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STANTON-BY-BRIDGE AND TICKNALL**

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The Transfiguration



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

From the Rector

Dear all,

Today we celebrate a wonderful feast – that of the Transfiguration. It is the ultimate in ‘mountain top’ experiences, catching a glimpse of who Jesus is. Thank you in advance to Michael Rogers for his sermon. Thank you also to Alan for leading last week’s service, very much appreciated indeed.

In catching that glimpse of Jesus, we see his glory as he is transfigured before Peter, James and John. It is, remarkably, a glory we are promised, too, in the fullness of heaven. ‘Glory’ was the also *the* key theological facet for one of my heroes of the faith, Archbishop Michael Ramsey. He wrote *‘the Transfiguration stands as a gateway to the saving events of the gospel, and is a mirror in which the Christian mystery may be seen in its unity. Here we perceive that the living and the dead are one in Christ, that the old covenant and the new are inseparable, that the Cross and the glory are one, that the age to come is already here, that our human nature has a destiny of glory, that in Christ the final Word is uttered, and in him alone the father is well pleased.’* (The Glory of God and the Transfiguration of Christ).

Many years later, on his death bed, Ramsey stared at the crucifix placed on a wall the near the end of his bed and simply mouthed ‘glory’ repeatedly. It was his prayer one that shaped his whole life and ministry. May that same ‘glory’ shape us and remind us what we are promised ‘on earth as it is in heaven.’

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 continues!

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 marks The Transfiguration which is marked on August 6th or the nearest Sunday, as we are doing today. Thanks for the kind comments about my weekly suggestions – it's good to know that they are 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 then:

Hymns

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ShHBkU1HnKA>

Christ whose glory fills the skies (Ratisbon)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJq3bhdgQoc>

Christ be our light

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d71Y6vGQkRQ>

Hail to the Lord's anointed

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ezSQHf8zeaU>

Be still, for the presence of the Lord

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

How shall I sing that majesty

Choral Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6HFvgjCOo70>

Tallis: O nata lux

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=62ttyjde-ZY>

Ives: There is a land of pure delight

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0eiXWzKj_mo

Harris: Holy is the true light

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=azVITZ-zNAs>

Anon 16th Century: Rejoice in the Lord

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=skwx_n8DNXc

Harris: Bring us, O Lord

Organ Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y-2RGVMbKjA>

Thalben-Ball: Variation on 'Ratisbon'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIAHdNmyJ7A>

C.S.Lang: Tuba Tune in D

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l3UuGPCCm_I

Bach: Jesu, joy of mans' desiring (BWV147)

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

Dubois: Toccata in G

I look forward to when we can all meet again in person.

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 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 remember with thanksgiving those who have died recently among them David Hull (priest) former honorary associate priest in the benefice of Barlborough and Clowne. We remember those whose anniversaries occur near this time among them Jean Mills and Stanley Pearce.

Bible Readings for Today

New Testament Reading – *Daniel 7. 9-10, 13-14*

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 9. 28b-36*

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" -- not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Collect for the Transfiguration

Father in heaven,
whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured
before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain,
and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem:
give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross
that in the world to come we may see him as he is;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
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.

**Jesus spoke to them, saying,
‘I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness
but will have the light of life.’
John 8.12**