

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

THE BULLETIN

A weekly publication for the Benefice

16th May 2021
7th Sunday of Easter



Services across the Benefice

Melbourne – 10.30am Parish Eucharist (Revd Steve Short)

Smisby – 5.30pm Evening Prayer (Revd Steve Short)

Stanton – 11.00am Morning prayer

Ticknall – 10.30am Morning Prayer (Mrs Mary Hirst)

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, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Acts 1.15-17, 21-end

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, ‘Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.’

So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.’ So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, ‘Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.’ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Gospel Reading: John 17.6-19

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
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, 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 Harold Pipes, Frederick Tipping, Eric park and Christopher Earp.

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 late, great actor Bob Hoskins was once filmed 'acting' about 60 seconds of silence. He was sitting in a chair looking mostly at the camera, moving and gesturing as if to say something but then not. He kept this up, using different gestures, for the entire minute keeping his audience transfixed, hanging on his every movement. I remember at the end of it my dad exclaiming - 'now that's acting!'.

It was quite an exercise in waiting!

We are now in an 'in between' moment - we've celebrated Ascension Day and we now await the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday. These 9 days (3 down, 6 to go) are a real blessing, a gift to us to spend some time each day in prayer, waiting on God, praying 'thy Kingdom come' and 'Come, Holy Spirit, come!'.

We've gone through a lot of waiting over these 15 months or so. Waiting is often not easy, sometimes even painful and often frustrating. Waiting on God in prayer can be, at times, all of those things but also a time for being still and letting God pray in us. We wait on God to be transformed by the encounter of prayer - we should expect God to move and to act sometimes in stillness and quiet, differently so perhaps at other times. Prayer is many things but perhaps what it most is (other than letting God pray in us) is aligning ourselves with the purposes of God. Hence, every time we pray the Lord's Prayer - 'thy Kingdom come'. We know from the deep wisdom of the prophet Isaiah that 'your thoughts are not my thoughts' says the Lord' but that is no excuse for not asking God, through the Holy Spirit, to change that. God still moves today but even more so when we ask him to, both individually and collectively.

May God meet us in the waiting and show us ever more clearly how to build his Kingdom in this day and age. Here is to Pentecost Sunday and letting God the Holy Spirit blow where he will.

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**



Annual Meetings

Notice of the Annual Meetings for the Parish of Melbourne to be held on Thursday 24th June 2021 at 7:30pm in the Parish Church.

A meeting for the election of churchwardens may be attended by:

All persons whose names are entered on the church electoral roll of the parish and

All persons resident in the parish whose names are entered on a register of local government electors by reason of such residence

The annual parochial church meeting will elect representatives of the laity to the Parochial Church Council (PCC);

Appoint an independent examiner and consider reports re. the electoral roll; PCC; financial statements; fabric goods and ornaments; deanery synod and other matters of Church interest.

Every lay person whose name is entered on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish (and no other person) is entitled to vote at the election of parochial representatives of the laity.

Revision of the electoral roll

Notice is hereby given that the Church Electoral Roll of the above parish will be revised by the Parochial Church Council, beginning on Wednesday the 26th day of May 2021, and ending on Wednesday the 9th day of June 2021.

After the revision, a copy of the Roll will be published by the Parochial Church Council and placed on the church notice board for 14 days and a copy of the Roll will be available for inspection on a reasonable request being made to the Electoral Roll Officer.

Under the Church Representation Rules any lay persons are entitled to have their names entered on the roll if the person —

(a) is baptised,

(b) is aged 16 or over, and

(c) has made one of the following three declarations and duly applied for enrolment.

The first declaration is that the person is a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with it and is resident in the

parish.

The second declaration is that the person is a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with it, is not resident in the parish, but has habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months.

The third declaration is that the person is a member in good standing of a Church which is not in communion with the Church of England but subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and is also a member of the Church of England and has habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months.

Application Forms for enrolment can be obtained from Church or the Church Electoral Roll Officer. In order for a person to be entitled to attend the annual parochial church meeting and to take part in its proceedings, an Application Form for enrolment must be returned by the date shown above for the ending of the revision of the Church Electoral Roll by the Parochial Church Council.

Any error discovered in the Roll should at once be reported to the Church Electoral Roll Officer.

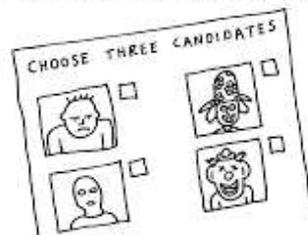
Church Electoral Roll Officer: Rachel Coupe

Email: rachel@coupe.me.uk

THE ELECTORAL ROLL

REASONS TO JOIN IT

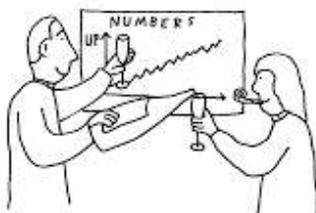
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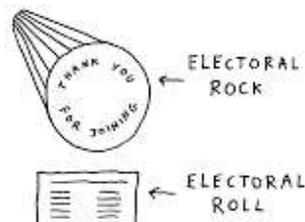
② YOU CAN PLAY A FULL PART IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH



③ IT WILL BOOST THE MORALE OF THE CLERGY



④ THERE MAY BE A THANK YOU PRESENT - SEASIDE CONFECTIONARY PERHAPS



⑤ YOUR NAME WILL BE EXHIBITED IN CHURCH FOR 14 DAYS



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Wild Flower Garden

You may have noticed that the piece of grass South East of the church has been looking a bit different recently. This has now been planted with wild flowers to encourage a natural habitat for insects including bees. Six very keen members of Junior Church came after school last Wednesday to plant over a hundred seedlings into pre-prepared holes. The home-made compost used was thriving with worms, much to the delight of our young gardeners! Thank you very much to Griselda for all the preparation she put into this activity, including holes labelled and pre-dug (six in each of the white squares marked out with tape). The children were very interested to learn about planting a wild flower garden and that there should be three of each species planted together to encourage the pollinators to visit. This area will be left unmown and will, hopefully encourage more of us to create a similar patch and extra trees in our own gardens! Some of the children had already been planting new trees in their school grounds. Let's be inspired by the younger generation...



MPC Skill Shop

Parish Paparazzi Needed!

Do you have a knack with a camera and photo composition?

Can you crop and edit photos digitally?

Would you like to bring your Parish Community alive in images?

If so, we would gratefully appreciate your volunteering action in recording parish events and producing flattering photos of parishioners as we update MPC's publicity.

This could be a role for more than one person.

If you think this might have your name on it, please contact Marcus Nolan (Landline: 01332 863001 or mobile: 07966 545281 or email: thewordsmith@gmail.com)

Sunday Zoom 5.30 - 6.00p.m.

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, so do join us if you can this Sunday, 5.30 - 6.00pm. 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 16, 2021 05:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/85449612038?pwd=RUxRT2FpOXdlb1h1Z2tDdnJGQ29Ndz09>

Meeting ID: 854 4961 2038

Passcode: eeCb9P

Matters Musical

Ascension was well-celebrated in our Benefice on Thursday with the resumption of the weekly 9.15am Said Communion at Melbourne and the Benefice Sung Eucharist at St George's Ticknall – it was lovely to be back in Church after being online for this Festival last year. The weather was kind to us on the evening so we were all able to go outside to sing the well-known hymns 'Hail the day that see him rise' and 'Rejoice! the Lord is King'. This year it was just members of Melbourne Choir leading the singing but we hope very much to resume the joint choirs' services next year on both Ash Wednesday and Ascension Day.

Please stay in touch: 07808 474236/ simon.e.collins@btinternet.com

Suggestions this week:

Hymns

All hail the power of Jesu's name (Diadem) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9voJsbicG9M>

Hail Redeemer, King Divine <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1drtim65OA0>

The head that once was crowned with thorns <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vSrQSCE4HJc>

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

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

Crown him with many crowns <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kc3UnhPHTOo>

Choral Music

Kenneth Leighton: God is ascended (An Easter Sequence)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kiQa4MwLh1Y>

William Croft: God is gone up <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7yT45eE3dTM>

Charles Villiers Stanford: Coelos ascendit hodie <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bNTdiOc4iAw>

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

Peter Phillips: Ascendit Deus <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rMDhzAd7Bv4>

Vaughan Williams: O clap your hands https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AdHoZwV_MiE

Patrick Gowers: Viri Galilaei <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4vQiXYSchls>

Organ Music

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

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

Paul Leddington Wright: Postlude on 'Guiting Power'

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a51_zUjSNB4

Albert de Klerk: Salutis humanae Sator <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pJnlu4fZKGM>

Guilmant: March on 'Lift up your heads' (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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to minimise any risk of transmission.**