

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

THE BULLETIN

A weekly publication for the Benefice

9th May 2021

6th Sunday of Easter

*as I have
loved YOU,
LOVE one
another*

Services across the Benefice

Melbourne – 10.30am Parish Eucharist (Revd Steve Short)

Smisby – 5.30pm Evening Prayer (Revd Alan Winfield)

Stanton – At Swarkestone

Ticknall – 9.15am Holy Communion (Revd Steve Short / Revd Alan
Winfield)

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. Please provide names of all who wish to attend along with one phone number per bubble.

Bible Readings

Collect

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Acts 10.44-end

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Gospel Reading: John 15.9-17

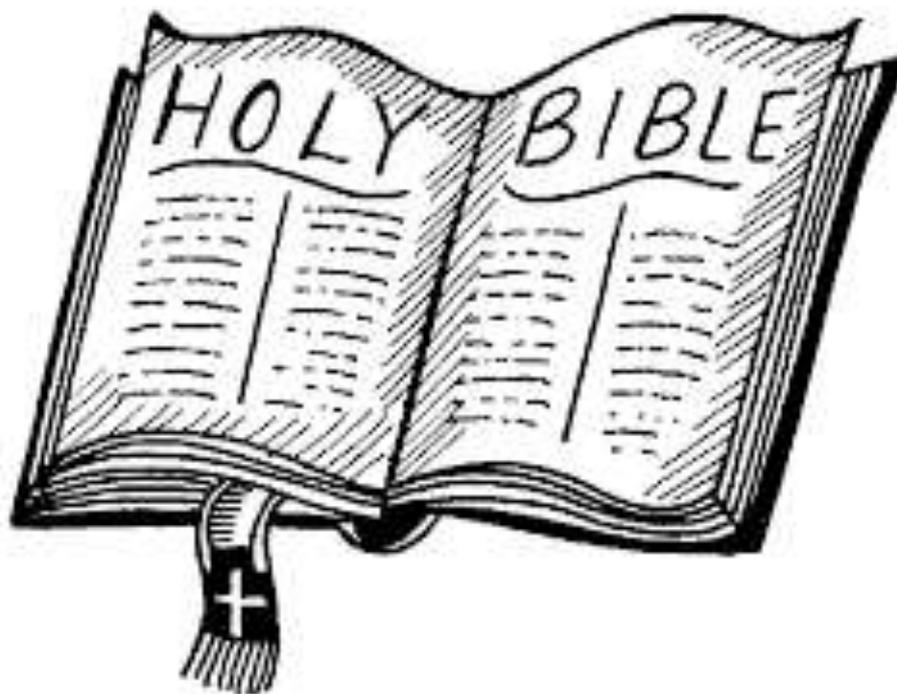
As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call

you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him 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 Joe Winters, Frederick Burden, Ruth Brookbanks, Horace Percy James-Davies, Leonora Wilkins and Margaret Stevens.

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

Thy Kingdom Come

Having mentioned this initiative in previous bulletins, I'm pleased to say that the national resources to help us observe 'Thy Kingdom Come' will be in our benefice churches this weekend. By way of recap 'Thy Kingdom Come' is a national initiative very much supported by our bishops. We are invited to observe the traditional nine days between Ascension Day and Pentecost (Whitsun in old money) praying (earnestly) for the Holy Spirit. Helping us to do this we have a booklet - 'Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Journal' which includes a bible passage, reflection and a prayer for each of the nine days as well as space to write our own thoughts if we would like to. There is also a 'Digital Family Prayer Adventure Map' which has activities for each day that can be accessed using a smart phone - this might be a good resource to give away to, for example, a younger family or young person? Of course, we are warmly invited to make use of the Map, too!

To begin the 9 days of prayer, there are two services taking place on Ascension Day (Thursday 13th May) in our benefice:

9.15 am Holy Communion (said) at St Michael with St Mary, Melbourne (this is the restarting of our weekly Thursday morning services)-no booking required at this service.

7.30 pm Benefice Holy Eucharist at St George, Ticknall (to book your place, please phone Mrs Mary Hirst on 01332 862647) to which everyone is warmly invited.

If we have enough spare copies, I also hope to have 'Thy Kingdom Come' resources available.

We have been given a wonderful opportunity and invitation to immerse ourselves in prayer as we seek God's guidance for the future - please may we 'seize the day'!

Alan's Ordination to the Priesthood

Alan will be ordained priest on Saturday 26th June at 10am in Derby Cathedral. Although we hope to have dispensed with at least some of the COVID restrictions by then, the cathedral have allocated each candidate 13 guests to invite. This means that, unfortunately, most of us will not be able to be present with Alan in the cathedral but it is my hope that the services will be available to watch live online. Please do continue to pray for Alan, Sue and their family as June 26th rapidly approaches!



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. Currently it starts at 5.30pm, and it will stay 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 9, 2021 05:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82380531342?pwd=d0YvN3JYTDR0ekxYnVpxdG02aGdvdz09>

Meeting ID: 823 8053 1342

Passcode: hfzm40

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

Best wishes,
Simon Collins



Church Music

It has been wonderful that we have all been able to sing together outside since Easter Day and we shall continue to do so until we can all sing inside again – we have been blessed with fine weather so far! 55 weeks for Congregations not to be able to sing is shocking – let us hope and pray it never happens again. However, good things can come out of the pandemic and perhaps on Festival Days, singing outside might continue as a very good witness to the wider community. Since Easter we have deliberately been singing the setting of the Eucharist by Noel Rawsthorne as that is well known here as the Congregational setting we sing between Easter and Pentecost – I hope it is good to hear the familiar again and that you're humming along under your masks!

I was saddened to hear this week of the death of the composer Richard Lloyd on April 24th aged 87. This morning's Introit 'View me, Lord' is sung in commemoration, one of several pieces by him that we sing at Melbourne. He was a prolific composer of over 600 pieces for the Church and being a former Chorister of Lichfield Cathedral, they commissioned several pieces from him. I met him there a couple of times - a friendly man who took a great interest in all those who were involved in Church Music. He was consecutively Organist of Hereford and Durham Cathedrals. I was pleased to find that, quite by chance, I had played an Organ Voluntary by him the Sunday after he had died.

Weekly suggestions including Ascension Day

Eastertide continues and this Thursday, 13th May, we have Ascension Day so this week I offer suggestions for that too. Please do keep in touch: 07808 474236/ simon.e.collins@btinternet.com

Hymns

Love's redeeming work is done <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n5uIWEdXgF0>

Walking in a garden <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=txsQvkwQliQ>

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ezuuH7fKYo>

for Ascension Day (Thursday 13th May):

Hail the day that see Him rise <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QjofDCZlyRY>

Christ Triumphant, ever reigning <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-y9bWcSi20>

Rejoice! The Lord is King <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jk1iatrwhLc>

Choral Music

Arr. John Barnard: Ubi caritas <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9euSYJdHBc8>

Paul Mealor: Ubi caritas https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0_VPrL4nd2E

Maurice Duruflé: Ubi caritas <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l1BTWCpEFRQ>

John Taverner: Dum transisset Sabbatum I <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pUBF7kNVIbY>

Arr. Walford Davies: O sons and daughters <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HeyNsG7AoaU>

for Ascension Day (Thursday 13 th May):

Michael Praetorius: The Lord ascendeth up on high <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sltRTnlfTfc>

William Mathias: Lift up your heads O ye gates <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9pvOUSBovTM>

Chant by John Goss: Psalm 47 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AflosZ4j9eQ>

Gerald Finzi: God is gone up <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WI4YQJRcUS0>

Organ Music

Jean-Francois Dandrieu: Offertoire "O filii"

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

Guilmant: Offertoire "O filii", op. 49 Nr. 2 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j-Yo_kQDNMw

for Ascension Day (Thursday 13 th May):

J.S.Bach: Heut Triumphieret Gottes Sohn (BWV 630)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lk1Q6hxd4fQ>

Guilmant: March on a Theme of Handel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dX3b0LRVaZY>

Olivier Messiaen: Transports de Joie https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tt1g_b_x4Lw

With all good wishes,

Simon Collins

Director of Music



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minimise any risk of transmission.**