

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

THE BULLETIN

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The Blessed Virgin Mary

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

From the Rector

Dear all,

Mel Gibson's 2004 film 'The Passion of the Christ' was certainly not for the fainthearted. The crucifixion scenes were particularly gruesome but, then, they would have been. For a degree of authenticity, many of the characters spoke in the Aramaic language Jesus would have used (there were English subtitles!).

As well as direct quotes from the scriptures, the film also included 'extra-biblical' material, dialogue and depictions inspired by scriptures but not included in the Bible directly.

One such example is a charming encounter between the adult Jesus and his mother, Mary, before Jesus begins his public ministry. You can watch the YouTube link here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H5WM2NabiUc>

I'll also put the link on our Facebook page.

In the clip, Jesus has made an unusually-designed table and there follows a playful exchange between Jesus and Mary. Whilst not in the scriptures, it is the kind of encounter my eye of faith likes to believe would have happened, showing the twinkle in his eye as well as the sense of humour of both Jesus and his mother.

As we celebrate and venerate Mary today, we are reminded of someone who, despite an enormous cost throughout her life, said yes. Mary's was a decision of faith, yes, but also one of strength, love and trust. The Magnificat (featured as our Gospel reading this morning) is hugely subversive in its tone – such is the Kingdom of God.

Mary inspires all of us in our journey of faith as each of us is chosen by God and called to live out our vocation in a faithful obedience that, paradoxically, brings freedom and 'life in all its fullness.'

*Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven. Alleluia!
He whom Thou wast meet to bear. Alleluia!
As He promised hath arisen. Alleluia!
Pour for us to God thy prayer. Alleluia!*

-The Regina Coeli

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

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.

Church reopening for Sunday worship

It is my hope and prayer that, subject diocesan approval, we may be in a position to reopen for Sunday worship in early September. The work continues in earnest preparing a draft risk assessment that can be reviewed and then submitted to our archdeacon. Watch this space.

Private Prayer

Thanks to our growing dedicated team of volunteers, our opening of the church twice most weeks on Wednesdays and Saturdays 2-4 pm continues.

Our records show that there have been around 8 visitors per session.

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.

Every blessing to you all,

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

Music suggestions

Our service this week commemorates The Blessed Virgin Mary. Her day is marked yesterday, 15th August, so we celebrate that today. Thank you to those 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 . Here are this week's suggestions:

Hymns

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s6ji4y9Q-K0>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lWS-Jtaly7w>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xwkca-3GiM4>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L-Rv-J46gvM>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fup7LsDZjTk>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tXmrNZKJ3-A>

Tell out my soul
For Mary, Mother of our Lord (St. Botolph)
Ye who own the faith of Jesus
The Angel Gabriel from heaven came
Jesus, good above all other
Sing we of the Blessèd Mother

Choral Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fpB9mQHORlg>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2glsZkMb5V8>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=60uVwwVch74>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=poAehRMwdMA>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rNUZjxMiEiQ>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LUWKSTysnpg>

Herbert Howells: 'Collegium Regale' Magnificat
Healey Willan: Fair in face
Healey Willan: Rise up, my love, my fair one
Philip Stopford: Ave Maria
John Tavener: Mother of God, here I stand
Stanford: Magnificat in C

Organ Music

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vfle3H_R3X8
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=grDfw4lwq1k>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nv2YlKlYws>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Co8w404Z3l>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2QTeN1CqmE4>

J.S.Bach: Fugue on the Magnificat (BWV 733)
Jonathan Y. Tan: Improvisations on 'St. Botolph'
Peeters: Toccata, Fugue & Hymne 'Ave Maris Stella'
Healey Willan: Prelude on 'Gelobt sei gott'
Herbert Sumsion: Ceremonial March

I hope you are all keeping well and I look forward to seeing you soon.

With 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 those whose anniversaries occur near this time among them Elsie Hamilton, Betsy Louise Ireland, Richard Williamson, Bernard Brookbanks and Vera Pipes.

Bible Readings for Today

New Testament Reading – *Isaiah 61.10-11*

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 1.46-55*

Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." And Mary remained with Elizabeth about three months and then returned to her home.

Collect for the Blessed Virgin Mary

Almighty God,
who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and chose her to be the mother of your only Son:
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood
may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ your Son 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.

**Mary said, ‘Here am I, the servant of the Lord;
let it be to me according to your word.’
Luke 1.38**

