

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

THE BULLETIN

A weekly publication for the Benefice

4th – 11th April 2021

Easter



Services across the Benefice



Sunday 4th April

- Melbourne – 10.30am Parish Eucharist (Revd Steve Short / Revd Alan Winfield)
Smisby – 5.30pm Holy Communion (Revd Steve Short / Canon David Edwards)
Stanton – 11.00am Holy Communion (Canon David Edwards)
(Communion by extension)
Ticknall – 9.15am Holy Communion (Revd Michael Rogers)

Sunday 11th April

- Melbourne – 10.30am Parish Eucharist (Revd Michael Rogers)
Smisby – 5.30pm Evening Prayer (Canon David Edwards)
Stanton – At Swarkestone
Ticknall – 9.15am Morning Prayer (Revd Alan Winfield)

As of Sunday 11th April, booking will be required at Melbourne Parish Church but not at Smisby, Stanton or Ticknall.

To book your place at Melbourne please contact Rachel Short on 07747 898638 or at rach.short27@gmail.com. Please provide names of all who wish to attend along with one phone number per bubble.

Bible Readings for Sunday 4th April

Collect

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Acts 10.34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Gospel Reading: John 20.1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards

the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look* into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Post Communion Prayer

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible Readings for Sunday 11th April

Collect

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Acts 4.32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Gospel Reading: John 20.19-end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin^{*}), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was

with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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 Alan Lott, (Dorothy) Maureen Birkinshaw, Dorothy Robey, Mary Spencer, Francis Brame, Ann Robinson and Edward 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.

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.

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A free phonenumber of hymns,
reflections and prayers



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

From the Rector

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Happy Easter!

It is so good, after two years, to be celebrating Easter Day in our benefice churches! My very grateful thanks to everyone who has worked so very hard to make this opening possible - both in terms of much fervent cleaning and work to ensure our churches remain covid safe. Thank you.

The resurrection of Jesus changes everything - renewing the whole of creation, defeating sin, opening the way to eternity and making the impossible possible. The power of God that raised Jesus from the dead is, incredibly, still available to each of us as we live our lives in the light and joy of that first Easter morning. It renews our hope, especially in these times.

Of course, our celebrations of Holy Communion or the Eucharist across our benefice are special and poignant today but each Sunday and each Eucharist is a celebration of the resurrection where the resurrected and ascended Christ promises to be powerfully present.

Easter music is wonderful (although a lot of it is pitched quite high!) and I wish to commend to us all the final line of the hymn 'The Day of Resurrection' which reads 'our joy that hath no end'! We are promised an eternity of joy and peace that we are allowed and encouraged to begin enjoying in the here and now. It doesn't mean that we avoid experiencing challenging times ('cross shaped' moments) but we are given a 'resurrection framework' through which to view them - one that will, in the end, always turn sorrow into dancing.

Additional appointment

Bishop Libby announced on Maundy Thursday that, whilst continuing as Rector of Melbourne, Smisby, Stanton-By-Bridge and Ticknall, I have also been appointed as (acting) assistant area dean working alongside our new (acting) area dean the Revd Dr Mike Firbank (Vicar of Church Gresley). Both positions are, in the first instance, for a year whilst the nature of the area deans responsibilities are thought through and refined across the diocese. Alongside working with Mike and our Deanery Leadership team, my specific responsibilities will be the pastoral care of the deanery clergy and the running of our monthly chapter meetings. It is a privilege to serve in this new role in these changing times. May God bless each of us as we journey on.

Steve



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

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Melbourne Parish Church "*Framing the Future*"

Your Churchwardens and Church Council (PCC) have been busy!

Over the early Spring we have been consulting together with contributions from the congregation and parish to gradually strengthen our Vision for the mission and ministry of Melbourne Parish Church.

At the PCC meeting last month, it was clearly decided that strengthening team-working is the way forward to share God's Love together in Melbourne.

The greatly appreciated detailed suggestions and wide-ranging ideas of over 20 people will be carried forward and gradually developed and devolved to new teams in the next few months.

The PCC has appointed a "*Framing the Future*" Working Party which met for the first time at the end of March.

What will this approach involve?

The aim is to provide a detailed structure of how seven new teams will work including their briefs, objectives and areas of interaction.

These specifics encompass how they relate both to each other, church officers and structures already existing in the wider parish and benefice.

When will this be done?

More detailed proposals will be placed before the April meeting of the PCC.

How will things be different?

"*Framing the Future*" includes an inclusive desire to harness both new approaches and volunteer vigour alongside our current practice and people portfolio as we continue to minister God's love.

Who will be involved?

We are currently looking to understand further how a wide range of people can offer their contributions - watch this space!

"Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good"
1 Corinthians 12:7

Steve Short – Rector

Easter Music suggestions

On behalf of our Church Choir, I would like to wish you all a very happy Easter. Just over a week ago we had the very welcome news that we were once again able to return to the lesser restrictions we had at Advent and Christmas meaning that, unlike last Easter, not only are we back in Church (as planned) but also that we are allowed a “small choir”. However, the biggest and most welcome change is that Congregations are now permitted to sing, albeit outside, after being officially silent for 55 weeks - quite a shocking fact! We are therefore hoping to incorporate this opportunity into our services starting from today. We appreciate that not everyone is able or ready to return to Church yet so I am planning to publish my musical suggestions for the foreseeable future. The following list covers Easter for both this week and next and contains much music which you would sing or experience in Melbourne services. Please stay in touch: simon.e.collins@btinternet.com or 07808 474236.

Hymns

The day of Resurrection https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mglx_0jhW1Y
Jesus Lives! Thy terrors now <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZCz-HYIxmVE>
At the lamb's high feast we sing <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JCsVFu78del>
The Strife is o'er, the battle done <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WmmqBXU9WrU>
Thine be the glory <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UPH7-dNrwb8>
Love's redeeming work is done <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n5uIWEbXgF0>
Ye Choirs of new Jerusalem <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qu94epy2BIg>
Walking in a Garden <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=txsQvkwQliQ>
Alleluia Alleluia <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ezuuH7fKYo>
Jesus Christ is risen today <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F9zIGc2bWvc>

Choral Music

Walford Davies: O sons and daughters <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c4C-LTEQF0>
Charles Wood: This Joyful Eastertide <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ORSYRgu6Z7g>
John Taverner: Dum transisset sabbatum <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pUBF7kNVlbY>
Simon Lindley: Now the green blade riseth https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_bwVEIxKp-0
C V Stanford: Ye Choirs of new Jerusalem <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CAs8dKCDdVs>
Eleanor Daley: Christ the Lord is risen today https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ALCpsw-O_AQ
John Sanders: Jubilate Deo in B flat <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LYHdBJUgNwk>
Orlando Gibbons: If ye be risen again with Christ
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W8wngXcoVWM>
Herbert Sumsion: Festal Te Deum in G https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3wwwJwQ_x0uk
Handel: Hallelujah Chorus (Messiah) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C3TUWU_yg4s

Organ Music

Healey Willan: Chorale Prelude on 'Gelobt sei Gott';

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qjdkWloqm-E>

Herbert Sumsion: Processional March <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2QTeN1CqmE4>

Marcel Dupré: Symphonie Passion (Résurrection)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ue6HE890Qc8>

Charpentier: Te Deum Prelude https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ui5_MP3Vws

Jean-Francois Dandrieu: Offertoire 'O filii';

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dX0S6LkU_GY

Guilmant: Offertoire 'O filii'; op.49, No.2 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j-Yo_kQDNMw

With all best wishes,

Simon Collins

Director of Music

