

**The United Benefice of the parishes of Melbourne,  
Smisby, Stanton by Bridge and Ticknall**



# **The Easter Bulletin**

*A weekly publication for the Benefice*

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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Of Easter**

**Join us for livestreamed worship on our Facebook page  
(Melbourne Parish Church) Sunday at 10.30 am!**



Dear All,

**Church of England Prayer Booklet** the booklets have now arrived. Please do get in touch to secure your copy.

**Church of England free phonenumber – ‘Daily Hope’** is a free resource especially for those without internet access. By phoning **0800 804 8044** you can hear a message from the Archbishop of Canterbury as well as a selection of hymns, reflections and prayers. Do pass the number on to those you think might benefit from using it.

**New Dean of Derby Cathedral** – from the Cathedral website: *“Derby Cathedral is delighted to announce The Venerable Peter Robinson as the next Dean of Derby.*

*Peter is currently the Archdeacon of Lindisfarne in the Diocese of Newcastle, a position he has held since 2008.*

*Peter worked in the oil industry before being ordained in 1995; he trained for ministry at Cranmer Hall in Durham and served his curacy in North Shields.*

*Peter said: “I feel honoured to have been appointed Dean of Derby. I look forward to working with new colleagues and to engaging with the all Derby Cathedral’s stakeholders in the city, across Derbyshire, the whole diocese and beyond.*

*“I am only too aware that my arrival coincides with a time when we are having to imagine new ways of worshiping and relating to each other as Christian people.*

*“My hope and prayer is that we will be able to reimagine the life of our cathedral in the years to come, to deepen its local impact and to serve the communities and parishes of the diocese.”*

*He will take up his new position in the summer, as the coronavirus restrictions allow.”*

Do please pray for Peter as he prepares to move to our diocese.

**A minor miracle** in the scheme of things...it was quite a thrill earlier this week whilst shopping in Sainsbury’s the first packet of self-raising flour that I’d seen in weeks! NB I didn’t panic buy only purchasing the one unit.

There continue to be miracles both seen and unseen that bless us through this lockdown. They don’t take away the anxieties that we face but, hopefully, they do provide seeds of hope and inspiration for now and for the future.

In our gospel passage set for this week from John chapter 10, Jesus uses two key phrases. Firstly that he is ‘the gateway for the sheep’ and towards the end of the chapter ‘I came that they may have life and have it abundantly’. Even now -and perhaps especially now- Jesus is the gateway to abundant life. This

is a life which takes in all the highs and the lows and everything in-between. It is the gift of heaven, eternal life, which is to be ours both now and in our eternal future feeding in the rich new pastures Jesus promises us.

The way through this gateway is to hear his voice. In the scriptures, in the prayer of the church gathered and dispersed, in others, Jesus still calls us. He is present in the boat with us when we experience the storms of life and is able to calm the waters when we are not.

It is my hope and prayer for you that you know this peace, knowing that we are always called forward by our Good Shepherd who will never leave us.

Every blessing,

*Steve*

### **Ruth Barkaway:**

It was very sad news indeed to hear of the passing of Ruth Barkaway on Thursday morning. She died peacefully at Brookfields Nursing Home, Derby. Now united with her beloved John, Choirmaster and Organist from 1962 to 1975, Ruth was a stalwart supporter of the Parish Church in numerous ways. Not least was her support for the choir and its music, a great enthusiast and encourager in all its activities. Despite her recent years in residential care, her interest and concern for the Parish and its people never waned; she was an avid reader of the weekly Bulletin and would never miss opportunities to quiz visitors about 'goings-on' in Melbourne. Her many Melbourne friends will have precious memories of her warmth, humour, enthusiasm and total *joie de vivre*. In her presence one was never lost for conversation, her broad interests were complemented with an amazing memory and clear conviction to Christian principles. Her love of church music was a special companion to the last, tuning into the weekly Choral Evensong on the radio and playing CDs.

Ruth will be remembered for many qualities, perhaps most of all for how she radiated love and concern for people, especially her family, Anne, Hilary, Jill, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. May she rest in the love of God.

*Laurence Rogers*

### **Music suggestions for Eastertide and VE Day:**

We're still deep into the Easter season at 'Good Shepherd' Sunday, but this Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May, will see the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day so this week I offer suggestions for that too. The Bank Holiday was moved to accommodate this special occasion but unfortunately, the many celebrations that were planned

have had to be postponed for now. As well as listening during the week, I understand that some of you use my suggestions as preparation for the service that the Rector and his family stream for us each Sunday. Please do contact me with any comments or suggestions for the future via 07808 474236 or [simon.e.collins@btinternet.com](mailto:simon.e.collins@btinternet.com) . For this week then:

### **Hymns**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iu83WQdQ7-Y>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n5uIWEbXgF0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=txsQvkwQliQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ezuuH7fKYo>

**for VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May):**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rsHlwXTjAOU>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bvouc8Qs\\_MI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bvouc8Qs_MI)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=041nXAAAn714>

### **Choral Music**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TRIHfSzVFck>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pUBF7kNVlbY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bwVEIxKp-0>

**for VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May):**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qOpnRAOxpLE>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0eiXWzKj\\_mo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0eiXWzKj_mo)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=icJ-UaXGlnw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rgThh7sDgNM>

### **Organ Music**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ui5\\_MP3Vws](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ui5_MP3Vws)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dX0S6LkU\\_GY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dX0S6LkU_GY)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j-Yo\\_kQDNMw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j-Yo_kQDNMw)

**for VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May):**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dUu3nK7xJWU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F20w5Mb7PcA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ATQH7bhy180>

With all good wishes,  
Simon Collins

*Director of Music*

## **A note to the Melbourne congregation on planned giving envelopes and Standing Orders**

I very much appreciate that at present and sometime into the future, circumstances remain uncertain and quite difficult. Some congregation members with regular envelopes have, though, expressed concerns over lack of, or accumulation of envelopes.

As the envelopes were only available for collection from church for a short time before lockdown, only about half of the envelopes were collected, but for all envelope users, the usual means of giving is no longer available, even if you have the envelopes.

You will appreciate that many of our expenses are still due and please do not take this as any sort of appeal for more money, but the option of using a Standing Order is available, albeit temporarily. The same could apply to those who have frequently used the yellow envelopes, that were primarily designed for occasional visitors.

If you would like to take advantage of this, please contact Steve Webster or Brian Bolton, who can sort out the necessary paperwork and advise you what to do.

Regarding the accumulation of envelopes, if it is safe and practical to do so, I am happy (having talked with members of the finance committee) for envelopes to be posted through the Rectory letterbox. I can then pass them onto a member of our regular counting team who can process the envelopes and prepare them for banking. If you normally have envelopes and weren't able to receive them ahead of the lockdown, perhaps you would consider reserving giving as though you had them? When conditions permit, donations could be given then.

Again, I very much appreciate that these are challenging times and even though the church building doors are locked, the church of God across our benefice is still very much in business praying and pastoring, fulfilling the mission to which we have been called. In all our work and giving, to quote Dag Hammarskjold, former secretary-general of the United Nations, 'For all that has been, Thank you. For all that is to come, Yes!'

Yours in Christ,

*Steve*

### **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, Bob Smith and Margaret Stockley.

Those in Derby's hospitals and hospices. All at Pool Cottage. All who are suffering from Covid-19.

**Wednesday:** Our group of parishes.

**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**

In our prayers this week, we can remember those who have died recently, among them Ruth Barkaway and Andy Jackson, and those whose anniversaries occur near this time among them Harriet Wright, Madge Limbert and Jonathan Franks.

## **The Readings for today:**

**First Reading:** *Acts 2.42-end*

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

**Gospel Reading:** *John 10.1-10*

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be

saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

### **Additional Collect:**

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.

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