

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

THE BULLETIN

A weekly publication for the Benefice

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Peter the Apostle



Services across the Benefice

**Melbourne – 10.30am Benefice Eucharist
The 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

Almighty God,
who inspired your apostle Saint Peter
to confess Jesus as Christ and Son of the living God:
build up your Church upon this rock,
that in unity and peace it may proclaim one truth
and follow one Lord, your Son our Saviour Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 3.22-end

Then the hand of the Lord was upon me there; and he said to me, Rise up, go out into the valley, and there I will speak with you. So I rose up and went out into the valley; and the glory of the Lord stood there, like the glory that I had seen by the river Chebar; and I fell on my face. The spirit entered into me, and set me on my feet; and he spoke with me and said to me: Go, shut yourself inside your house. As for you, mortal, cords shall be placed on you, and you shall be bound with them, so that you cannot go out among the people; and I will make your tongue cling to the roof of your mouth, so that you shall be speechless and unable to reprove them; for they are a rebellious house. But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God'; let those who will hear, hear; and let those who refuse to hear, refuse; for they are a rebellious house.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16.13-19

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Alan's Ordination

All the ordination services are being livestreamed. Individual links to all the services will be available on the Cathedral You Tube homepage bit.ly/derbycathedral .

Alternatively, there is a generic link on the cathedral's online worship page on our website

<http://derbycathedral.org/worship/services/worship-online.html> . The orders of service will be available to download from the same cathedral website page.

The services will remain accessible on You Tube for a couple of weeks at least, for those who are not able to watch live.

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 Stan Burden, Nicholas Lee, Dorene Weston and Wilfred Johnson.

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 early days of Christian ordinations, the candidates (especially when considering ordination as a bishop) were symbolically 'dragged' up the aisle of the cathedral as a sign of their reluctance to be ordained - instead relying on the grace of God to not just authorise but empower their ministry. It is a particularly pertinent part of the liturgy when the bishop asks everyone present 'to pray earnestly for the Holy Spirit'.

I write this ahead of Alan's ordination service at the weekend and I hope, very much, that he didn't need to be dragged up the aisle in any way!

There are many ways of describing ordination but, for the most part, candidates (whatever we may or may not believe about ontology) are being 'set aside' to exercise a particular form of ministry. Some like to joke that the newly ordained find out why what they wear is called a 'dog collar'!

All of us, in one way or another, are set aside and created for a ministry modelled on that of our great High Priest, Jesus - our baptism implies this. As we go forward together, the ministry of all will increasingly be important as we look to adapt to new patterns of ministry appropriate and sustainable for and by the church of today. It was at the greenbelt festival (A Christian festival of the arts now based in Northamptonshire once again) that I attended a fabulous act of worship held by the Iona Community. We were exploring together what gifts each of us had to offer in Christ's church and, to illustrate this, we were asked to draw around a member of the small groups we had been put into. For some reason, I was chosen and so my outline rapidly appeared on the length of card we had been given. We were then asked to actually draw on the 'body' our gifts and talents inspired by the 'body of Christ' in 1 Corinthians 12. To begin with, the group was a bit flummoxed but then a member of the group leant forward and drew a pocket. He said, 'I'm a church treasurer and, although I certainly don't 'pocket' the money, I do help look after it.'

One member of the group drew on eyes as they felt they were good at looking out for others.

What might you draw on 'the body of the church' as it appeared in that Greenbelt exercise? Or what would you like to be able to draw? Something to pray earnestly about.

- Steve

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)

Church Teas

Thank you to all those who volunteered to help with Church Teas. Unfortunately, due to restrictions, we have decided not to go ahead with teas this year.

Rachel Short

“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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A Big Thank you and Can You Help?

The recent preserves sales resulted in over £130 being raised towards church funds and I would like to say a big thankyou to everyone who continues to give their support.

I am always happy to take orders for preserves and will make preserves to order when requested. At the present time I have an order for gooseberry jam and I wondered if anyone had any surplus gooseberries in the garden or frozen gooseberries they no longer need and I could use. I am always happy to receive donations of fresh or frozen fruit, donations mean more profit to church funds. If you can help or would like to place an order please get in touch and thanks once again for all your support.

Maureen Anderson

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Sunday Zoom EARLIER at 3.30pm

Due to another commitment today, the weekly Zoom will start at the earlier time of 3.30pm. We have been holding these weekly since the beginning of March even though Church services have resumed. **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 27, 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

Music suggestions

On this weekend where our Curate Alan Winfield is ordained Priest and presides at the Eucharist for the first time at Melbourne, my music selections reflect the Festival Day of St. Peter which is marked on 29th June. Unlike a lot of saints, there is a lot of music composed specifically for this day and several items appear in my lists below, some of which is part of our choir's repertoire.

Nowadays Petertide is the main time of year for Ordinations of both Deacons and Priests.

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

Hymns

Thou art the Christ, O Lord <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bGaq0g-JS1w>
Palms of glory, raiment bright <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z4MD5yLRtuY>
Give me the wings of faith <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VHoMBcc4RdQ>
Hark the sound of holy voices <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sJeg-KcHYyl>
The Kingdom is upon you <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6S8eQNIIApA>
For all the saints https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j_UvXe-of-s

Choral Music

Maurice Duruflé: Tu es Petrus <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59ppvRFMnOI>
Grayston Ives: There is a land of pure delight <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=62ttyjde-ZY>
Palestrina: Tu es Petrus <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zmXiFMHzpgo>
William Harris: Holy is the true light https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0eiXWzKj_mo
Mark Blatchly: Give us the wings of faith <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cv2gZOM5kpk>
Robert Pearsall: Tu es Petrus <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E-P0HDPI3dl>

Organ Music

Henri Mulet - Tu es Petra <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nh9nozKnO0Q>
Harold Darke: 3 Chorale Preludes on 'St.Peter'
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kdEA4VDyAFQ>
Percy Whitlock: Scherzo (Five Short Pieces)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W6sw7FTR2Lk>
Charles Stanford: Marcia Eroica (4 Intermezzi)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xoDPFkxzz14>

I do hope everyone is keeping well.

With all best wishes,

Simon Collins

Director of Music

Please take this bulletin home with you.