

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

# THE BULLETIN

A weekly publication for the Benefice

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020**



## Trinity 17

### Across the Benefice Today

10.30 am **Parish Eucharist – Melbourne**  
*the Revd Michael Rogers*

10.30 am **Morning Prayer – Ticknall**  
*David Edwards*

11.00 am **Holy Communion – Stanton-By-Bridge**  
*the Revd Steve Short / the Revd Alan Winfield*

## **From the Rector**

It was a real privilege to be in the cathedral last Sunday for Alan's ordination and I have written to the Dean to pass on our thanks for all the work his team undertook in hosting 3 almost back-to-back ordinations. Thank you to those who were able to join us online. Ordination is a recognition of many things. First among them is, as Bishop Michael Perham used to say, an increased awareness of the grace of God. None of us are worthy of our calling but called we all are nonetheless. Each ordinand being ordained will have talked extensively about their vocation to quite a few people along the Way – their journey with God; the twists and turns that will have led them to deaconing and then to priesting. Ordination is a focus of the church's ministry but not the sum of it, thankfully. Without exception, all of us are called into service by and through the love of God. Each of us has a vocation and a blessing as unique as each of us are. We are united in knowing, as our Gospel reading for today tells us, that the cornerstone of our faith, all that we do, is Jesus himself – the cornerstone that was rejected. We have a crucified, risen and ascended Saviour who identifies with us in each twist and turn of life. The one who calls us is the one who knows rejection but also knows his Father's affirmation. May we all be affirmed in our vocation to serve and be served, building a Kingdom that cannot be stopped.

### **Calling Private Prayer Pilgrims**

A reminder that Individual prayer opportunities are still available in Melbourne Parish Church each Wednesday afternoon from 2-4 pm. No need to book, just turn up. Entry by the North Door. From the 1st November the opening times will change to 12.30 pm – 2 pm. For Remembrance Day, Wednesday 11 November the Church will be open from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm. My very grateful thanks to the 'Prayer Pilgrim Team' for all their work in hosting our prayer pilgrims.

## **Booking your place for Sunday worship at Melbourne**

Thank you to all those who booked their place using the below contacts. Just a few notes of clarification on the booking process: -to be as fair as possible to everyone who might wish to attend, booking will, at present, need to be every week. The booking line and email will be active from 10 am each Monday morning for the following Sunday.

-the above means that block booking isn't possible but it has been lovely to see that people have been indicating they would like to attend week by week!

To book your place/places (clarifying if you are attending alone or in a 'bubble') please contact Rachel Short, ideally by email on: **rach.short27@gmail.com** or by phone: **07747 898638**. To comply with 'track and trace' requirements, worshippers will be asked to supply name and telephone numbers.

If you wish to attend regularly, we will ask permission to keep your details for longer than the current 21-day period to enable ease of booking on future Sundays.

## **COVID protocols**

You will notice that it may take a little longer than usual to enter the church in order to ensure contact details have been taken and everyone has sanitised their hands. Again, in line with national requirements, masks will need to be worn unless you are exempt. Stewards and acting warden (or deputy) will be on hand to show worshippers to their allotted seat as per the seating plan to ensure that social distancing is observed. Entrance will be via the North Door (facing Church Square) and exiting, for approximately half the congregation, by the South Door (facing towards the Pool), sanitising hands once again on leaving.

## **Reopening at Smisby**

Work is being earnestly undertaken so that worship may soon begin again throughout our benefice. More news on Smisby reopening coming soon...

## **Harvest Festival at Melbourne**

Although it won't quite be the service I would like to hold, we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30 am**. In the midst of the pandemic, we still have much to thank God for through the beauty of creation and particularly those who work so hard to meet our needs. The COVID restrictions mean that, for this year, we won't be able to have a Harvest collection and offering. Instead, may I encourage you to donate directly to the **Padley Centre** supporting the homeless and other vulnerable people and families. This can be through a drop off or a monetary donation.

### **Donating Money**

You can make a one off or set up a monthly donation online at [justgiving.com/padley](https://justgiving.com/padley)

Donate in person at the Padley Hub on East Street or send a cheque made payable to 'Padley Group' to Padley Hub 27 East Street Derby DE1 2AL.

If you are a UK tax payer you can register to gift aid your donation, this means that HMRC will donate an extra 25p for every £1 you

give. you can sign up to Gift Aid on JustGiving, at the Padley Hub or if you are sending us a cheque please click [HERE](#) to print a form off and send directly to the Padley Centre.

### **From the Padley website:**

**To book a donation drop off please call 01332 774480**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic you will now need to book a slot to bring your donations to our centre for people experiencing

homelessness. This is to ensure social distancing can be implemented and due to the lower number of staff and volunteers on site we need to make sure they are not overwhelmed with too many all in one go.

## **Items for donation**

### **FOOD ITEMS**

Cheese, cooking oil, fruit, margarine/butter, vegetables sausages, bacon, fresh meat, sliced bread, fruit squash, long life milk, biscuits, cook-in-sauces, sugar, flour, sauces – red, brown, mayonnaise, jam, gravy granules, tinned custard, tinned fish, tinned fruit, tinned meat, tinned meatballs, tinned ravioli, tinned rice pudding, tinned vegetables.

### **NON-FOOD ITEMS**

Deodorant, disposable razors, kitchen rolls, shaving foam, toilet rolls, washing powder, washing up liquid, clothes, sleeping bags thermal hats, gloves, socks, scarves, coats, shoes, unused underwear, books, bric a brac, jewellery, blankets, bedding.

Every blessing, Steve

## **CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**

Autumn winds are blowing and once again it is time to count up our donations to the Children's Society. Times are difficult as we all know and because of Covid restrictions it is almost certain that we will have to explore alternative ways of holding our Christingle service this year. However, the Society are still extremely grateful for any funds we are able to raise.

May I then ask those kind people who hold a Society collection box to return it to me at 23 Castle Street, Melbourne, or if it is easier for you please give me a ring on 01332 862013 and I will pick it up at a

time convenient to you. (An answer phone is always on if you wish to leave your name and telephone number.)  
Thanking you all in advance, Avril Harrison

## **PENS FOR SALE!**

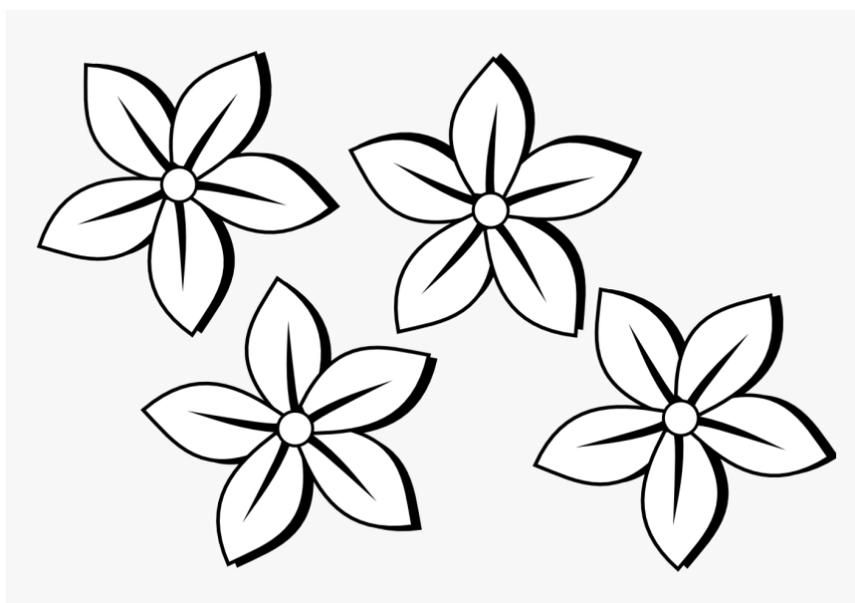
Mothers' Union members are selling stylish colourful black ink gel pens for the bargain price of £1. We are trying to raise a little money so that we can carry on our Charity work. We haven't been able to hold our usual meetings but the work of the Mothers' Union with families here in the U.K. and around the world is still carrying on and is much in demand. Please help us to play our part by buying a pen.

Ros Bell

## **News from Jen Smallwood, our flower guild coordinator**

Very sadly, following a number of injuries that need recuperation, Jen has indicated that she needs to step down from this important role. I am very grateful indeed to Jen for all she has done and pray that she will soon make a full recovery as she continues to be most ably supported by John.

If anyone would like to volunteer, please speak to Steve, Terry or Linda. Many thanks again to Jen.



**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 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 benefice and our diocese. For our bishop, bishop Libby and our cathedral dean, Peter.

**Thursday:** Our schools as they continue their new academic year. 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 also remember those whose anniversaries occur near this time among them Mary Pass, Jean Williamson, Maurice Baker.

**Collect for Trinity 17**

Gracious God,  
you call us to fullness of life:  
deliver us from unbelief  
and banish our anxieties  
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Bible Readings for Today**

### **Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 5.1-7**

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.  
He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in  
it;  
he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.  
What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in  
it?  
When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.  
I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be  
overgrown with briars and thorns;  
I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting;  
he expected justice, but saw bloodshed;  
righteousness, but heard a cry!

### **Gospel Reading: Matthew 21.33-end**

‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a  
vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a  
watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another  
country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the

tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes"?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

## **Prayer after Communion**

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Daily Hope**

The Church of England continues to run a free phoneline service of hymns, reflections and prayers. To access call: **0800 804 8044**

## **Contact Us**

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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, one of the wardens or the parish office. Thank you.

## **The Friends of Melbourne Parish Church AGM 2020 Monday 5 October, 7 pm**

We are holding our AGM by Zoom this year, for obvious reasons.

The notice has already gone out by email to members. If you are a member and would like to attend, please let me know by close of play on Monday 28 September by email ([gordonhughes007@btinternet.com](mailto:gordonhughes007@btinternet.com)) or phone (07837 592 596) and I will send you the necessary papers and link. You would need to have the necessary Zoom software loaded on your device.

Gordon Hughes



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