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

THE BULLETIN

A weekly publication for the Benefice

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Join us for livestreamed Morning Prayer on our Facebook page (Melbourne Parish Church)
Sunday at 10.30 am

From the Rector

Dear all,

A vicar friend from the north of the Derby diocese recently shared his joy at being formally notified that he could soon cease 'shielding' and return to some form of active ministry. He is a faithful parish priest and has, at times, shared his sense of frustration with the restrictions placed on him.

I'm sure that all of us, to a greater or lesser degree, share in that sense of frustration at still not being able to live the pre-lockdown life. Bishop Libby shared recently that, at times, she has felt herself flagging where she wouldn't normally.

Moving forward, we know that we are going to continue living with that uncertainty and that can be incredibly difficult. Please do, though, join me in praying for all those throughout the world working to develop a vaccine!

Autumn and winter almost certainly will look quite different this year as well as the festivals we would naturally celebrate over that time. But that doesn't mean we have nothing to celebrate – someone once said that being a Christian was all about having the best parties' and they are right. Every eucharist shared (whether gathered or dispersed) is a celebration of the Resurrection – God's new life in Jesus Christ triumphing over adversity.

Alongside our celebrations, may we also be mindful of St Paul's words from Romans 12.15 'Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep'. Healthcare professionals have wisely talked about the profound effect on the nation's mental health and we, as a church, need to mindful both of ourselves and also how we can safely minister to the communities we exist to serve.

In our Gospel reading for today, Jesus celebrates an incredible eucharist in the story of the feeding of the five thousand (plus). An

incredible picture of the grace of God working to meet the needs of hungry people.

May God not just satisfy our hunger but fill us to overflowing that we may be a gift of Grace to our communities as the light of hope burns ever brighter in our midst.

Webmaster

After many years of faithful service, Nigel Coupe wishes to stand down from the running of our church website. A huge thank you to Nigel for all his hard work.

So we have an opportunity for service— do get in touch if you would like to take on this valuable ministry or if you know someone who might like to help. This may suit someone with tech skills from outside the church fellowship who might like to share their expertise?

Warden at Melbourne

I am very pleased indeed to announce that we now have a new 'deputy warden' at Melbourne! Dr Terry Gilbert will be known to some of you along with his wife Geraldine having retired to Melbourne in 2018 to be nearer to their daughter and family. In more normal times, we would have held a 'Meeting of the Parishioners' to elect Terry as church warden but until we are able, following the advice of the Archdeacon and Diocesan Registrar, the PCC have elected Terry as a member and deputy warden (allowing for the relevant safeguarding procedures and training) until such time as we can physically hold the necessary meeting. Effectively, Terry will be 'acting warden' working alongside our 'assistant churchwardens' in the running of our services and the wider ministry of a church warden. A huge thank you to Terry and a very warm welcome.

It is worth mentioning here that, as pleased as we are to have Terry, there is still one remaining vacancy for churchwarden. If you feel God might be calling you to this vital ministry, do let me know.

Church reopening for Sunday worship

Work continues throughout the benefice on applying the guidelines to each of our contexts. It will be a necessarily lengthy process if we are to reopen safely but, I'm sure worth the wait. In the meantime, our online worship will continue for a little while longer.

Private Prayer

Thanks to our dedicated team of volunteers, our opening of the church twice most weeks on Wednesdays and Saturdays 2-4 pm has now begun! My thanks to everyone who gathered safely to clean the church and prepare it for the reopening during the week.

We are still on the lookout for more volunteers but unfortunately, due to ongoing Government and National Church guidance, no one above 70 or in an 'at risk' group is able to volunteer at the present time. Some of this guidance may change in early August.

If you would like to volunteer please do get in touch on 01332 864741. If I am unavailable, please do leave your name and contact number.

Church House

Some will have noticed that Church House in Melbourne is now surrounded by scaffolding. This is to enable an exciting project where, in the first instance, the render on the outside of the building will be replaced with something much more complimentary to the surrounding area. Many thanks indeed to the Friends and the PCC for their support and financing of this work.

The Revd Michael Rogers – BA (hons) Humanities

Michael writes:

'For the past 7 years I have been studying at the Open University to achieve a degree as I left school at 16 and apart from my Ministry qualifications I have not had a chance to study for a degree. So in retirement I decided that I would see if my brain was still active and I chose to study for a Bachelor of Art in Humanities.

I started in 2013 and I have just finished my course and have gained a Bachelor of Art (Hons) Hum (Open) which takes effect from 31st August.

It has been a hard slog as I have covered 'The arts past and present': 'Voices and texts': 'Introducing religion': 'Making sense of things': 'Worlds of English': 'Key questions in philosophy' and finally 'Why is religion controversial?'. They have all been interesting topics and I have hopefully learnt a lot from them.

Obviously I am delighted at my success and I look forward to being with you again in person soon.

May God bless you all. Revd Michael Rogers'

Many congratulations to Michael!

Every blessing to you all,

Steve

Music suggestions

Our service this week will be led by our new Curate, Alan Winfield, and the music below picks up on the theme of the feeding of the five thousand from this week's readings. Many thanks to those of you who have been in touch about my weekly suggestions - it's good to know that they have been found helpful and that some use them as preparation for the Facebook service which the Rector and his family have been offering each Sunday at 10.30a.m. Please do keep in touch: 07808 474236 or simon.e.collins@btinternet.com . For this week:

Hymns

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HA24kNXdhrM Guide me O thou great redeemer https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G0LA3GvAUGU There is a redeemer https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8382PrTBOVY https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6rr 4M5LQLo https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXhxbEjfxxc

Bread of the world in mercy broken I heard the voice of Jesus say Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Choral Music

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=heiiATCrwVQ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PgUFeptmPW8 Cesar Franck arr. Rutter: Panis Angelicus https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AdHDAhBERI8 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QGgK02bwF9s https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4esjh8zGBMQ

Vaughan Williams: O taste and see Herbert Howells: Like as the hart Thomas Tallis: O sacrum convivium Handel: Lord, I trust thee

Organ Music

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gq8i69-L-Fs https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ae6S2x3tQFs https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DMg3RJ4NdGY https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HQIu6xDyiwM https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OFILzcK3gWw

Henri Mulet: Carillon-Sortie Herbert Howells: Master Tallis' Testament David N. Johnson: Trumpet Tune in E flat Vaughan Williams: Prelude on 'Rhosymedre' William Harris: Processional March

I look forward to when we can all meet again.

With very best wishes, Simon Collins Director of Music

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

Monday: Those in great poverty or need.

Tuesday: Those who have asked for our prayers: Anne Brazier,

Roo Hubbard, David Hull (priest), David Ingram, Kate

Landenberger Bob Smith, Margaret Stockley Joan Tatam.

Those in Derby's hospitals and hospices. All at Pool Cottage.

All who are suffering from Covid-19.

Wednesday: Our group of parishes and our diocese. For our bishop, bishop Libby and our new cathedral dean, Peter.

Thursday: The church worldwide. All Christian people.

The local church. The Anglican Communion.

Friday: All in need, especially the hungry, poor and homeless.

The Departed

We give thanks for the life and ministry of Shirley Granelli, a former sacristan at Melbourne who died recently. We also remember those whose anniversaries occur near this time among them Alec Bailey, Terry Ashman and Reg Deptford.

Bible Readings for Today

New Testament Reading – *Romans 9.1-5*

I am speaking the truth in Christ – I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit – I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13.14-21

When Jesus heard that Herod had beheaded John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Collect for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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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 Steve or the parish office. Thank you.

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

2 Corinthians 9.10