

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

THE BULLETIN

A weekly publication for the Benefice

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Remembrance



**Join us for live streamed worship on our
Facebook page (Melbourne Parish Church)
Sunday at 9.30am**

From the Rector

As we enter lockdown once again, please be assured of my prayers for everyone in our benefice group of Melbourne, Smisby, Stanton-By-Bridge and Ticknall. Unfortunately, public worship on a Sunday is not permitted during lockdown so, as before, our services will be going online broadcast from our Facebook page ('Melbourne Parish Church') – everyone is warmly invited to join those services.

For this Remembrance Sunday, our service will be a special service of remembrance beginning at 9.30 am. The order of service will be available to download from our Facebook page. As usual, we will continue to email out the bulletin and order of service. If you would like to be included on that list, please let us know on: melbourneparishchurch@gmail.com or 01332 862153.

Thankfully, regulations allow churches to be open for Private Prayer and this will continue at Melbourne Parish Church on Wednesdays 12.30pm to 2pm. Please note that on the 11th November, the church will be open from 11am – 1pm. We are also hoping to be able to open the church for Private Prayer on Saturdays during the lockdown also between 12.30pm and 2pm – watch this space.

I include here an open letter to the nation written by our Archbishops:

Dear Friends,

These are deeply challenging and difficult times for us all. When we are surrounded by fear and suffering, it can be hard to feel hopeful. This coming winter feels like it will be longer and darker than usual.

There is a story in the Bible where Jesus and his disciples are caught in a storm. The disciples are understandably terrified as the wind and waves threaten to overpower them. 'Why are you so afraid?', Jesus asks. This year, we too have been caught in a storm which often feels overwhelming. And yet we can look to Jesus, in the boat with us, who calms the storm and comforts us in our fear.

We are writing to share our belief that whoever you are, and whatever you happen to believe, you are loved by God. Beyond measure. We

also want you to know that we are praying for you, particularly asking that Christ's love will comfort us, calm our fears, and lead our nation and our world through this terrible pandemic. Starting this week, we have asked every church to pray each day at 6pm. We invite you to join with us. You'll be able to find simple resources on the Church of England website and social media channels.

There are three other responses that we want to encourage everyone to consider –

First, let's be calm. By only buying what we need and not hoarding, or by reaching out to our neighbours as we did during the first lockdown, we can be stronger together in ways that are impossible if we go it alone.

When things go wrong - as they always will with such complex challenges - let us look for good and right ways forward together.

Secondly, let's be courageous. There are many reasons to be fearful at the moment, but the story of Christ calming the waves calls us to give our fears to Jesus and have faith in Him. The British willingness just to get on with things is one of our very best characteristics – let us not be paralysed by fear. We will all need each other's courage in the months to come.

Thirdly, let's be compassionate. So many of us are holding so much pain – our own and the pain of those we love. We will need to be gentle, kind and patient with each other. In the first wave we showed we are a nation of compassion and kindness. Let's dig deep and keep that love for our neighbours strong in this second time of struggle.

Even though there is much darkness around us, there are also many points of light in the weeks ahead.

This Sunday is Remembrance Day. As we remember the courage and sacrifice of those who gave everything for this nation in war, we are also reminded of the possibility for hope after destruction, of new life after suffering. In the coming weeks, there are great religious ceremonies. For Hindus, Sikhs and Jains there is Diwali, the festival of light. Sikhs

will celebrate the birth of Guru Nanak. The Jewish community will observe Hanukkah. Many Muslim communities have just celebrated Eid-e-Milad, the anniversary of the birth of Muhammad.

Soon it will be Christmas. At his birth Jesus was also called Emmanuel. It's a word that appears in lots of carols. It means 'God is with us'. And this is the message of Christmas: in Jesus, God is with us, sharing our darkness and our struggles, bringing comfort and joy. It is the source of our hope. As the Bible says: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." (John 1:5) Let us shine in the darkness of this winter.

May God bless you and keep you, and all those you love.

The Most Revd & Rt Hon Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury
The Most Revd & Rt Hon Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York

I commend the invitation of our archbishops to us all – let us be renewed in prayer and in so doing be calm, be courageous and be compassionate for the Lord, our God, is with us.

Stewardship Giving

Echoing reports at our Annual Meeting, I want to pass on my very grateful thanks to everyone who is able to support us financially at this time. Over the next four weeks of the lockdown, if it is safe for you to do so, stewardship envelopes and donations may be posted through the Rectory letterbox. Thank you.

Every blessing, Steve

Results of Elections

At the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on 18th October 2020 the following people were elected:

Churchwardens – Terry Gilbert and Linda Latchford

Electoral Role Officer – Rachel Coupe

Lay members of the Deanery Synod – Ros Bell, Rachel Coupe and Nigel Coupe

Lay member of the PCC – Gordon Hughes

Advent Calendar

This year we thought we would try something different and plan to have an Advent Calendar on our Facebook page starting on 1st December. I am looking for volunteers from across the benefice to assist with producing an item for each day through to Christmas. If you would like to take part and could either provide a reading, a piece of music, a poem or anything suitable to be uploaded onto our page or if you would like any further information please let me know as soon as possible either by phone 07796 560814 or

email curate@melbourneparishchurch.co.uk

Alan Winfield

Administration from the Parish Office

Some of you will be aware that Kate Landenberger is currently recovering from an operation and receiving ongoing treatment. We miss seeing Kate in our congregation and wish her a speedy recovery.

We also sorely miss Kate carrying out Parish administrative duties from Church House. Steve has spoken with Kate and, with a view to covering the workload on a temporary basis, the Standing Committee has agreed to Rachel Short taking on the role. Rachel already covers other administrative jobs and is well placed to 'stand in'. Happily, she is also willing to do so!

Our love and best wishes to Kate and thanks to Rachel.

Linda and Terry, Churchwardens

The Bulletin

Please could any items for inclusion in the bulletin be emailed to the Parish Office by Friday at **10am** at the latest.

Rachel Short

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

Flowers in church

Thank you to Margaret Murray-Leslie for kindly offering to co-ordinate the flower arranging team once we are able to go ahead as 'normal'. As well as volunteers already known to Margaret, she is keen to recruit new people who want to learn or others who wish to use their existing skills.

Margaret would be very pleased to hear too from anyone who is able to go to collect flowers for arranging. We all can be involved by donating to the flower fund. Certainly, in the past people have been generous in giving, particularly at festival times such as Easter or Christmas.

Please do contact Margaret on 01332 862921 if you need more information or can offer help. We look forward to the time when we can once again enjoy flowers in our beautiful church.

Linda Latchford, Churchwarden

St Michael's Players - an update

Well, it had all been going so well. The script was finished (well, almost), the costumes ordered, the props built or bought, and the lines learned (ha, ha - who am I kidding?).

And then the second wave hit so everything was put on ice.

When we can meet again safely in sufficient numbers and without the need to sanitise each other between takes, we will start filming 'Don't Panic 2', our latest homage to Dad's Army. Whilst in Don't Panic 1 (staged in 2016) the Home Guard was battling German spies, this time we are trying, somewhat farcically, to protect the town's residents from a highly contagious but largely comic ailment. It is a work of fiction, of course, and should not be taken as a substitute for professional medical advice.

When the film is ready it will be shown online through Facebook, YouTube or some other new-fangled gizmo. Depending on the situation at the time, it may also be possible to screen it to limited audiences at the Assembly Rooms.

We'll keep you posted.

In the meantime, don't panic.

Gordon Hughes

Children's Society

First of all, a big thank you to those who have returned their boxes for counting and secondly a polite small nudge to those who are planning to be returning their boxes soon. I do hope to be able to complete the Society's paperwork this month of November before the run up to Christmas. Please, if you are able, deliver your box to me at 23 Castle Street, Melbourne or give me a ring on 01332 862013 and I can arrange to pick up the box from you.

With thanks, Avril Harrison

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 Olive Webster, Patricia Mary Collins, Phyllis Warner, Elizabeth Ann Haynes, Kenneth William Jackson, Erica Stewart and Clifford Elliott.

Bible Readings for Today

Collect

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 2.2-5

In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

Gospel Reading: John 15.9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Prayer after Communion

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. 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**

Remembrance Sunday Music suggestions

I am very happy to recommence these weekly music suggestions during what I think we all hope will be for the planned lockdown period covering 4 Sundays. As before, I hope that they will be found helpful and perhaps used for preparation for the Facebook service which for this week only is at 9.30a.m. Please do keep in touch: 07808 474236 or simon.e.collins@btinternet.com

Hymns

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ssr-Ga3Mz6Q>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IP-VGSf92Y>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q6aTuOYfdyM>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vyKljbCKkCE>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8mFO_sjmYFk
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BjcSpCSUjdk>

O God our help in ages past
O Valiant hearts
All my hope on God is founded
Jerusalem
I vow to thee my country
Eternal Father, strong to save

Choral Music

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uwfsQlWY_o8

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bEJDinX5lgo>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PwZ1zI8KyYQ>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C47L0iorBXE>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hfDZv6j-Ts8>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0eiXWzKj_mo
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ly7RWXAV9Q>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NptV4Oc_jHY

Douglas Guest: For the Fallen (They shall grow not old)
Eleanor Daley: In remembrance
Hylton Stewart: Psalm 23
Hubert Parry: My soul there is a country
John Ireland: Greater Love (Many waters)
Harris: Holy is the true light
Bainton: And I saw a new heaven
Blatchly: For the Fallen (They shall grow not old)

Organ Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gEUftUbEN84>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AF5q-T2JR2g>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UZDqkiLmH_8
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FYhdccNqzmM>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LGhtzDqJnTU>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h_6DXtG4Pus

Bach: "St. Anne" Fugue in Eb (BWV552)
Elgar: Nimrod (Enigma variations)
Thalben-Ball: Elegy in B flat
Walford Davies: Solemn Melody
Vaughan Williams: Prelude on 'Rhosymedre'
Alain: Litanies

I do hope everyone is keeping well and I look forward to when we can meet again for Public Worship in December. It has been good to have members of the choir singing each week since the beginning of September and I would like to thank them for their commitment in difficult times. I know it has been appreciated by many of you to have some normality in our worship.

With very best wishes,

Simon Collins

Director of Music

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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.

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

Children's corner!

Can you puzzle out this **DIZ** puzzle?



D	T	H	Z	A	N	Z	K	D	I	Z	Y	I	O	D	U
		F	I	O	R	D	Z	B	R	I	A	V	E		
		P	E	I	O	P	L	E	D	Z	W	H	O		
K	E	E	D	P	D	I	U	S	Z	D	S	A	I	F	E

Find and colour in 8 squares with **D**

7 squares with **I**

6 squares with **Z**

And now what message do you get?

Remembrance Sunday is also known as **Poppy Day**, because it is traditional to wear an artificial poppy. They are sold by the Royal British Legion, a charity dedicated to helping war veterans.

