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STANTON-BY-BRIDGE AND TICKNALL**

# **THE BULLETIN**

**A weekly publication for the Benefice**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**Valentine's Day**

**(Sunday before Lent)**



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

# Bible Readings for Today

## Collect

Holy God,  
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:  
set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 2.1-12

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of

fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

### **Gospel Reading: Mark 9.2-9**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change and save.  
This we ask through 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, Hanna King, Campbell Laird and Betty Baker.

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 George William Brame, John Peter Glaze, Alice Worthington, Linda White and Betty Barker.

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.

There will be a service for Ash Wednesday (17<sup>th</sup> Feb)  
live on our Facebook page at 7.00pm.

## From the Rector

### ...And Finally

It wasn't so long ago when news bulletins would end with a story introduced with the words 'and finally'. Whatever else had been reported during the broadcast whether difficult viewing or otherwise, the last report would be a good news item, sometimes light hearted, sometimes more profound in nature. The report service 'Huffington Post' has an online summary of the week's good news stories (I heartily recommend it!) from around the world. Items this week included a rare albino panda being discovered in China and police dogs in the UK (and their handlers) being awarded for bravery during terrorist attacks.

'Good news' is at the very heart of our faith in Jesus Christ. The word 'Gospel' itself means 'good news'. A little like the news bulletins I've just mentioned, our faith takes account of the harsh realities we face and seeks to transform them through the proclamation of good news. As we head towards Lent, we will be confronted again by the harsh reality of the cross upon which Jesus hung and died. Canon Mark Oakley, Dean of St John's College, Cambridge reflects on the crucifixion as written in John's gospel chapter 19: 'One of the great ironies in this narrative is that, at the very moment when God seems most silent, distant or even absent, in reality God was never closer to this world than when Christ hung helpless on pieces of wood surrounded by those who had always loved and believed in him.'

We know that this seemingly dispiriting headline of a young saviour who had promised so much, hanging lifeless having been publicly executed, is not the end. The end of that particular broadcasts ends on the third day with the 'and finally' of the resurrection as the whole of creation is renewed and restored in and through Jesus.

Creation plays a central role in the life and witness of the bible – right from the Creation stories of Genesis (where God saw that everything was 'very good') through to the restoration of that garden paradise in the book of Revelation. Jesus used creation and agricultural illustrations very regularly in his parable stories. Gospel

episodes are at pains to point out that Jesus is also the ‘Lord of Creation’ having mastery over nature as shown in the calming of the storm’ as the disciples exclaim ‘who is this that even the wind and the waves obey him?’ (Matthew 8).

At times during our world’s lockdowns, there have been good news stories that emphasise the recovery of nature as human busyness dramatically subsided. I loved the story of dolphins swimming in the (then) clean canals of Venice to cite but one example. We are indeed fortunate to live where we do (and I write this as one who has the almost unique privilege of having most of our windows looking out onto Melbourne Pool!) and perhaps one of the lessons of the past year is a new appreciation of God’s creation.

To continue this appreciation, then, I invite you to take part in this year’s **Lent course ‘Caring for Creation’** a new publication from ‘York Courses’. Owing to continuing covid restrictions, we will be running the course by Zoom over 5 Tuesdays beginning on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February (2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March) from 7.30 pm for around an hour. A printed course booklet costs £3.80 and can be ordered through me (details in a moment) or a digital copy can be downloaded directly from the York Courses website:

<https://www.yorkcourses.co.uk/product/caring-for-creation-course-booklet/>

To book your place contact me on:

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Please also let me know if you would like to order a printed booklet or you will buy your own digital copy.

Everyone is warmly invited to take part (and from the comfort of your own home!) – the course is designed to cater for everyone regardless of our experience and we can then learn together more about the amazing nature of God’s creation.

## Lent Reading

There is something very powerful about knowing others are reading the same book as you. Accordingly, I would like to recommend two books for Lent 2021.

Firstly, 'Thy Kingdom Come' by Stephen Cherry who is the Dean of King's College, Cambridge. The book takes the Lord's Prayer as a basis for Lenten reflections and is divided into six sections – Heaven, Earth, Bread, Forgiveness, Temptation and Glory. It is currently priced on Amazon at £7.38.

The second book is a more traditional approach to a Lent book having a prayer and reflection for each day – 'The Little Book of Lent: Daily Reflections from the World's Greatest Spiritual Writers' is compiled by Canon Arthur Howells and is currently priced £3.74 on Amazon.

If you are able, please do use Amazon (or another supplier such as 'St Andrew's Bookshop') to order your copy. If you would like a copy ordered for you please get in touch on 01332 864741 as soon as possible and I will order a copy and ensure it is delivered.

Every blessing,

Steve

### **Our Diocese Together**

Follow this link to the February issue:

<https://derby.anglican.org/en/publications/our-diocese-together.html>

## 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 phonenumber of hymns, reflections and prayers



## 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: [melbourneparishchurch@gmail.com](mailto:melbourneparishchurch@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

Dear everyone,

Then afterwards  
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;  
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
your old men shall dream dreams,  
and your young men shall see visions.  
Joel 2.28

It has been a very long 12 months! Although we are not yet able to predict when restrictions will be fully dispensed with, we can still make plans for the future. To this end, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) has begun looking in earnest at what God might be calling us to do in a post-covid future. This work also seeks to compliment the work on vision that has begun at Diocesan level. As a PCC, the next phase of our planning and 'dreaming dreams' as the prophet Joel terms it, is through a 'SWOT' (Strengths, Weaknesses, Threats, Opportunities) analysis with each of us contributing a questionnaire. All of us as council members, would also be very eager to hear from anyone in the wider congregation or community who would like to offer thoughts and suggestions as part of our 'swot' analysis. For ease of purpose, although any PCC member may be contacted, Marcus Nolan may be reached via email on: [thewordsmith@gmail.com](mailto:thewordsmith@gmail.com) or telephone 01332 863001 He is collating replies from PCC members **by the 12<sup>th</sup> February**. The full list of our PCC membership is:

Brian Dollamore, Rachel Coupe. Ros Bell, Karen Grewcock, Gordon Hughes, Steve Webster, Brian Bolton, Griselda Kerr, Simon Collins, Alan Winfield, Terry Gilbert, Linda Latchford, Marcus Nolan, Steve Short, Brian Bolton, Nigel Coupe.

Thank you for taking the time to read this through and for any reflections you are able to offer.

In Christ's service,

Steve, Terry and Linda

Rector and Church Wardens

## Musings...

Oh, to be church hunting again!

Even in the years after I walked out of chapel and said I no longer wanted to be a Sunday School teacher because I couldn't believe 'this crap' anymore; to the time in my thirties when I somehow fell back into church attendance as an Anglican, I never lost my love of old churches and chapels.

It was something that came to me from my Dad. He loved visiting churches and one of my earliest memories of these visits is waiting at the age of five in the transept of Wells Cathedral to see the mediaeval mechanical clock. We went there last year, and it is still magical!

The lockdowns have been difficult for everyone, they seem to be ongoing and the prospect of new variants of the virus seems to push their ending even further into the distance. I have found these times mentally and spiritually challenging; and one of the things I most miss is setting out with camera and reference books to track down an interesting church or chapel building.

Perhaps Pevsner is a bit old fashioned these days, and his views on buildings have certainly been challenged in recent times, but as an indicator of what might be available, he is still useful. Simon Jenkin's books, England's Thousand Best Churches and England's Cathedrals have both been invaluable guides and my copies are full of post-it notes identifying places I still want to visit.

Oh, to be in Kilpeck (Herefordshire) to see the wonderful carvings in this small Norman church; or the Priory church at Little Malvern (Worcestershire) and its stained glass from the time of Edward IV. To walk up the path to the Anglo-Saxon churches in Northamptonshire – Brixworth and Earls Barton for example, or to drive down the lanes of Leicestershire to see the mediaeval glass at Twycross or the cathedral sized church at Melton Mowbray.

There are all those great monastic ruins scattered over our country, silent testimony to the tangled love life of Henry VIII. I look forward to again walking across the lawns to Fountains Abbey or driving from a Lincolnshire camp site to see Thornton and its great brick gatehouse.

Well, I can still see these places great and small in my imagination; I have the hundreds of photographs I have taken over the years as well. But it will be so good to go out church hunting once again!

Canon David Edwards

## Music Suggestions

I hope everyone is keeping well. Here are this week's music selections which are on today's theme of Transfiguration. Of course, Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday, so I have also suggested some music for that occasion including the famous Allegri Miserere (Psalm 51). This piece reminds me how some pieces that were composed for the liturgy have become popular concert items but there will be an opportunity to hear this piece in context during Choral Evensong which this year is the 2019 recording from St John's College Cambridge, rather than the usual live service. This BBC link for Choral Evensong takes us to the website which gives a choice of recent broadcasts: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006tp7r/episodes/player>.

Most have been archive recordings but last Wednesday there was a first broadcast of a service specially recorded for that date so, I commend that to you, not least because it contains some lesser-known items. As I said last week, I find whole services of particular comfort and this week Tom Corfield drew my attention to Derby Cathedral's current choral services which are on YouTube.

Please keep in touch: 07808 474236 or [simon.e.collins@btinternet.com](mailto:simon.e.collins@btinternet.com)

### Hymns

Christ whose glory fills the skies (Ratisbon) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ShHBkU1HnKA>

Christ be our light <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJq3bhdgQoc>

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

Be still, for the presence of the Lord <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ezSQHf8zeaU>

How shall I sing that majesty <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xsSkLQmxnAc>

### Choral Music

Tallis: O nata lux <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6HFvgjCOo70>

Ives: There is a land of pure delight <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=62ttyjde-ZY>

Harris: Holy is the true light [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0eiXWzKj\\_mo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0eiXWzKj_mo)

Anon 16 th Century: Rejoice in the Lord <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aZVITZ-zNAs>

Harris: Bring us, O Lord [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=skwx\\_n8DNXc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=skwx_n8DNXc)

### Organ Music

Thalben-Ball: Variation on 'Ratisbon' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y-2RGVMbKjA>

C.S.Lang: Tuba Tune in D <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIAHdNmyJ7A>

Bach: Jesu, joy of mans' desiring (BWV147) [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l3UuGPCCm\\_I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l3UuGPCCm_I)

Dubois: Toccata in G <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7YtzuqTqLwU>

## Ash Wednesday

### Hymns

Forty days and forty nights <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M4BYc0EdjdU>

Jesu, lover of my soul <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vONmOmn7gNs>

Father of heaven, whose love profound <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8M5WBUbKH38>

O for a closer walk with God <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hg6sleFKcrA>

### **Choral Music**

Allegrì: Psalm 51, Miserere mei <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2QfFtjmdZxE>

Richard Lloyd: View me Lord [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_XhjVQluczA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_XhjVQluczA)

Farrant: Call to Remembrance <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GML5BZ6XJZM>

Henry Purcell: Remember not, Lord <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UaSn2f2ejPM>

### **Organ Music**

Bach: Jesu, meines Lebens Leben (BWV1107) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G-SwUI4FnCQ>

Jean Langlais: De profundis [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=toOjl\\_3RE8A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=toOjl_3RE8A)

Karg-Elert: Aus tiefer Not [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ko\\_SbU4Z6V0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ko_SbU4Z6V0)

David Bednall: Toccata on Aberystwyth <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KvpVOIQEVqs>

I very much look forward to seeing you again after the lockdown.

With very best wishes,

Simon Collins

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