

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

THE BULLETIN

A weekly publication for the Benefice

30th May 2021
Trinity Sunday



Services across the Benefice

Melbourne – 10.30am Parish Eucharist (Revd Steve Short)

Smisby – 5.30pm Evening Prayer (Revd Steve Short)

Stanton – 11.00am Holy Communion (Revd Alan Winfield)
(Communion by extension)

Ticknall – 9.15am Holy Communion (Revd Steve Short)

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 God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 6.1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.'

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

Gospel Reading: John 3.1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,
who are three Persons yet one God,
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, 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 Alice Boocock and Anna Lawrence.

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

It has been very good indeed to be able to welcome family and friends into our homes once again as lockdown easing continues. We remain mindful of the risks but, nonetheless, it has been very good not to have to rely on the weather conditions in the garden! It has been one of the most difficult features of lockdown restrictions to be denied 'real-time' contact with those we love. There are many who, understandably, remain cautious but optimistic about the future - I am one of them. We will need time and space to work on reconnecting and re-establishing those key relationships as well as the ones we want to resume throughout society.

Trinity Sunday, which we celebrate this Sunday, is a good opportunity for remembering that at the heart of our faith is God the Holy Trinity - our God is one of relationship in His very essence. Many wise words have been written about the Trinity, all of which will have their limitations. I commend these to you from the Revd Professor Alister McGrath (a priest, theologian and scientist):

"The doctrine of the Trinity stops us from reducing God to the level of what we can cope with. It aims to tell the truth about God, no matter how difficult we find it to be".

God will always resist being put in a box - Jesus shows us this in bursting from the tomb. The reality of God is one we are called to be caught up in through our friendship with him and our friendship with others. Friendship has been more of a challenge over the past year but not impossible. I am wholly confident that God continues to call us forward and the pattern of our calling? Well, that is to be Trinity-shaped: not individuals in isolation but groups, teams, being empowered by God as we are caught up in and spurred on by Divine dynamism and action. 'Hallelujah-on we go!'

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**

Alf Ransome

It is with sadness, but also in memory of a long life well lived, that we remember Alf Ransome who died peacefully last Friday 21st May.

For many years Alf was a regular and committed member of our church congregation. He celebrated his 100th birthday on January 1st of this year.

Until just two years ago Alf lived on Lilypool in Melbourne before moving to a nursing home in Winshill.

During the second World War Alf served in the Royal Navy on aircraft carriers, one of which was torpedoed.

Alf is survived by his four children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

We remember Alf and his family in our prayers.

The service will be held at Bretby Crematorium with family only.

Linda Latchford

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

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 June. (Apologies for the incorrect date last week)

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



MPC Skill Shop

Parish Papparazzi 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 - 6.00pm

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. 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 30, 2021 05:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/84963123123?pwd=V0FLNVdkdEFrWU5XRdhsejc2bVdZQT09>

Meeting ID: 849 6312 3123

Passcode: d63WLG

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

Music suggestions for Trinity Sunday

Following the celebrations of the Church's birthday last Sunday at Pentecost, we now arrive at another major Festival, Trinity Sunday. For this week then:

Hymns

Firmly I believe and truly <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2YVty6aaZJA>

O trinity of blessed light (plainsong) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C7J8Bg8wCgU>

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=suEmKJtKv8k>

Bright the vision that delighted <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CFkTLrSoQW4>

How shall I sing that majesty <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xsSkLQmxnAc>

I bind unto myself today <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dWdZ13cH5IU>

Choral Music

William Byrd: O lux beata Trinitas <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2vxJBTAfV6Q>

Andrej Makor: O lux beata Trinitas <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xvHcCuYEI4U>

William Mathias: As truly as God is our Father <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=77A7CYdk8K4>

Tchaikovsky: Hymn to the Trinity <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7jZqxxv1rIY>

C. Kenneth Turner: O Trinity most blessed light <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Qovvd5pmqg>

Healey Willan: O Trinity most blessed light <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-hnYgC1uF5M>

John Stainer: I saw the Lord https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_p6JBEDYogQ

Organ Music

Hubert Parry: Chorale Prelude on Croft's 136th

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=feWS66dOir8>

J.S.Bach: Trinity or St. Anne; Fugue (BWV 552)

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

Stanford: Andante Maestoso on an Irish Tune <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kUo7rCrbWT8>

Jean Langlais: Two meditations sur la Sainte Trinité

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=44nLyNLI1W8>

The RSCM Big Music Sunday Service

Next Sunday, 6th June, at 6.00pm there will be a livestreamed service from Lichfield Cathedral to mark The Royal School of Church Music's Annual Music Sunday which celebrates the role of music and musicians in church life. Amidst the challenges of current restrictions on choirs, particularly in England, this provides another opportunity for singers, nationally and internationally, to come together virtually to celebrate the power of music in worship. Last year's service, which was a series of virtual recordings by church choirs, had over 2000 live participants and many more who joined in later. Again, music and materials are provided in advance to enable choir members to learn the music at home and then to join in the live stream, knowing that they will be singing at the same time as others across the nation. The link to this will be live just before 6.00pm next Sunday on the RSCM YouTube channel where everyone can join in with the hymns. Further details next week. Please do keep in touch with any comments or suggestions either on 07808 474236 or via simon.e.collins@btinternet.com .

With all best wishes,

Simon Collins

Director of Music

Please take this bulletin home with you.