

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

THE BULLETIN

A weekly publication for the Benefice

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Pentecost



Services across the Benefice

Melbourne – 10.30am Parish Eucharist (Revd Steve Short)

Smisby – 5.30pm Evening Prayer (Dr Nick Gravestock)

Stanton – 11.00am Morning prayer (Revd Alan Winfield)

Ticknall – 9.15am Morning Prayer (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

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Acts 2.1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to

you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

“In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Gospel Reading: John 16.4b-15

‘I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, “Where are you going?” But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

‘I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
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, Christine Young and Colin Moore. 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 Fred Bryan, Ernest Pappin and Denys Bradshaw.

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



From the Rector

In the ordination service, in which ordinands become 'reverends', before the actual prayer of ordination, the bishop leading the service says to the assembled congregation and to the usually-quite-nervous ordinands, 'pray earnestly for the gift of the Holy Spirit'. I remember praying very fervently at that point in the service and I'm sure that, in just over a month's time, Alan (our assistant curate) will also be praying quite intensely ahead of his ordination to the priesthood (as we will also be praying for him)!

This Sunday is the wonderful feast of Pentecost, celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The joy of Pentecost is that it, too, is the fulfilment of ancient prophecy where God promised to pour out his Spirit on 'all flesh'. It doesn't matter if you are lay, ordained, female, male, young, old - God the Holy Spirit, through His Son, Jesus, is available to all.

It is interesting to note that in these post-Christian times, many people describe themselves as spiritual and not religious (it will be interesting to see the results of the recent census!). Christianity is, of course, identified as one of the key world religions. Central to our faith, though, is our spirituality - God working in and through us. Fr Gerard Hughes SJ, in his famous book 'God of Surprises', describes the beginnings of spirituality in terms of appreciating wonder and awe.

So, this Pentecost, what gives you a sense of wonder? It might be a glorious part of God's creation or perhaps a piece of music? Someone close to you? Food, even? Sometimes, inexorably, the world tramples all over our sense of wonder, quelling our

appreciation of it. Or to put it in more explicit Christian terms, as much as we can be filled by the presence of God, like a sponge being lifted out of a water-filled bucket, we can leak. Corporate and individual worship is but one way of being refilled, there are many more. It can be as herculean a task as a pilgrimage to a far-off shrine like Santiago de Compostela or as simple as 'praying earnestly for the Holy Spirit' - 'come, Holy Spirit.' God honours our intentions and is with us, 'always, even unto the end of the age'.
Happy Birthday!

Alan's Ordination to the Priesthood

Alan will be ordained priest on Saturday 26th June at 12noon 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 Return of Sunday Teas!

I am planning for Sunday teas to return on 4th July. They will be run slightly differently from in the past but servers, washer uppers and cake bakers will still be needed. If you would like to help, or know anyone else who would like to, then please get in touch with me either by calling on 07747 898638 or emailing rach.short27@gmail.com. Alternatively contact me at the Parish Office on 01332 862153 or melbourneparishchurch@gmail.com.

Many thanks,
Rachel Short



Diocesan Synod

If anyone is interested in standing for Diocesan Synod, more information can be obtained from Debbie Patrick, the Deanery administrator. Her email address is

debbie.patrick@derby.anglican.org

For Laity, anyone on an electoral roll of a parish in Mercia Deanery can stand; they need to be elected by two people on Deanery Synod.

The closing date is 4th July.

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, 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. 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 23, 2021 05:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/83349291654?pwd=KzJ2TDRLUTZCVUEzQW1wcmdWOGRBQT09>

Meeting ID: 833 4929 1654

Passcode: Vi53j2

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

Best wishes,

Simon Collins

Matters Musical

I do hope everyone is keeping well. This week Church Choirs and the wider choral world were taken completely by surprise by the Government's Step 3 Guidance issued for us. Here is the information I prepared in explanation for the PCC meeting on Thursday 20th May:

England Step 3 guidance for all amateur choirs

On Monday 17th May the Step 3 Guidance in the Government's roadmap came in to force which includes the Guidance for Places of Worship. Unfortunately, in the performing arts guidance to which it is aligned, it now stipulates that only 6 amateur singers are permitted in all choirs in all indoor settings. For Church Choirs this is a backward and retrograde step from the guidance issued on 29th March which stipulated "a small choir" and under which we had been working since Easter Day. According to Hugh Morris, Director of the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM), it took all denominations completely by surprise and the reasoning is still yet unknown. The RSCM is well-represented on the C of E Recovery Group (as well as with other denominations) and meetings are still taking place with the Government to address the anomalies that this guidance has created. On a practical note, music for choirs such as ours which sing most of their music in 4 choral parts, only being allowed 6 singers immediately causes problems of balance and volume. In a building such as Melbourne Parish Church with its very dry acoustics, this problem is obviously magnified and potentially more apparent. We shall continue to work within the guidelines to the best of our abilities but I do want to take this opportunity to put on record my thanks to our Church Choir members who have adapted brilliantly to singing in a socially-distanced manner with different personnel each week. Also, whilst we have had to rehearse in Church before the services, we are grateful to the bellringers for their understanding in giving up some of their ringing time. We look forward to better times ahead. A positive note from the guidance is that stand-alone practices are now permitted and I had already been hoping to restart these in the next few weeks. However, only being allowed 6 singers renders productive practices much more difficult.

The wider choral picture

The situation is not just affecting choirs in Church settings and it is good that the media have started to cover the latest developments. There are over 2.4million members of 40,000 choirs in the UK, so this affects a lot of people. I am pleased that the RSCM are one of the large organisations involved in The Singing Network UK (SNUK) and they are all pressing for this to be reviewed. SNUK are encouraging all choir members to make representations to their MP as amateur singing has seemingly been singled out by The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) for such unreasonable and unworkable restrictions and are now asking as a matter of urgency that indoor

singing activity be brought in line with the guidance for other non-professional music activity and indoor organised sports, as was the case between August and December 2020. Without warning, the DCMS updated its Performing Arts Guidance which diverged from what SNUK had been led to believe: that non-professional music activity would return, outdoors and indoors in England from 17 May, without limits on numbers except for social distancing limits dictated by the size of a venue. The new guidance was only released after some choirs had already rehearsed and after hundreds of choirs had spent many hours preparing their risk assessments and planning their rehearsals in a safe way. It will be interesting to see how this plays out in the days to come.

Music suggestions for Pentecost (Whit)

Today is the Birthday of the Church and the climax of the 'Thy Kingdom Come' initiative. There is so much music I could have suggested for this week, so it's more of a case of what I couldn't leave out!

Hymns

Holy Spirit , come, confirm us <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dz03CrBprE0>
Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IjdMWFrd4Vo>
O Breath of life https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5QHZB_v0ZaY
Come down O Love Divine <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6HPKL1wOVXk>
Spirit of God, unseen as the wind https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-7Qi2O_u1YY
Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EELn3rTseDs>
O thou who camest from above <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9CbITDCKnhk>

Choral Music

Thomas Tallis: O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p79_UbpuAuA
Mark Sirett: Veni Sancte Spiritus https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2gkx_6HtvXk
William Harris: Come down O Love Divine <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WYyouRMRIQM>
Philip Stopford: The Spirit of the Lord <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4XrmmsEt5yl>
Grayston Ives: Listen, sweet Dove <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CJnNAoa0Ypg>
Giovanni Palestrina: Dum complerentur <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kf2VxfrgqPo>

Organ Music

J.S.Bach: Komm, Heiliger Geist Fantasia (BWV 651)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCoXqBNyEVc>
Herbert Sumsion: Down Ampney Prelude <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WYATj4Nkx1I>
Alan Ridout: Spirit (Canticle of the Rose) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kj2IUB5xW3Y>
Henry G. Ley: Down Ampney Prelude <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=acw2dGF0hP0>
Noel Rawsthorne: Veni Creator Spiritus Interlude https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_fhhHzj2j5Y
Maurice Duruflé: Choral varié sur le 'Veni Creator';
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rDdf96f8yal>

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With all good wishes,
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