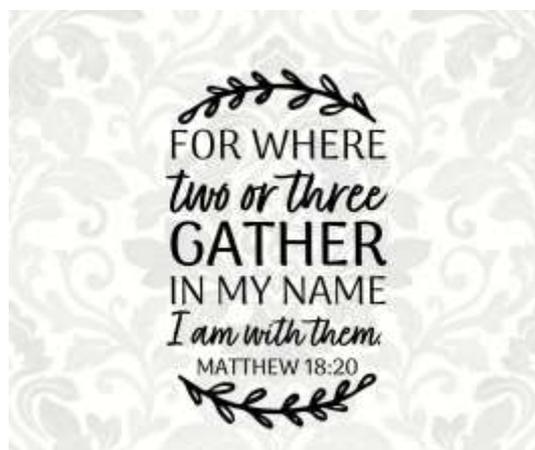


THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN MELBOURNE, SMISBY,
STANTON-BY-BRIDGE AND TICKNALL

THE BULLETIN

A weekly publication for the Benefice

Sunday 6th September 2020



The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Across the Benefice Today-the Return begins!

- 10.30 am **Parish Eucharist – Melbourne**
-the Revd Steve Short & the Revd-to-be Alan Winfield
- 11.00 am **Morning Prayer - Stanton-By-Bridge**
-the Revd Michael Rogers

Dear all,

Welcome back!

It is a huge joy to be able to welcome worshippers back to Melbourne and Stanton this week! Thank you so much to everyone who was worked incredibly hard to enable this to happen.

As I have mentioned previously, we are operating in uncharted waters acknowledging those wonderful words from Isaiah 43 'when you pass through the waters, I will be with you.' We are on a very steep learning curve together so please continue to be patient during this particular journey.

Some will notice that we have been relatively 'light' on the publicity for this week's reopening. This has been deliberately the case to enable us to reflect on how this week's acts of worship go given the necessary COVID restrictions. For next week, however, there will be more of a fanfare!

Booking your place 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 will 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 and Ticknall

Work is also being earnestly undertaken so that worship may soon begin again throughout our benefice. In Ticknall we hope to reopen on Sunday 27th September with more news on Smisby soon.

Warden at Melbourne

From our 'Contact us' section, you will see that Terry as our acting warden is now beginning his new ministry amongst us. 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 speak to myself or Terry.

Alan's Ordination as Deacon

This Sunday is also a celebration for Alan as he finally gets to minister in one of our benefice churches! You might remember that, due to the pandemic, the services of ordination have had to be postponed?

Alan was licensed as a lay worker to our benefice by bishop Libby on July 5th but this was only ever intended to be a 'stepping stone' whilst the ordinations services were rearranged when lockdown easing allowed. It is good news that the ordinations have been set for the Michaelmas weekend at the end of September and Alan will be ordained deacon at a service in Derby Cathedral on Sunday 27th September at 2 pm. Unfortunately, the worship will be subject to the current regulations meaning that there will be very few able to attend. This aside, I'm sure the service will be a wonderful occasion where God is powerfully present as Alan takes 'Holy Orders'. Do please pray for Alan, Sue and the family as this momentous and holy day draws closer.

Every blessing,

Steve

From Kate

Thank you to all who have sent me cards, presents and good wishes during my illness; I am truly overwhelmed with them all. I am feeling much better now but still have chemotherapy to undergo so I won't be around for a while. Take good care of yourselves and thank you once again. Till soon, Kate xx

**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 Elizabeth May Ross, Montague Clifford, John Pass, Cyril Barker.

Bible Readings for Today

Old Testament Reading – *Ezekiel 33.7-11*

The word of the Lord came to me: So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, 'O wicked ones, you shall surely die,' and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: 'Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?'

Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 18.15-20*

Jesus spoke to his disciples. 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

Collect for Trinity 13

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer after Communion

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Daily Hope

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

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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.

Jesus said,

**‘The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve,
and to give up his life as a ransom for many.’**

Mark 10.45

**Please take this order of service home with you
to minimise any transmission risk.**