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STANTON-BY-BRIDGE AND TICKNALL**

THE BULLETIN

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1st Sunday of Lent



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

Bible Readings for Today

Collect

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 9.8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

Gospel Reading: Mark 1.9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your
mouth;
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, 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, especially David Ingram and Kate Landenberger, and also those whose anniversaries occur near this time, among them Wilmore Warner, Cyril Webster, David Williamson, John Parker and Bert Boocock.

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.

David Ingram

A very few people manage to live lives of exemplary faith, decency and steadfastness. Quiet, unassuming, self-effacing, sometime chorister, avid fan of science fiction, utterly loyal and always supportive of his beloved wife Joanna, many members of the Melbourne congregation will recall that David Ingram was one such person. Now, however, David's life journey and witness is over: on Tuesday 16 February this lovely man passed away peacefully at Bluebell Park in Chellaston, his home for the past two and half years. With Melbourne church currently being closed to services, a thanksgiving and committal service will take place at Bretby Crematorium on 9 March at 3 pm, to be followed later by a scattering of ashes at sea in appropriate recognition of David's lifelong career path in the merchant navy. - Graham Truscott

Kate Landenberger

With great sadness, I write that Kate died peacefully on the evening of Thursday 18th February. She was being cared for on the MacMillan Ward attached to the Derby Royal Hospital and was surrounded by her family.

There will be many more tributes rightly given in time but, for now, we know that we have lost a great friend, disciple of Christ and loyal servant of his church.

As soon as we know details of Kate's funeral, respecting her family's wishes, we will be in touch.

Thank you, Kate - may you rest in peace, rise in glory and may light perpetual always shine upon you. -Steve

From the Curate

Last week I had a 'facetime' conversation with my eldest granddaughter who we haven't seen in the flesh for a few weeks now. She is at Secondary School and she told me that she had started reading C S Lewis' classic *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. This brought back a lot of memories for me as it was one of the books I read at school for my 'O' levels and of course as we know has links to Christianity, some even claim Lewis wrote it as a theological book. It seems quite relevant in the current situation to identify with a bleak land where it is 'always winter but never Christmas.'

At present it feels as though we are existing in a continual season of Lent, an enforced time of fasting and abstinence from so many of the ordinary pleasures we take for granted: visiting family and friends or new places, going to watch a film or out for a meal, enjoying a day out to the coast or the countryside. We wait, sometimes with impatience, for the time to move forward to Easter and the joy of the Resurrection. We are locked in a period of stagnation. So many of the things we take for granted or places we frequent are out of bounds including our churches. There is frustration and fear. What will our lives be like post covid? Will they ever be the same again?

During Lent we can choose to embrace this enforced isolation as an opportunity to quieten ourselves, to truly listen to God and discern a new way forward. As Steve reported in last week's bulletin The Parochial Church Council 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 that has begun at Diocesan level on its vision for the future. We can also use this time wisely to consider changes to our lifestyle that will help conserve the fast-diminishing natural resources of our planet, to live more simply and to work for the good of all. This is an opportunity to focus on what really matters and to journey in faith and hope. I pray that we all have a good Lenten experience as we start the journey towards Easter and the joy of Resurrection.

God Bless, Alan

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 23rd February (2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd 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:

Email: stephen.short71@btinternet.com

Or phone: 01332 864741

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

"Notice is hereby given to advise on the intended tree works to be undertaken at the Old Burial Ground on Castle Street.

The site is maintained by Melbourne Parish Council (MPC) on behalf of the Parish Church. During a meeting between the Parish Council and representatives of the Church and Parochial Church Council (PCC) last Spring, agreement was reached that all parties will work closely together to maintain the status and appearance of the burial ground by proposing an annual inspection to identify works to be undertaken over the next 5 years. One aspect of the works is to address the condition of the trees by sympathetically pruning native trees and removing those trees which have been deemed alien to the site. In respect of this, MPC and the PCC obtained professional advice from the SDDC Tree Officer about the condition of the trees and associated ongoing maintenance to ensure that the trees on the site remain healthy and vibrant. Through his advice, it is this scheme of works which has been agreed to be undertaken to manage the trees within the burial ground site. Before any works may be undertaken, permission must be sort from the Diocese of Derby via a faculty. Details of such application is posted on the gate at the burial ground or may be viewed at the Church Office, Church Square, Melbourne.

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: 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

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 or telephone 01332 863001 He is collating replies from PCC members **by the 12th 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

Keeping in touch with each other.

As part of our outreach, at the last PCC meeting it was agreed to set up a small team of church members who would be tasked with keeping in touch with other members of our church family either by phone, email or other methods of contacting each other !! on a regular basis i.e. once a month or every six weeks or so. If you would like to be a part of this team please let me know as soon as possible, if enough volunteers come forward it is hoped you would have just a handful of contacts to look after. For more information about what is involved or to join up please contact me on 07796560814 or email winfieldalan28@yahoo.co.uk.

Alan Winfield
Curate

The Green Arrows 2021

It's time to draw up the church grass cutting rota for the year. We have lost a few members of the team in the last couple of years so we are now down to just six Green Arrows.

To spread the load, if you could spare an hour or so every six weeks during the grass growing season, we'd love to have you on the team. Mower supplied!

Let me know.

Gordon Hughes
07837 592 596

You Raise me Up!

Soon after Christmas, Brendan O'Neill came up with the idea of bringing a virtual children's choir together to say thank you to all the key workers.

So, my mum and I recorded the backing track to "You Raise me Up" so that hundreds of other children could sing along to it and record themselves too. Now, all the recordings have been put together and the whole single is available to buy from iTunes and Amazon music for as little as 79p. (Search 1000 young voices)

Alternatively, there is a crowd funding page for those who wish to donate directly.

www.crowdfunder.co.uk/1000youngvoices

All money raised will go to the NHS and the NSPCC; we're hoping to raise £2000!

I think all this is a great idea as key workers definitely deserve a big thank you and I also love to spend lots of time singing!!

Sophie Short

Our Diocese Together

Follow this link to the February issue:

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

Music Suggestions

I trust everyone is keeping well and enjoying the much warmer weather this week. Here are this week's music selections for the first Sunday of Lent. As well as our own service on Ash Wednesday, I have also enjoyed Choral services from Winchester, Durham and St Alban's Cathedrals who were able to provide a choir even though it was their half-term and another choir from the Cathedral would usually provide the music in non-pandemic times – like our services, they are still available to listen to after first broadcast, and the best way is via their respective YouTube channels.

This week, in the RSCM series of Lunchtime lectures, I have enjoyed listening to BBC producer Revd. Stephen Shipley's 'A history of Choral Evensong on the radio' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k53BTrtFYJA>

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

Hymns

When Jesus came to Jordan <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g6Ld1b515gc>

God is working his purpose out <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-1dQ8t03mE>

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

Sweet sacrament divine <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-igsGEx9KM>

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

Lead us heavenly Father, lead us <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wqzau4v23m0>

Choral Music

Handel: Wash me thoroughly <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICxcLi76VE0>

Farrant: Hide not thou thy face https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ExtNz_tBhfw

Stanford: O for a closer walk with God https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B2v_SR1wNRo

Henry Purcell: Hear my prayer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FyieyUw3GXk>

Gibbons: Almighty and everlasting God <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cusjus1XFto>

S.S.Wesley: Cast me not away <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YDLr4hiWPVs>

Organ Music

Pachelbel: Ach, was soll ich Sünder Machen

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YxT745_pJk

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

Kenneth Leighton: Aus der Tiefe https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_zBHAWPDUK

Jean Langlais: De profundis https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=toOjl_3RE8A

Karg-Elert: Aus tiefer Not 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 after lockdown.

With very best wishes,

Simon Collins

Director of Music