

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

# **THE BULLETIN**

**A weekly publication for the Benefice**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**



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

# Bible Readings for Today

## Collect

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son  
out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31.31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

## Gospel Reading: John 12.20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me

from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, 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, 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 and also those whose anniversaries occur near this time, among them Harry Brame, William Hancock, Mary Messer and David Taylor.

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 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.

## **From the Rector**

My electronic diary (which iCloud somehow magically beams onto my computer, phone and tablet) tells me that this Sunday is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent. The diary also includes prayers and readings for each day of the week as well as a variety of options for Sundays. For this Sunday, underneath all the accumulated information is a small footnote that simply reads 'Passiontide begins'.

After the slight relaxation of Mothering Sunday (also known as Refreshment Sunday) last week, we now begin to change gear as we don't just re-join Lent but face something of a 'quickenings'. The bible equivalent is found in Luke 9.51 which says 'When the days drew near for him (Jesus) to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.' This shows the determination and single-minded focus of Jesus to accomplish what he was called to do – to suffer, to die and to rise again.

Passiontide takes its lead from the Latin 'passio' referring to suffering rather than the meanings of 'passion' which were to evolve later in the English language. Perhaps somewhat unkindly, a favourite liturgical commentator of mine, the very Revd Richard Giles, refers to Passiontide as 'something of a liturgical white elephant'! This is primarily because our brothers and sisters in the Roman Catholic church have, through their own liturgical revision of the Second Vatican Council, largely done away with this mini-season within Lent.

In our own Common Worship library of worship resources, then, Passiontide is something of a compromise indicated by that little footnote I mentioned at the beginning of this article. I rather like that because it is a reminder that the Church of England, although sometimes almost a contradiction in terms, is actually a very broad church encompassing the High and the Low, the Catholic and the Reformed.

Within that broad framework, the Archbishop of Canterbury has reminded us quite often of the need to 'disagree well', something the whole of society needs to remember and relearn, perhaps. In 'disagreeing well' we have managed to hang onto 'Passiontide' in

the Church of England. May we treat this change of gear as we, too, head inexorably towards Jerusalem, as a gift? Another chance to walk with Jesus on his journey that would, in the end, defeat sin and death and reconcile us not just to God but also, in him and through him – to each other.

## **Easter Hope**

As we pass the halfway point of our Lenten journey and as the lockdown restrictions slowly ease, it is my hope and prayer that we will be able to resume public worship in our benefice churches on Easter Day.

Of course, Easter Day is a very good day on which to reopen for many reasons, but it also allows us the time to monitor the government and scientific analysis of coronavirus levels now that schools have reopened. So, there is a slight note of caution, but I am very optimistic given the huge progress in the vaccination roll-out as well as virus levels (in most regions) continuing to fall.

The restrictions in worship that we have grown used to over the last year will have to remain in place over Easter but, unlike last year, at least we should be able to celebrate Jesus' resurrection in our benefice churches!

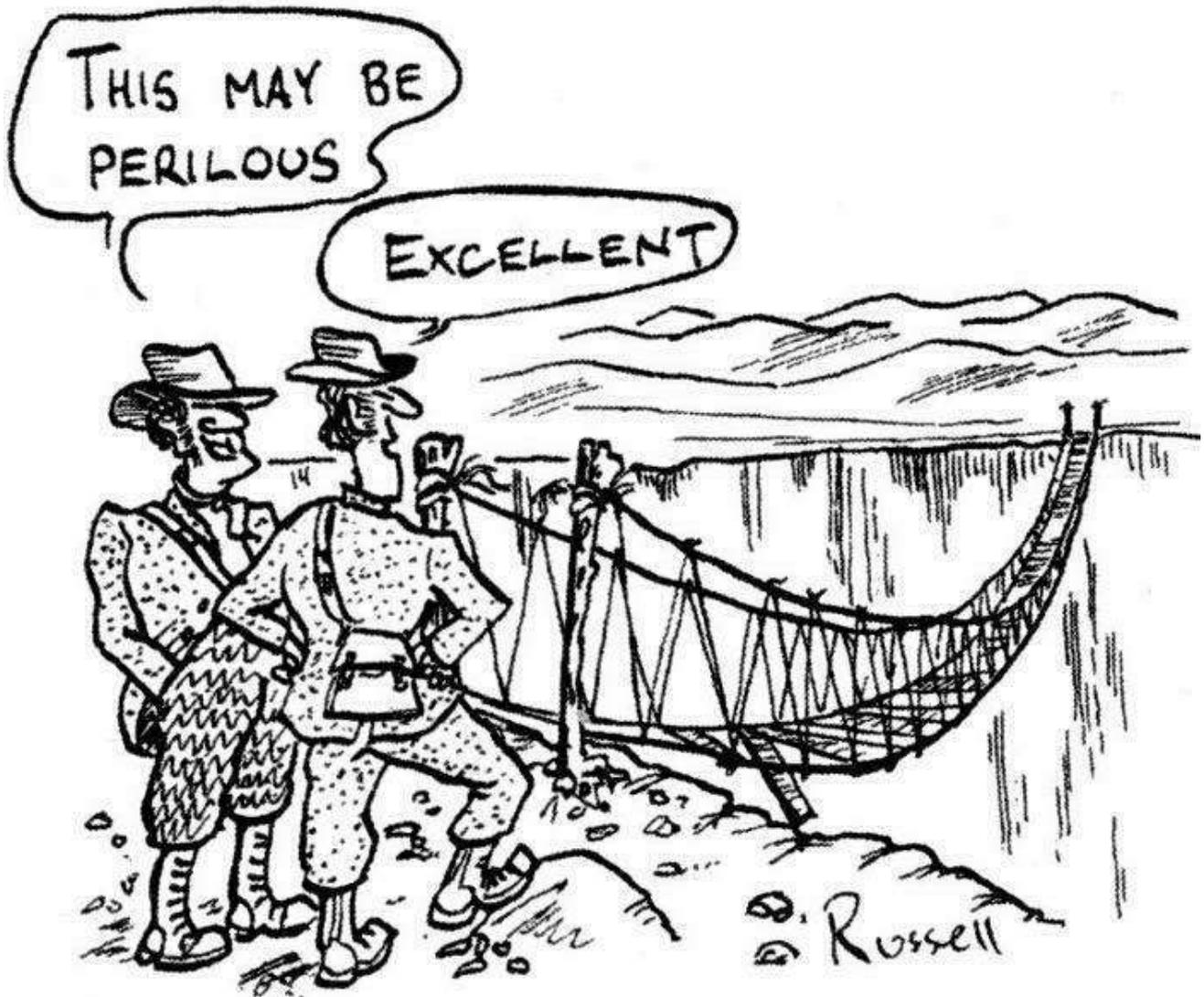
Please watch this space for further details and information.

Every blessing,  
Steve



Faith  
Love  
Hope

# Victorian risk assessment



## **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](mailto:winfieldalan28@yahoo.co.uk).  
Alan Winfield, Curate

## **Cobwebs!**

Last week I met Simon emerging from St Michael's House festooned with cobwebs and feet sticking to the floor! Clearly the time has come to relaunch the cleaning rota for Church House and St Michael's House. Some choir members have taken this on in the last year, but we are now looking for a team of volunteers to do this, in pairs or individually, on a rota basis.

We were cleaning weekly, usually at the beginning of the week but this can be flexible.

As we have lost some of our previously loyal helpers, new volunteers are encouraged to come forward to spread the load. The more the merrier!

After several years I wish to stand down from organising the rota so really would welcome an offer to take this over.

Many thanks,  
Linda  
07838 685243  
01332 862307

## **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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Tel 863901

## **Drink and Link: Coffee over Zoom**

20 + of us have met over Zoom for Coffee the past two Sundays and we invite everyone again this Sunday, 11.30 - 12noon. Please do spread the word so that more might join in this opportunity to catch up and perhaps we can help those who might struggle to get online to join in. After the service, just "make your drink and click on the link". There should be no need to use the Meeting ID and Passcode if you use the link.

Topic: Melbourne Benefice Coffee

Time: Mar 21, 2021 11:30 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/86560630194?pwd=MGJrYm9SSGdheHUzRHFDNW01RmRsZz09>

Meeting ID: 865 6063 0194

Passcode: u4M19A

**If you have difficulty on the day just call me on 07808 474236 and I will try to help.**

Hopefully see you there!

Simon Collins

## Music suggestions

I do hope that everyone is keeping well and looking forward to better times ahead. Here are my music selections for this Sunday, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, as we move into Passiontide. On this Passion Sunday we usually have our service of music and readings for Passiontide and many of the items would usually be included in that service. We are intending to upload a previous year's service to the Melbourne Benefice YouTube page so, please do check there. In next week's Bulletin for Palm Sunday, I shall also include music suggestions for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday which I hope will be of help in our observance of Holy Week, particularly during this lockdown. Please do keep in touch: 07808 474236 or [simon.e.collins@btinternet.com](mailto:simon.e.collins@btinternet.com)

### Hymns

Lift high the cross <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=08JSCEHR-p8>

There's a wideness in God's mercy <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gM1ijDRa7Ls>

My song is love unknown <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HMart4wXsI0>

Praise to the holiest in the height <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pjPhcD75E34>

When I survey the wondrous cross [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z9eCUqz\\_x5A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z9eCUqz_x5A)

We sing the praise of Him who died <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=On5VDxNxfmM>

### Choral Music

Herbert Sumsion: There is a green hill far away [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z\\_Cle6GhkHc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z_Cle6GhkHc)

Tallis: Salvator mundi <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xn52A6wK1es>

Philip Moore: It is a thing most wonderful

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f1DcbfnVRWE&t=1470s>

Stainer: God so loved the world <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dLvthjDEUnQ>

Howells: O Saviour of the world (Requiem) [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=in\\_olw7\\_RPc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=in_olw7_RPc)

Schütz: Praise to thee, Lord Jesus <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZIVY0yigy0>

### Organ Music

Zsolt Gárdonyi: Lift high the cross <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QKbVTD-Y34M>

J.S.Bach: Herzliebster Jesu (BWV1093) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U-Qmn18pnFM>

Brahms: Herzlich tut mich verlangen <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5sQnla1gODY>

J.S.Bach: Herzlich tut mich verlangen (BWV727)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y22PdVTL20g>

Denis Bédard: Herzlich thut mich verlangen <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7d5aVwr6GBQ>

Max Reger: Passion Op.145, No.4 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8y1Y9SpnCf4>

I very much look forward to seeing you soon.

With very best wishes,

Simon Collins

Director of Music

# THE HYMNS

HOW THEY ARE CHOSEN EVERY WEEK



## MEANWHILE

THE MUSIC DIRECTOR JUST PICKS A FEW OF HER FAVOURITES



