

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

THE BULLETIN

A weekly publication for the Benefice

20th June 2021

Trinity 3



Services across the Benefice

Melbourne – 10.30am Parish Eucharist (Revd Tony Barnard / Dr Nick Gravestock)

Smisby – 5.30pm Evening Prayer (Revd Steve Short)

Stanton – 11.00am Holy Communion (Revd Michael Rogers)

Ticknall – 10.30am Morning Prayer (Mrs Mary Hirst / 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

God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Job 38.1-11

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:
'Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
Gird up your loins like a man,
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

'Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.
Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?
On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone
when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

'Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb?—

when I made the clouds its garment,
and thick darkness its swaddling band,
and prescribed bounds for it,
and set bars and doors,
and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stopped"?

Gospel Reading: Mark 4.35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

Post Communion Prayer

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining
and whose power we cannot comprehend:
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear
until we may look upon you without fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. 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, especially Claire Muldoon (Kenning), and also those whose anniversaries occur near this time, among them Joy Rowatt.

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

Beginning next week, Alan, our curate, will begin his retreat ahead of his ordination to the priesthood on June 26th in Derby Cathedral. I hope and pray that this will be a time of real refreshment and anointing for him!

An integral part of next week are what the church universal calls 'Ember Days'. Traditionally, these were periods set aside for prayer, abstinence and fasting. It also became the norm to hold ordinations on or immediately after these days as set by Pope Gregory VII in the late 11th century. No one quite knows why ordinations became part of the ember seasons but I would suggest that a) it is good to hold ordinations after a time of concentrated prayer! and 2) since ordinations are (or should be!) a 'mass of the Holy Spirit', the associations with 'embers' and 'the fire of God's Holy Spirit', I think, are quite clear.

So, ember days are closely connected, then, with vocation. As we pray for Alan next week, perhaps we might join him spiritually by trying to make a retreat of our own in the midst of our daily lives? Might we observe some times of concentrated prayer and, as part of that drawing intentionally nearer to God, ask Him to renew our own calling and vocation? It might just be a good time to ask yourself the question 'what am I being called to do'? Might God be calling some of our number to a form of authorised ministry as a Reader or ordained minister? If you have been thinking about your vocation calling, do have a word with one of the ministry team - it would be good to talk!

- Steve

Benefice Service for Alan's First Eucharist

On Sunday 27th June at 10.30am there will be a Benefice Eucharist at which Alan will preside at Holy Communion for the first time - a very special event for a new priest but also for the life of our benefice. Everyone is very warmly invited to this service but, as we are still not yet free of lockdown restrictions (and to be certain of numbers), please would you book your place by phoning: 07747 898638 or emailing: rach.short27@gmail.com

Please do come if you can to support Alan and each other at this very special time.

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!

Annual Meetings by Zoom (Change of Plan)

Regrettably, it has been necessary to make the decision to hold the annual meetings for 2021 by zoom, as in 2020. The two meetings are held one after the other, starting at 7:30pm on Thursday 24th June 2021. The link for attending these meeting is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4907449429>

The meetings can be attended by anyone on the electoral roll. Anyone not on the electoral roll but with an interest in the church can attend (but may not be able to vote) if they let the PCC Secretary know by emailing rachel@coupe.me.uk 48 hours in advance.

The first meeting will elect churchwardens for 2021/2022. The second meeting will elect representatives to the Parochial Church Council (PCC). Please think about whether you would like to stand. It will 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 such as 'Framing the Future'.

If you would like a copy of these reports, please contact Rachel Coupe at rachel@coupe.me.uk.

From Canon David Edwards

I would just like to say thank you to everyone who has been so kind after the death of my wife Suzanne. At the start of 2021 we were looking forward to the ending of lockdowns, seeing our families and getting back to normal, especially getting out the camping equipment. Sadly, it wasn't to be and after she was diagnosed with cancer in March, which turned out to be an aggressive form, the decline was shockingly rapid. We are all coming to terms with her loss, she was a special person, and I am particularly sad that our granddaughter Carys will grow up without her.

The funeral is to be at St. Helen's Church in Ashby de la Zouch at 11.00am on Friday 25th June. Numbers are limited by the Covid rules but if anyone would like to be present, please contact me on 07530114169 or 01530 412604 or axuw41@talktalk.net.

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)

“Framing the Future” at Melbourne Parish Church

Developing our ministry together

Journeying together

Recently we celebrated Pentecost and Trinity Sundays travelling the same journey together with familiar ‘bolt holes’ and recognisable destinations. As we travel with Jesus, who ‘makes all things new’, we may well arrive at each festival or familiar scripture reading with a fresh perspective or ‘take’. The Holy Spirit refreshes, challenges and opens our eyes to the new realities of God’s Kingdom.

Realising together

At Pentecost we focussed on Joel chapter 2 where God promises to pour out his Spirit on ‘all flesh’ and does so at that first Pentecost as the tongues of flame appeared on the disciples. He opened their eyes to new possibilities then, as the Spirit still does today.

Responding together

Whether we are lay, ordained, old, young, female, male, God longs to see each of us empowered and enabled for His service. This is powerfully shown in 1 Peter 4.10 which says:

‘Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.’

Being baptized means that we are all commissioned to serve, being the person we are called to be using the gifts that are given as well as the gifts we might ask for.

1 Corinthians 12 illustrates this:

‘Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.’

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common
good.’

Working together

Pentecost, as the “Birthday of the Church”, gives way to Trinity Sunday, focussing on the dynamic action of the Godhead. So, the image of God is best reflected not just in the individual but in groups or teams working together. At parish, benefice, deanery and diocesan level we are exploring how we might gladly co-operate one and all using our gifts, to build God’s Kingdom in the here and now.

Building on these scriptural understandings we can demonstrate the kingdom of God locally.

Following discussion on the church council in the spring, MPC is now in the process of establishing Action Teams to provide enjoyable and satisfying opportunities to help frame responses to the opportunities that lie before us.

Advancing together

Your ideas for progressing our shared ministry have evolved from two significant consultations, the last of which was augmented by responses from our worshipping community as well as from Church Council members – a total of over 40% of our regular congregation. All this alongside two Think Tanks with contributions from a dozen parishioners which reported earlier in the year.

Six teams will refine these recommendations and suggest ways forward in defined areas:

- Nurture and Christian Education,
- Care and Community development,
- Communication and Outreach,
- Welcome and Hospitality,
- Governance and Lay Support,
- Physical resources

Each team would have a Leader and Assistant to enable them. Marcus will be on hand to offer support and encouragement to all team members who will co-operate with existing and fresh endeavours. We are gradually constructing these teams with an eye on our partnership across Smisby, Stanton and Ticknall parishes.

Supporting together

We are seeking six Team Assistants who will help the Team Leaders support the teamsters in ensuring an enjoyable and satisfying team experience.

So, in Melbourne and across the parishes, if you know people who are efficient, good on detail and enjoy helping others make their contributions, please ask them to look at the Skill Shop advert later in the bulletin!

To return to that Joel quotation – God promises to pour out his Spirit on all flesh!

Hallelujah – on we go!

Steve Short
Marcus Nolan

MPC Skill shop

Six Action Team Assistants needed, for which briefing and support will be given!

- Are you good at taking concise notes?
- Do you like helping others make their contribution?
- Are you deft with diaries?
- Do you enjoy clarifying details?

If so, you might be able to assist our new Action Teams to flourish.

Please contact Marcus Nolan for more information:

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Sunday Zoom EARLIER at 3.30pm

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. Due to other commitments today and next Sunday, it will start at the earlier time of 3.30pm. **So, do join us this Sunday, 3.30 - 4.00pm and spread the word about the earlier 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: Jun 20, 2021 03:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/87532351184?pwd=UkcvRUR5MGphdmhBWGdrRFAyQkZydz09>

Meeting ID: 875 3235 1184

Passcode: F2dvVg

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

Following the Government's announcement on Monday 14th June, it appears that we will have another 4 weeks of being restricted to only 6 singers from our Choir leading the Worship each week. Again, my thanks to all our choir members for adapting to the many changes during the pandemic. At least we are still permitted to sing hymns outside at the end of our weekly 10.30 service.....

Cathedral Visits

Many thanks to those of you who have kindly enquired about our choir's regular visits to sing at Cathedrals. Usually, the May Day

Bank Holiday is when we start our day trips each year and it's now 2 years since our last trip in June 2019 but, what a lovely day that was to Ludlow and on to Hereford when we were blessed with one of the sunniest and warmest days of the year! I'm pleased to say that I have bookings for later this year and for 2022 and we will restart just as soon as coach companies and Cathedrals can accommodate us once again. I am hoping I will be in a position to publish a list of future dates very shortly so, do please watch this space.

Music suggestions

This week's list picks up a general Holy Communion theme and offers several items that you would hear in our worship at Melbourne Parish Church and which I hope you will enjoy. Please do stay in touch via 07808 474236 or simon.e.collins@btinternet.com .

Hymns

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HA24kNXdhrM> Guide me O thou great redeemer
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G0LA3GvAUGU> There is a redeemer
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8382PrTBOVY> Bread of the world in mercy broken
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6rr_4M5LQLo I heard the voice of Jesus say
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXhxbEjfxxc> Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Choral Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=heiiATCrwVQ> Vaughan Williams: O taste and see
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PgUFeptmPW8> Cesar Franck arr. Rutter: Panis Angelicus
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AdHDAhBERI8> Herbert Howells: Like as the hart
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QGgK02bwF9s> Thomas Tallis: O sacrum convivium
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4esjh8zGBMQ> Handel: Lord, I trust thee

Organ Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gq8i69-L-Fs> Henri Mulet: Carillon-Sortie
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ae6S2x3tQFs> Herbert Howells: Master Tallis' Testament
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DMg3RJ4NdGY> David N. Johnson: Trumpet Tune in E flat
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HQU6xDyiwM> Vaughan Williams: Prelude on 'Rhosymedre'
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OFILzck3gWw> William Harris: Processional March

With all best wishes,
Simon Collins
Director of Music

Please take this bulletin home with you.