

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

# **THE BULLETIN**

**A weekly publication for the Benefice**

**13<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**Trinity 2**



## **Services across the Benefice**

**Melbourne** – 10.30am Parish Eucharist (Revd Michael Rogers)

**Smisby** – 5.30pm Evening Prayer (Revd Alan Winfield)

**Stanton** – At Swarkestone

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

# Bible Readings

## Collect

Faithful Creator,  
whose mercy never fails:  
deepen our faithfulness to you  
and to your living Word,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 15.34-16.13

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord.' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord

has not chosen any of these.’ Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Are all your sons here?’ And he said, ‘There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.’ And Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.’ He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, ‘Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.’ Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

### **Gospel Reading: Mark 4.26-34**

He also said, ‘The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.’

He also said, ‘With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.’ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Loving Father,  
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:  
sustain us with your Spirit,  
that we may serve you here on earth  
until our joy is complete in heaven,  
and we share in the eternal banquet  
with 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 Ernest James Winters, Monty Banks, Christine Lee and Judith Madden.

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

On Friday just gone, the church observed the Feast of Barnabas the Apostle. Barnabas wasn't originally listed in the named apostles but has since gone on to be one of the most memorable. He quite literally 'put his money where his mouth was' by selling his estate and giving everything to the Church as 'everything was to be held in common'. Admirable we might rightly say. But I prefer to remember Barnabas as he is also sometimes known as a 'Son of Encouragement'. He was sent to the early, emerging churches in Jerusalem and Antioch to promote the concept of being 'one in Christ' as they wrestled with the key questions of were the early followers of Jesus a small Jewish sect or a movement for all? Barnabas spent months and months with each community (no quick fixes) and encouraged the fledgling believers.

All of us, without exception, need encouragement both to live a full life and most certainly to live out our baptismal faith and calling. Encouragement, then, should and must be a key characteristic of today's church serving as wholly counter-cultural to a world that seeks to tear down far more quickly than it takes to build up. Barnabas, effectively, took years to model and give his encouragement whereas it is but the work of a moment and all too easy to put someone down, to discourage and dishearten.

My first ever job was working for the St James, Northampton branch of Tesco, stacking the 'butters and fats' fridges in the days when you still had to manually price every bar or tub as it went onto the shelves. My manager, Mr Thorpe, was someone who constantly encouraged and affirmed his employees, making our department the best in the store (in my humble opinion). Sadly, in other departments, the ugly side of retail management sometimes presented itself where friends of mine would be reduced to tears for even the slightest mistake.

This was certainly not the 'abundant life' that Jesus came to bring and Barnabas came to encourage.

The Holy Spirit is often known as 'the Encourager', the one who gives us strength to walk the Christian Way. So, as we continue to

pray for the encouragement of the Holy Spirit, who do you know who needs to be encouraged and how do you encourage them?

'...and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion;  
for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith.'  
from Acts 11

## **Suzanne Edwards**

Some of you will have heard the very sad news that Suzanne, wife of David Edwards (one of our Benefice Readers), died peacefully on Monday at the St. Giles Hospice in Whittington, Lichfield. Please may we pray earnestly for David and his family particularly as they prepare for Suzanne's funeral. May Suzanne rest in peace, rise in glory and may light perpetual always shine upon her. 'Well done good and faithful servant.'

## **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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **The Return of Sunday Teas!**

Sunday teas will be returning on 4<sup>th</sup> July. Many thanks to those who have offered to serve, wash up or bake. More bakers are still required! Please get in touch with me either by calling on 07747 898638 or emailing [rach.short27@gmail.com](mailto:rach.short27@gmail.com). Alternatively contact me at the Parish Office on 01332 862153 or [melbourneparishchurch@gmail.com](mailto:melbourneparishchurch@gmail.com).

Many thanks,  
Rachel Short



## **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](mailto: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: Jun 13, 2021 05:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/84621744129?pwd=bHlsbktERVlZVDYrdVM4RXZQWG4vdz09>

Meeting ID: 846 2174 4129

Passcode: FNHG6B

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**

As we continue to have only 6 singers from our Church Choir singing at each service as permitted under the current guidance, we await with nervous anticipation for the next announcement which is due on Monday 14th June. In the meantime, I thank the members of our choir for everything they have done during the pandemic and for the way they have constantly adapted to the changing scenarios – we hope for better times very soon. Last Sunday evening, members of our church choir joined online in the live “Big” service organised by The Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) to mark their Music Sunday which celebrates the role of music and musicians in church life. Nearly 2000 members of church choirs at home and abroad

joined in with the service which was led by the two members of Lichfield Cathedral Chapter: Precentor Canon Andrew Stead and the former Bishop of Repton The Rt Revd Jan McFarlane. Hugh Morris, Director of the RSCM also spoke about Music Sunday. Music was prepared by individuals in advance and was led in the service mainly by Lichfield Cathedral Choir with which each singer was then able to join in from their own home at the same time as everyone else. If you weren't able to listen at the time then I do encourage you to watch it on YouTube via this link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i5OayyK-skg>

### **Weekly Music suggestions**

As we continue in the Church of England's "Ordinary Time", I have decided to offer my suggestions this week for Saints Days as I note there are several such days in the month of June: Barnabas on 11th, Alban on 22nd and Peter and Paul on 29th. Please do keep in touch: 07808 474236 or [simon.e.collins@btinternet.com](mailto:simon.e.collins@btinternet.com) .

### **Hymns**

For all the saints [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j\\_UvXe-of-s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j_UvXe-of-s)  
Who are these like stars appearing <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L3V6tb3vg5s>  
Palms of glory, raiment bright <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z4MD5yLRtuY>  
Jerusalem the golden <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-iLvN-R13KE>  
Hark the sound of holy voices <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sJeg-KcHYyI>  
The Kingdom is upon you <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6S8eQNIIApA>

### **Choral Music**

Grayston Ives: There is a land of pure delight <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=62ttyjde-ZY>  
William Harris: Holy is the true light [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0eiXWzKj\\_mo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0eiXWzKj_mo)  
Ernest Bullock: Give us the wings of faith <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gq3ljHbtGOw>  
William Harris: Bring us O Lord God [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=skwx\\_n8DNXc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=skwx_n8DNXc)

### **Organ Music**

Sidney Campbell: Gaudeamus <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LD680XjsYKg>  
Herbert Howells: Preludio on 'Sine Nomine' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Ems8jE6Nlo>  
Herbert Brewer: Marche Heroique [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m\\_XfErASNto](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m_XfErASNto)  
Jean Langlais: Incantation pour un jour saint <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ablw4eoEao>

I do hope everyone is keeping well.  
With very best wishes,  
Simon Collins  
Director of Music

**Please take this bulletin home with you.**