross	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QKbVTD-Y34M
J.S.Bach: Herzliebster Jesu (BWV1093)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U-Qmn18pnFM
Brahms: Herzlich tut mich verlangen	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5sQnla1gODY
J.S.Bach: Herzlich tut mich verlangen (BWV727)	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y22PdVTL20g
Denis Bédard: Herzlich thut mich verlangen	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7d5aVwr6GBQ
Max Reger: Passion Op.145, No.4	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8y1Y9SpnCf4

With very best wishes,

Simon Collins

Director of Music

***The Church of England in
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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2024

Services during Holy Week

SUNDAY 24TH MARCH - PALM SUNDAY

Melbourne 8am Morning Prayer

Ticknall 9.15am Holy Communion

Melbourne 10.30 am Procession & Blessing of Palms
and Parish Eucharist

Stanton by Bridge 11am Holy Communion

Smisby 5.30pm Evening Prayer



MONDAY 25TH

7.30PM COMPLINE AT ST. JAMES, SMISBY

TUESDAY 26TH

7.30PM COMPLINE AT MELBOURNE PARISH CHURCH

WEDNESDAY 27TH

7.30PM COMPLINE AT ST. GEORGE'S, TICKNALL

THURSDAY 28TH - MAUNDY THURSDAY

11.00 am Diocesan Chrism Mass - Derby Cathedral

www.derbycathedral.org

7.30pm - Eucharist for Maundy Thursday - St. Michael's, Stanton by Bridge

FRIDAY 29TH - GOOD FRIDAY

2 pm - The Liturgy of The Cross – Melbourne Parish Church

Saturday 30th - Holy Saturday

7.30pm—The Easter Vigil - Melbourne Parish Church

SUNDAY 4TH APRIL - EASTER DAY

8am Holy Eucharist (Said Service) Melbourne Parish Church

9.00am Holy Communion (BCP) - St James, Smisby

9.15 am Holy Communion - St George, Ticknall

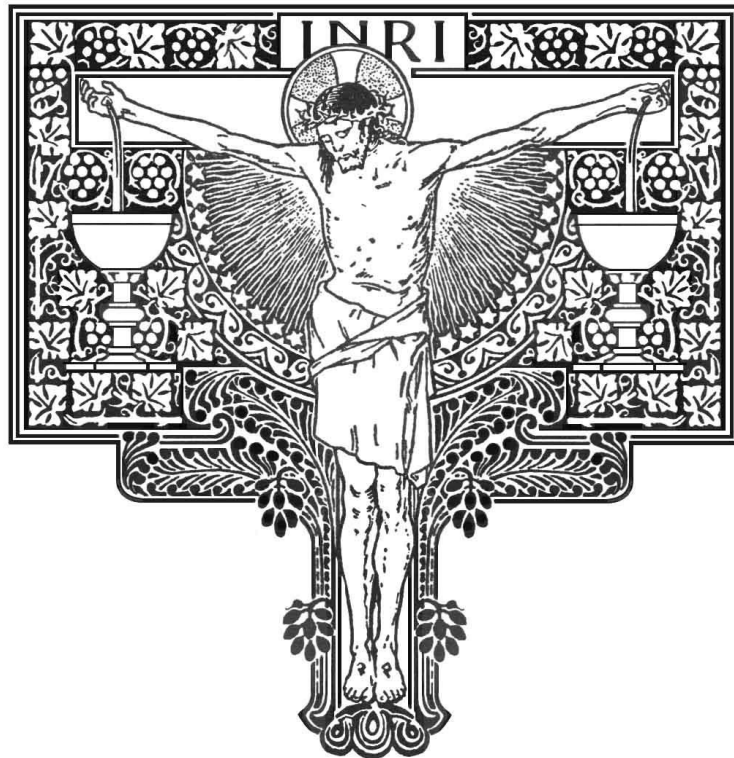
10.30 am Parish Eucharist - Melbourne Parish Church

11.00 am Holy Communion - St Michael, Stanton-by-Bridge



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A Passiontide Sequence of Music & Readings



Melbourne Parish Church

TONIGHT

Passion Sunday

17th March 2024, 6.30p.m.