

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

# **THE BULLETIN**

**A weekly publication for the Benefice**

**2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**



## **Services across the Benefice**

**Melbourne** – 10.30am Parish Eucharist (Revd Steve Short / Revd Alan Winfield)

**Smisby** – 5.30pm Holy Communion (Revd Michael Rogers)

**Stanton** – 11.00am Morning Prayer (Dr Nick Gravestock)

**Ticknall** – 9.15am Morning Prayer (Dr Nick Gravestock)

Booking is 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](mailto:rach.short27@gmail.com). Please provide names of all who wish to attend along with one phone number per bubble.

## **Bible Readings**

### **Collect**

Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare your love for the world  
and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **Old Testament Reading: Acts 8.26-end**

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.  
In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip\* baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

### **Gospel Reading: John 15.1-8**

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become\* my disciples.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, 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 bishops, Bishop Libby and Bishop Malcolm, and our cathedral dean, Peter.

**Thursday:** Our schools as they continue their 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 Pass, Doris Gunn, George "Richard" Heath, Harriet Wright, Madge Limbert and Jonathan Franks.

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 phoneline of hymns, reflections and prayers



## From the Rector

The Short family are very aware that we have quite an exclusive garden here at the Rectory! Where possible, we like to share our garden with the wider community and it has been one of the sadnesses of the lockdowns that we haven't been able to host events such as the Sunday Teas and the Festival. As the restrictions continue to ease, it has been good to welcome to the garden members of our family and friends for the occasional BBQ and children's play dates. We look forward to being able to welcome more of you before not too long.

The garden in the Bible is a powerful and recurring image right from the creation story in Genesis through to the restoration of the garden paradise in the book of revelation. The garden is pictured as a place of creation and recreation, of peace and tranquillity where God walks with us.

Whether we have 'green fingers' or not, the garden is representative of the promise of God to lead us all to new pastures. As a Christian pilgrim people, we are always called forward by the voice of the Good Shepherd we heard again in our bible reading last Sunday. We move forward with elements of the familiar to gaze on the new possibilities the Kingdom of God ushers in.

One familiar element I am keen now to safely reintroduce is the **Thursday 9.15am celebration of Holy Communion at Melbourne**. Terry, Linda and I, as Rector and wardens, feel that, given the so far falling case numbers and the vaccine rollout, now is a good time to recommence a quiet, reflective, said service that will be available to the whole benefice - everyone is warmly invited. The first service will be, appropriately, on Ascension Day (one of the traditional days of 'obligation' where the faithful are encouraged to receive Holy Communion). We'll hold the service in the nave instead of the usual Lady Chapel to give us more covid-safe space. No booking will be required but we will need to take details of worshippers for track and trace purposes (these then kept securely for 21 days).

Terry, Linda and I will also review our other more usual Melbourne services and bring news on these in the coming months.

## Thy Kingdom Come

Traditionally, the nine days between Ascension Day and Pentecost are set aside for focussed prayer, 'praying earnestly for the Holy Spirit' to quote from the ordination service. It strikes me that particularly this year, these nine days are a wonderful and valuable opportunity for us, as a benefice, to soak ourselves in prayer as we prepare for Pentecost but also as we look forward and frame the future under God.

Here is some encouragement from our Bishops, Libby and Malcolm:

Dear Friends,

Alleluia! Christ is risen! In all the sorrows and challenges of these days, we nevertheless have this glorious hope. Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

With Ascension Day just four weeks away, Bishop Libby and I want to *encourage you all to plan for 'Thy Kingdom Come' when we shall pray eagerly for the Holy Spirit to equip us to proclaim the Kingdom of God afresh as good news for everyone.*

The past few years, in the days between Ascension Day and *Pentecost, 'Thy Kingdom Come' has taken on fresh significance* a special time of prayer for the whole church, a movement both local and global, as followers of Jesus everywhere join to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit and for many to come to know the transforming love of Christ. We are each invited to pray for five others, that they too may come to know the joy of the Gospel. Surely this year, with all that has happened, it is all the more *important for us to pray for God's blessing on our friends and neighbours?*

*'Thy Kingdom Come' need not be at all complicated* – in fact the simpler the better, especially at the present time. Thy Kingdom Come resources prayers and booklets are available via the Thy Kingdom Come website:

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/new-2021>

Where churches or groups of friends wish to arrange to pray together, in church or out of doors or on Zoom, the resources are available, and come in various forms. On the national website there are also fantastic videos, games, and other prayer activities

especially for use in schools or by families at home.

Meanwhile, during the ten days between Ascension and Pentecost +Libby and I have arranged to spend an hour or two quietly in each deanery, *'in situ' across the diocese, praying 'Thy Kingdom Come'*, for people in *our local communities to know God's transforming love in Christ.*

In the meantime, may love of our risen Lord bring new joy and hope to us all, as well as to our families, neighbours, colleagues, and *friends. 'Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven'.*

+Libby, +Malcolm

There will be prayer resources available to use during the 9 days for everyone who would like to take part and these will be ready to collect from our benefice churches in a few weeks' time as well as delivered to those currently on our bulletin distribution list. If you would prefer to look at the website and order your own resources, that is fine, too. 'Maranatha - Come, Holy Spirit!'

### **Alan's Ordination to the Priesthood**

God-willing, Alan Winfield, our assistant curate, will be ordained priest at a service in Derby Cathedral on Saturday 26th June (timings to be confirmed). We don't yet know if there will be able to be a large congregation present in the cathedral, more news anon. Please do pray for Alan, Sue and all their family as we all approach this very special day together.

### **Church of England Daily Prayer App**

Quite a number of us own smartphones now. Did you know that you can download (for free!) the Church of England's Daily Prayer App that will give you the complete texts (service and readings) for each day's Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Night Prayer (Compline) in either contemporary or traditional language? The app has recently been updated to now include audio files for Morning and Evening Prayer each day (Contemporary language). This means that there is now a virtual leader (and a congregation) for each service. This is a real gift when we may well be praying on our own.

One of the pioneers behind the project is the Revd Catherine Williams who is one of my former colleagues back at Tewkesbury Abbey and Catherine's is one of the voices (along with her son, Harry) that you will hear leading worship. I warmly encourage you to try out the app if you are able or they can be followed online at: <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

## **Framing the Future at Melbourne Parish Church**

Your Church Council and I have been considering how best to rebuild our capacity as a parish to further the Kingdom of God. At the April PCC, a timetable was agreed to introduce six new teams to carry forward and empower our shared ministry together. At the moment the “Framing the Future” working party is currently investigating how to set up the first two teams:

Christian Nurture and Education  
Community and Pastoral Care

These two teams will explore how we can best strengthen our programme of Christian discipleship and develop our ability to demonstrate God’s love to each other and to the wider community. These specialist clusters will provide the ideal environment to find solutions to some of the challenges facing us as teamsters consider our customs alongside fresh insights.

Teamwork is nothing new:

Jesus selected a group of 12 disciples to accompany him on his mission and was often seen out and about fostering faith and understanding with a smaller group of his crew. When their confidence had grown, he released them in duos to extend the Kingdom of God.

Like those early disciples did, we look forward to achieving great things together, knowing we have the constant help of the Holy Spirit.

More details to follow!

- **Steve**

## **Sunday Zoom 5.30 - 6.00pm**

We have been holding weekly Zooms since the beginning of March and many are keen to carry on meeting this way even though Church services have resumed. We moved it later last week, starting at 5.30pm, and we will keep it at that time for now, especially as we have more freedom to be out and about! So, do join us this Sunday, 5.30 - 6.00pm and spread the word about the later time. 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 Sunday Tea

Time: May 2, 2021 05:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/83033124023?pwd=bVFjeHVPOER0YIEzWE9vWVlWk3RrUT09>

Meeting ID: 830 3312 4023

Passcode: fNw9mU

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

Best wishes,

Simon Collins

### **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.

Maureen Anderson

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## **Christian Aid**

Christian Aid Week is fast approaching and volunteers are needed to help distribute envelopes. (10-16 May) This year there will be no collecting of the envelopes so it's just a matter of pushing them through letterboxes and a much easier task than in previous years. If you can help, please can you contact me on [rachel@coupe.me.uk](mailto:rachel@coupe.me.uk) or 01332 416152. Thank you!  
Rachel Coupe

## **Matters Musical**

### **Cathedral Visits**

Many thanks to those of you who have kindly enquired about our choir's regular visits to sing at Cathedrals. Usually, the May Day Bank Holiday is when we start our day trips each year and it's now nearly 2 years since our last trip in June 2019 but, what a lovely journey that was to Ludlow and Hereford when we were blessed with one of the sunniest and warmest days of the year! I'm pleased to say that I have bookings for later this year and for 2022 and we will restart just as soon as coach companies and Cathedrals can accommodate us once again. I will publish a list of dates that we have in the next couple of weeks so, do please watch this space.

### **Music suggestions for Eastertide and VE Day**

Before we move into Rogationtide on our way to Ascension, this week's suggestions are mainly Easter Music for the final time this year. Next Saturday, 8th May, will see the 76th Anniversary of VE Day so I offer suggestions for that too. Last year the Bank Holiday was moved to accommodate the special commemorations planned but unfortunately were not able to take place on the scale that they were envisaged. Please do stay in touch via 07808 474236 or [simon.e.collins@btinternet.com](mailto:simon.e.collins@btinternet.com) .

## Hymns

The Day of Resurrection [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mglx\\_0jhW1Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mglx_0jhW1Y)

At the Lamb's high feast we sing <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JCsVFu78del>

Now the green blade riseth <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ROAUIUlw-4o>

Jesus lives! Thy terrors now <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZCz-HYlxmvE>

### for VE Day Anniversary (Saturday 8 th May):

O God our help in ages past <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rsHlwXTjAOU>

I vow to thee my country [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bvouc8Qs\\_MI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bvouc8Qs_MI)

Jerusalem & National Anthem <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=041nXAA714>

## Choral Music

John Rutter: Open thou mine eyes <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yzanwx5QIF4>

Eleanor Daley: Christ the Lord is risen today

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ALCpsw-O\\_AQ](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>

S.S.Wesley: Blessed be the God and Father

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=389leQkiGgk>

### for VE Day Anniversary (Saturday 8 th May):

Douglas Guest: For the Fallen <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qOpnRAOxpLE>

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

Eleanor Daley: In remembrance (from 'Requiem') <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=icJ-UaXGIrw>

Hubert Parry: I was glad when they said unto me

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rgThh7sDgNM>

## Organ Music

Richard Proulx: Three Alleluia Interludes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GioV98qNSGs>

Herbert Howells: Saraband for the morning of Easter

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Er2QWiRe7fE>

J.S.Bach: Nun ruhen alle Wälder (BWV 756) [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n26-5oNJX\\_Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n26-5oNJX_Q)

Healey Willan: Prelude on 'Gelobt sei Gott'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Co8w404Z3I>

John Riley: Toccata on 'St Fulbert'; in the style of Vierne

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vBoxQrsBBb4>

### for VE Day Anniversary (Saturday 8 th May):

George Thalben-Ball: Elegy in B flat <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dUu3nK7xJWU>

Edward Elgar: Nimrod from 'Enigma variations'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F20w5Mb7PcA>

Edward Elgar: Pomp and Circumstance March No.1

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ATQH7bhy180>

With all best wishes,

Simon Collins

Director of Music



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