

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

THE BULLETIN

A weekly publication for the Benefice

Sunday 11th October 2020



Trinity 18

Across the Benefice Today

10.30 am **Parish Eucharist – Melbourne**
the Revd Steve Short / the Revd Alan Winfield

10.30 am **Harvest Festival – Ticknall**
David Edwards

Stanton-by-Bridge join with Swarkestone

From the Rector

National Safeguarding Report

Many of us will have seen the very difficult headlines during the last week concerning the publication of the report by the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) concerning the Church of England. Bishop Libby, our diocesan bishop, has written this response:

“Today the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) published its report into the Church of England. The Archbishops of Canterbury and York, alongside the CofE lead safeguarding bishop and the national director of safeguarding have set out their thoughts in an open letter.

We would like to assure you of our shared and joint commitment to Safeguarding and place this at the heart of our Diocese. Safeguarding is a fundamental expression of our faith and a sign of the Kingdom of God. At this difficult time, we will support those affected by the publication of the report.

The new safeguarding leadership team including Hannah Hogg, Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor and Helen Jebb, Independent Chair of Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel in the Diocese of Derby will be taking time to digest and understand the outcomes and learning from the report and are committed to making changes which promote a safer church culture.

If you or anyone you are in contact with are affected by the publication of this report and want to talk to someone independently please call the Safe Spaces helpline on 0300 303 1056 or email: safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk. There are also other support services available.

Alternatively, please contact the diocesan safeguarding team in Derby (01332 388678)”

As a national church together, we clearly have much to learn and reflect on. Jesus in John 10.10 reminds us that he has come to bring ‘abundant life’ or ‘life in all its fullness’. Our faith tells us that we want

everyone to be able to flourish and to know the love of God which encourages, builds up and nurtures. We know that for all too many survivors of abuse, due to the terrible actions of some, that the opposite has been the case. We continue to strive for a church where all are welcome and where all are safe from harm. I commend to our prayers all who have suffered abuse of any kind that they may receive the support, care and understanding that they so desperately need and deserve.

Melbourne APCM

On Sunday 18th October we will be holding, due to COVID guidance, a shortened annual meeting after our morning service. We will aim to begin around 11.30 am with the election of church wardens followed by the annual meeting itself. To attend, ideally, please attend the service prior to the meeting and book your place as per a normal Sunday service. Alternatively, we can supply a 'Zoom' invitation to attend virtually. If you would like this emailed to you please get in touch with Rachel Coupe
via email on: rachel@coupe.me.uk

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 a 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

Great news!! Observing Covid restrictions, Smisby Church will be reopening on Sunday 25th October for Evening Prayer at 5.30pm.

Harvest Festival at Melbourne

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

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 a cheque please 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 Margaret Weston, Alfred Gunn and Mabel Brame.



Harvest Collect

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
Amen.

Bible Readings for Today

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 28.1-14

If you will only obey the Lord your God, by diligently observing all his commandments that I am commanding you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth; ²all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the Lord your God:

Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb, the fruit of your ground, and the fruit of your livestock, both the increase of your cattle and the issue of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading-bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.

The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before you; they shall come out against you one way, and flee before you seven ways. The Lord will command the blessing upon you in your barns, and in all that you undertake; he will bless you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. The Lord will establish you as his holy people, as he has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in his ways. All the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they shall be afraid of you. The Lord will make you abound in prosperity, in the fruit of your womb, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground in the land that the Lord swore to your ancestors to give you. The Lord will open for you

his rich storehouse, the heavens, to give the rain of your land in its season and to bless all your undertakings. You will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow. The Lord will make you the head, and not the tail; you shall be only at the top, and not at the bottom—if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I am commanding you today, by diligently observing them, and if you do not turn aside from any of the words that I am commanding you today, either to the right or to the left, following other gods to serve them.

Gospel Reading: Luke 12.16-30

Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

He said to his disciples, ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?*- If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin;*- yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

Prayer after Communion

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
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, one of the wardens or the parish office. Thank you.

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to minimise any transmission risk.**