

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

# **THE BULLETIN**

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**Epiphany 2**



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

# Bible Readings for Today

## Collect

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 3.1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

## **Gospel Reading: John 1.43-end**

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

## **Prayer after Communion**

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **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, Joan Tatam and Hanna King.

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**

In our prayers this week, we remember those who have died recently and also those whose anniversaries occur near this time, among them Dorothy Clifford, William Sims and Sidney Ashman.

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.

### **Daily Hope from the Church of England**

It is very important to remember those who do not have access to the internet especially when it comes to sharing in public worship. Please do recommend Daily Hope to anyone you think would benefit from it.

**0800 804 8044**

A free phoneline of hymns, reflections and prayers



For almost the past year we seem, at times, to have been living almost in an alternative reality. Sometimes, time appears to fly by and sometimes, it drags by second by second. So much of what we took for granted is on hold, at least for now. The reality for many in our health service front line must also seem like one that is difficult for many of us to picture or contemplate. Our prayers for them and all who serve us continue.

As many of you will know, I am a very big fan of science fiction. Through films, writing and concept art, alternative realities can be explored and even inhabited for a time. Some of us will remember the original Star Trek series (I am only old enough to catch the repeats – honest!) as the crew of the USS Enterprise bravely split the infinitive and explore the galaxy. Some planets they find are a positive revelation and some, well, not so much.

In our Gospel reading set for today the gospel writer, John, paints what might be considered as a science fiction picture as he describes ‘angels ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.’ What Jesus is doing here is talking about the new reality that he brings, joining heaven to earth. It is a picture hard to grasp but a heavenly reality, nonetheless. Picturing a new reality can be hard, especially when we might be tired and mentally drained. Over the last year, we have begun picturing new realities (not just using Zoom!) whether we are aware of them or not, as we have found new ways of interacting, worshipping, shopping, and exercising to name but a few.

Across the Derby Diocese, Bishop Libby, her senior staff team and the Diocesan Synod have begun formulating a new vision, trying to imagine new, sustainable realities and ways of being. This journey has been framed by that famous bible episode where Jesus says to Peter ‘step out of the boat.’ Jesus is calling Peter into a new reality as he calls us to also trust him.

Our PCCs and congregations, as well as those in our wider communities, are invited to be part of this process and more detail will be released over the coming weeks and months. From Sunday’s bible reading at the heart of the Kingdom reality that Jesus comes to proclaim and make concrete, is the calling of new disciples – we see Jesus call Philip and Philip, almost immediately call Nathanael. It is good to see the new reality that Jesus brings but we want others to be part of it, too.

Steve

## **Stewardship Giving**

In the absence of in-person public worship, if you have any giving envelopes or donations you would like processing, please do post them through the rectory letterbox. Any money given is then passed on to one of our finance team for counting and banking. Thank you.

## **Mailshot**

Every week since the first lockdown, copies of the bulletin and relevant order of service have been delivered in hard copy and also emailed out electronically. If you know someone who would like to be included on the mailshot and/or email distribution please email the parish office on:

[melbournparishchurch@gmail.com](mailto:melbournparishchurch@gmail.com)

or phone on: 01332 862153 (where a voice message can also be left).

Likewise, if you know of any children who would like a copy of the 'Young Church Mag' then please let me know and I will get those out to them.

Many thanks, Rachel Short

## **Parish Safeguarding Appointment**

After Ros Bell's very much appreciated years of service in safeguarding for our parish, I am very grateful indeed to Jenny Halliday for taking on the role as our second Parish Safeguarding Link (working alongside Nigel Coupe). Jenny will be known to some of you as a valued member of our ringing team and will bring much to this important role.

## Quiz: The Moment You Have All been Waiting for...

There were very few quiz answer sheets returned this year, which is understandable given the circumstances. But we hope that even if you didn't manage to get a set in, it gave you some amusement during the dark days. The result was close. First, with a score of 63 points, were Mr and Mrs Shouksmith (Uncle and Aunt of Rachel Short!), who may have benefitted from local knowledge as they live in York. Their prize is on its way. VERY close behind, with 62 points, were the Wilkins family. Congratulations and commiserations respectively. The full, "official" answers will be posted on the Church Facebook page.

Next year, hopefully in better circumstances, the subject MAY be the high places of Devon and Cornwall - providing the setters can come up with a societally acceptable clue for the top of Bodmin Moor...

Clive Avery

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## Music suggestions

I trust this finds you all keeping well. As we continue in the Epiphany Season towards Candlemas at the end of the month, it reminds me again that we would ordinarily have sung our Epiphany Carol Service last Sunday. Obviously this year that has not been possible, but I do hope that in due course the Choir might present a concert in aid of charity, singing music for the church year where we can include items that we weren't able to offer in our worship this past year. I'm hopeful though that this year we will be able to have our service of Passiontide Music and Readings even if we have to record it as we did the services for Advent (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GfQrnwferqM>) and for Christmas (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VZn0zaF19OE>). Again the suggestions below include many of the items we would sing and hear at Melbourne during this season and I hope that there is something for everyone. Please keep in touch: 07808 474236 or [simon.e.collins@btinternet.com](mailto:simon.e.collins@btinternet.com)

### Hymns

All hail the power of Jesu's name [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_rRwTpar2U0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_rRwTpar2U0)  
I come with joy <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UpBs0b8Nnzs>  
Lord of all hopefulness <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=--Kh9ACX7BE>  
Just as I am <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C8G0fAL8kDI>  
In Christ alone <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gax8GL7EViE>  
Alleluia, sing to Jesus <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bkt-qoeACJM>

### Choral Music

Malcom Archer: A Prayer of Richard of Chichester  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MSWIrw1p7IQ>  
Bernadette Farrell: O God, you search me  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mEGc3\\_D19Vo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mEGc3_D19Vo)  
Peter Warlock: Bethlehem Down <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BKtTFIkP9ck>  
Vaughan Williams: The Call <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ThH8pwwgqEbK>  
S.S.Wesley: Lead me Lord <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nlwxmEKdlQw>  
Elgar: The Spirit of the Lord [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_duVFK2O6ul](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_duVFK2O6ul)

### Organ Music

June Nixon: Intrada on 'St Anne' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RzfqilE0-zE>  
Bach: Wen nur den Lieben Gott (BWV690)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uVKgyHS6FbQ>  
Karg-Elert: Ich will dich lieben <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t67pYfl9TDs>  
Guilmant: Was gott thut, das ist wohlgethan  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kf6M0lvZSeQ>  
Vaughan Williams: Prelude on 'Hyfrydol' [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3q\\_7iX5FEqg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3q_7iX5FEqg)

I look forward to seeing you after the lockdown.  
With very best wishes, Simon Collins (Director of Music)