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STANTON-BY-BRIDGE AND TICKNALL**

THE BULLETIN

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2nd Sunday of Lent



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

Bible Readings for Today

Collect

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Gospel Reading: Mark 8.31-end

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things

but on human things.’

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.’

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the
body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
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, Betty Baker, Christopher Browne and Christine Young. 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 Beryl Barton, Constance Janet James-Davies, Ben Hamilton-Baille and Mary Ingram.

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

The funeral of David Ingram will now take place, appropriately and as he wished, in Melbourne Parish Church on Tuesday 9 March at 1.45pm to be followed by cremation at Bretby and committal of ashes at sea at a later date. The funeral cortege will leave John Springthorpe & Co on Potter Street at approx. 1.25pm to proceed at walking pace to the West Door of the church ahead of the service.

If you would like to attend please contact me as I attempt to keep track of numbers in line with government restrictions restricting funeral services to less than 30 attendees.

If it is not possible to participate in the service you are warmly invited to pay respects as the cortege passes through the village.

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Kate Landenberger

Kate and her family have arranged for her funeral to be on Thursday 4th March at 11 am in Packington church. This acknowledges a long-standing family connection with the church and church yard there. Respecting the current national guidelines, the service will be attended by 30 family and friends invited by Kate and her family. Kate has asked for donations in aid of 'Christian Aid' and these can be made through John Springthorpe Undertakers, South St, Ashby-de-la-Zouch LE65 1BR. We continue to pray for Kate's family and many friends. Rest in peace, Kate, and rise in glory. -Steve

Our Friend Kate

Kate was our friend for over twelve years and it was our privilege to be in her friendship group. Kate and I first met over a crowded room at the Church Promise Auction in 2008 bidding over a dog walking lot, I won and she never forgave me. The start of many happy times both in Melbourne and farther afield and the one thing that characterised all those times was laughter and happiness.

We travelled to and toured India it was not always the easiest trip but Kate always kept her spirits up and ours as well, making light of the many difficult situations we found ourselves in.

She loved the trips to Lundy Island spending time in a beautiful remote, spiritual location with a large group of friends where Kate got on with everyone.

The best times were spent on the Isles of Scilly where we had many very happy holidays, labelled the “Scilly Girls” Marjorie, Margaret, Kate and I went on many adventures and our time there was always filled with fun and laughter.

It was our privilege to be Kate’s friends and during the last year when she showed immense courage and dignity we were honoured to be able to help wherever we could and try to make Kate’s path a little easier.

We will miss Kate; we will never hear the church door open five minutes after the service has started, never meet her and Tess on their regular walks round the pool, or read her reports on the pool when she sent out the bulletin but one thing is for sure we will never forget her she will always be “our friend Kate”

Maureen Anderson

From the Rector

It was very good indeed to see the prime minister outline the roadmap that will, God willing, in time, release us into our new future. Whilst being on the cusp of this new beginning, we are not quite there yet. We remain cautious and vigilant as the vaccination roll out gathers pace and, hopefully, infections and deaths continue to fall.

There is always something of the ‘now and not yet’ about the Kingdom of God that Jesus came to proclaim and to inaugurate. In him we have seen glimpses of heaven in action here on earth but the final act in God’s life and death rescue mission where heaven and earth are united in a new, redeemed creation, is yet to take place. Theologians call this being ‘realised but not yet actualised’ – ‘now but not yet’.

As much as we are currently in Lent, the above hope reminds of the advent season, that we are an Advent people embodying the promise and the hope of Jesus’ return at the end of time where all the events I’ve listed above (and no doubt, more!) will take place. This means we are a people of faith, hope and trust, yes, but we are also, then, a people who are called to live in creative tension and expectation. This is not always easy and living right now, in these times, is quite a graphic illustration of that challenge and difficulty.

As he left his disciples, in the words we now know as ‘The Great Commission’, Jesus tells them (and us) ‘remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’ In the Jesus ‘who makes all things new’ (Revelation 21.5) we have our hope, our beginning and our ending into eternity. We might just want to say, then, ‘God’s roadmap’ into a new creation borne out of Divine Love.

Steve

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

Fairtrade Fortnight

In ordinary times Churches together in Melbourne would be doing the Fairtrade Breakfast this coming Saturday. This year Fairtrade Fortnight has gone online. There's lots you can log on to and also an online shop. Google Fairtrade Fortnight 2021. It's all there and it would be a shame to not to participate just because of Covid.

Last year CTiM sent £300!

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

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

We wrote a few weeks ago to inform you of the exciting vision work that is currently being undertaken by the PCC and wider church community. To update you of the progress being made, we are very pleased to report that the 'SWOT' analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) has now been completed. As rector and wardens, we were able to meet (via Zoom) with Marcus Nolan earlier this week (Marcus has very kindly been collating the responses from church councillors and some from our wider church community) to have our first look at the collated responses. We want to say a very big thank you to everyone who has been able to complete and submit a response both in terms of the time given and the high quality of the reflections and thoughts offered. The next step is that the analysis is shortly to be sent out to PCC members so that we can review them together at our next meeting on the 18th March. Other contributors, from the congregation, will receive feedback following the PCC meeting.

Please do continue to pray about this important and exciting work as we seek to plan our future mission and ministry together and with God's guidance.

In Christ's service,

Steve, Linda and Terry

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

Seville Orange Marmalade

New season Seville Orange Marmalade is now ready for sale along with Raspberry, Blackcurrant, Blackberry and Apple, Damson and Gooseberry Jam.

If you would like to make a purchase please get in touch with me and I will make arrangements for collection or delivery strictly following all safety guidelines. All profits as always go to church funds.

Best Wishes

Maureen Anderson

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Music Suggestions

I do hope that everyone is well and lifted by the sunnier weather this past week. Here are my music selections for this Sunday, the Second Sunday of Lent. I have included an anthem by Richard Shephard MBE who died on 20th February at the age of only 71. Although he wrote operas, musicals, orchestral works and music for tv, he was best known for his choral music which is sung in churches and cathedrals, particularly in England and America. Richard Shephard received commissions from the Three Choirs Festival, the Southern Cathedrals Festival, Woodard Schools, the Goldsmiths' Company and the Ryedale Festival. For his "outstanding contribution to church music" he was awarded a Lambeth degree in music, had a place on the 'Archbishop's Commission on Church Music' and was also a Fellow of the Royal School of Church Music, the highest honour which the RSCM offer. In November 2009, he was commissioned to write a piece for the commemoration of Henry Purcell's 350th birthday by The National Centre of Early Music, 'Ode on the 350th Birthday of Mr Henry Purcell.' The piece was performed in the Royal Albert Hall by five hundred school children who make up the Scunthorpe Co-operative Junior Choir which won the BBC Radio 3 Choir of the Year in 2008. He was Chamberlain of York Minster and was cantor at Evensong and Mattins when our Church Choir sang the weekend services there, leading the responses. He was appointed MBE in the 2012 Queen's Birthday Honours list for his services to music and education. He had the skill to write for various vocal forces and for occasions big and small. A lovely tribute here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=omZHjsfJ2vo>
Please do keep in touch: 07808 474236 or simon.e.collins@btinternet.com

Hymns

Take up thy cross <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XjKfE0Gb6nA>
The Kingdom of God is justice and joy <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vqCOqgQhFyo>
Be thou my guardian and my guide <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kuirBAKHc5g>
Will you come and follow me <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pnXOEUS7BBM>
Jesus, grant me this, I pray <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uDpNMdmI05Y>
O Jesus, I have promised https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9pjAnOf_Qd4

Choral Music

Richard Shephard: A new commandment <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZmnodqM0BNs>
Farrant: Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VbRn0oJESXU>
Handel: Lord I trust thee <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4esjh8zGBMQ>
Philip Moore: It is a thing most wonderful https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vOUCvFp_8RM
Richard Lloyd: View me, Lord <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T-B8wB4Uu7M>
S.S.Wesley: Wash me throughly <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0r3BkuxjD6k>

Organ Music

J.S.Bach: Jesu, meine Freude (BWV713) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WAmI0dTMWkl>
Thalben Ball: Elegy in Bb <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UplqwpQvvi0>
Howells: Master Tallis' Testament <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SWecITcNNV8>
Krebs: Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GK27NHUp5ek>
Karg-Elert: Jesu, meine Freude <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rNI2IJcOPPc>
Kenneth Leighton: Aus der Tiefe https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_zBHAWPDUK

I very much look forward to seeing you in due course.

With very best wishes,

Simon Collins

Director of Music

