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Epiphany 3



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

Bible Readings for Today

Collect

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 14.17-20

After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). And King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High. He blessed him and said,
'Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
maker of heaven and earth;
and blessed be God Most High,
who has delivered your enemies into your hand!'
And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything.

Gospel Reading: John 2.1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know

where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
may your people,
illuminated by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the
earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. 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 Quintin Blood, Lyra Grace Staley, Joanna Ingram (priest), Michelle Oscroft and Hilary Jackson.

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



Third National Lockdown

This 3rd National Lockdown is a difficult time for many people. Places are closed including our churches and lots of folk are finding it lonely and scary at times. Our Church buildings may be closed but our church family is still here, if YOU are struggling, feeling isolated or lonely and would love to chat to someone or if you know of someone else who is, please get in touch WE ARE HERE FOR YOU. Either give me a call on 07796 560814 or drop me an email curate@melbourneparishchurch.co.uk and either myself or someone from our church family will be in touch. You are not on your own.

Alan Winfield

Two quotes I wish to share from our historic week:

*And we'll lead not merely by the example of our power but by
the power of our example...*

President Joe Biden

The new dawn blooms as we free it.

For there is always light,

if only we're brave enough to see it.

If only we're brave enough to be it.

Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman from 'The Hill We Climb'

Stirring and inspiring words of hope on an inauguration day framed by hope and calls for unity, calls to be able to disagree well.

As I watched the inauguration of the 46 th president of the United States of America, I confess to being quite emotional. Scrolling through Facebook, I know that I wasn't alone. Perhaps what I enjoyed most about the new president's speech was that, although infused with hope, it was grounded in the gritty reality of our time. Like the US, we have much to confront together especially with COVID and climate change.

Our reading from John's Gospel this Sunday is the famous episode of a wedding party that history will be unable to forget. Jesus turns water into 180 gallons of the finest wine anyone is ever likely to taste and, in so doing, rescues the happy couple from certain embarrassment as the wine had begun to run out.

We might want to say that this is an example of Jesus' power, in his mastery over creation. Well, yes – he is the Lord of Creation, after all. What he is really doing here is, as John calls it, a 'sign' – a sign of the new reality that was breaking in through Jesus (and then through everyone who follows him). Reality can, indeed, be tough but the wedding party shows how Jesus takes a sometimes-difficult reality and transfigures and transforms it into something new, different and wonderful.

May that spiritual new wine be poured abundantly into each of us so that we may be filled to overflowing with the love of God so that we may be 'brave enough to be' the light which darkness can never fully overcome.

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

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.

Musings from Jane Dalton

January brings us closer to a full year of Covid restrictions. After a muted Christmas, and even quieter new year (just me, a small sherry and two hazelnut whirls as the clock struck twelve), how now to fill the time productively?

At first I embarked on long walks, manic tidying, cleaning, sorting, knitting and DIY. Gradually, other than the walking, the rest has tailed off, so I decided to buck up and restore some order. After packing up the decorations I undertook a thorough clean of surfaces that had gathered more dust than usual, hoovered up the green shards from the synthetic bower that were everywhere, despite it being a “non shedding” bower. Try as I might to clear them, I still find a couple every day in the hall, on the stairs, behind the radiator etc.

Before Christmas a lovely small royal blue glass bowl fell from the windowsill when my husband pulled the curtain, breaking off an arc of glass on the rim, into a number of pieces. It had considerable sentimental value and I determined to have a go at mending it. I had some glass glue I had used, successfully, to mend the base of a glass champagne flute, so I found it, but it was rock solid. My husband bought me some glass glue for Christmas (who says romance is dead) and I embarked on a rescue mission. The glue had a special cap to stop it hardening after one use, so I was optimistic, despite knowing that I could only have limited success. I put in the first three larger thicker pieces on the main body of the bowl, carefully following instructions and holding each one for the required 30 seconds and left them to dry. The next day I went to add to them and they immediately fell off. Undeterred I tried again and held on longer- one piece stuck, the other two didn't, but my first two fingers did. After freeing them with nail polish remover I resolved to go slowly – a piece a day. The next day I found that while the body of the glue was still fluid, the nozzle was rock solid. Undeterred I took off the top and used an old art brush to apply it, holding the pieces with tweezers. Again they fell off, refused to stick to one another, but one piece stuck to the tweezers. I had used all the glass glue so turned to the Gorilla super glue that sticks

anything. After numerous frustrations two more pieces were stuck, there is dried glue all over the bowl, no hope of sticking on the rest and I've spent hours picking off dried glue from my fingers once I'd separated them. Abject failure.

Still it filled the time, as did opening the "easy pull" tin of peaches when the pull came off in my hand, and it took a hammer and old chisel to pierce a hole to take the old fashioned tin opener with the "easy pierce" spike. Having earned some relaxation time I tried watching one of the "new" episodes on the drama channel, which I found I'd seen twice before on their original channel.

Thank heavens in this world of half truths, fake news, "over promising" and unreliable claims we have genuine good news, and a faith based on promises that never fail, mend the broken, are new every morning and offer reassurance and hope in this new year. That'll do for me!

Jane

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

Music suggestions

I hope everyone is keeping well. As we continue in the Epiphany Season towards Candlemas next week, the Gospel today gives us the story of the Wedding at Cana, so some of the music picks up on that theme. This Sunday is also the Sunday in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18th - 25th January) when there would usually be an Evening Service organised by Melbourne Churches Together. The first two hymns listed below pick up the Unity theme which seems much needed at this time! As ever, I hope that there is something for everyone in these selections.

Please keep in touch: 07808 474236 or simon.e.collins@btinternet.com

Hymns

Thy Hand O God has guided <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bLQk7m7Edzg>

O thou who at the Eucharist didst pray <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D5xq71x0Ogc>

Hail to the Lord's anointed <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d71Y6vGQkRQ>

Songs of thankfulness and praise <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XjT2SPzLw90>

The race that long in darkness pined <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=02ue46jIKKY>

Christ is the King, O friends rejoice <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TyMBxgovByc>

Choral Music

Vaughan Williams: O taste and see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=heiiATCrwVQ>

James Whitbourn: Come to the Wedding <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aVwMWcA9DJ4>

Tallis: O sacrum convivium <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iPibhyQm2Xs>

Richard Lloyd: The Call <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mAnWzyOMBwg>

Grayston Ives: Listen sweet dove <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CJnNAoa0Ypg>

John Rutter: Wedding Canticle <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rg53YyIDqTw>

Organ Music

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor: Impromptu in F <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5liKL5OSma0>

Brahms: Schmücke Dich, O liebe Seele <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0R0u1KJAHMA>

George Thalben-Ball: Variation on 'Wiltshire' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X2uKCbyg8Cw>

Bach: Schmücke Dich, O liebe Seele (BWV654) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vaucu72vzdg>

David Willcocks: Fanfare on 'Gopsal' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oAgJcXiHeVc>

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

With very best wishes,

Simon Collins

Director of Music

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Calling all budding writers...

If anyone would like to submit an article for the bulletin please email it to the Parish Office (melbouneparishchurch@gmail.com) by Friday at 10.00am **at the latest.**

Many thanks to Jane Dalton for her article this week.

Thanks, Rachel

