

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

THE BULLETIN

A weekly publication for the Benefice

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Trinity 6

Services across the Benefice

Melbourne – 10.30am Parish Eucharist (Revd Alan Winfield)

Smisby – 5.30pm Evening Prayer (Dr Nick Gravestock)

Stanton – At Swarkestone

Ticknall – 9.15am Holy Communion (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

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Amos 7.7-15

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said,

'See, I am setting a plumb-line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass them by;
the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.'

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

"Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land." '

And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.' Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycomore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

Gospel Reading: Mark 6.14-29

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of 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 Kathleen Fraser, Vida Thompson, John Barkaway, Vera Donnachie, Jonathan King, Audrey Farmer, Frank Dixon and Betty Kerton.

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 Churchwardens and Curate

Dear Friends

It is with much sadness that we must advise you that due to continuing health issues our Rector, the Reverend Steve Short, has been placed on leave of absence until further notice. The step has been sanctioned by our Area Dean and our Archdeacon. We ask that you include Steve and his family Rachel, Sophie and Benjamin in your prayers.

We also ask that you please refrain from contacting them on any church related or other matters during this time.

Should you have any matters or questions requiring attention, please, in the first instance contact Alan our Curate or, if he is not available, the Churchwardens of this benefice.

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Thanks

Can I just take this opportunity to thank everyone for their cards, gifts and warm wishes for my recent ordination to the priesthood and celebration of my first Mass. It was a truly wonderful weekend and something I shall treasure forever. Special thanks must go to Steve, my training incumbent, for preparing me for the weekend, to my family for their love and support, and to everyone from across the benefice for making me so welcome and part of our benefice family.

Every Blessing

Alan

From our Curate

Today's Gospel focuses on the tale of John the Baptist, Herod, and Herod's illegitimate wife, Herodias. Herod had John arrested and put into prison, as his wife Herodias requested. Herodias had been married to Herod's brother, Philip. However, Herod desired Herodias for himself and eventually he married her. John publicly had criticized both of them for having an illicit union. And naturally, Herod and Herodias were angry with John and his censure. Who did John think he was? Herodias was so angry with John that she wanted to have him killed. However, Herod believed that John was a holy man. Herod had enjoyed listening to John preach. Thus, Herod refused to have John arrested. On the occasion of his birthday, Herodias gave a grand banquet for Herod. However, Herodias had another agenda; she had devised a scheme. During the banquet, Herod's daughter came and danced for Herod and his guests. Herod was extremely pleased with his daughter and wanted to thank her. Herod told his daughter that she could ask him for anything and he would give it to her. As we know, his daughter consulted with her mother, Herodias. Herodias told her to ask for the head of John the Baptist served on a platter. And her daughter did so. Herod was extremely distressed. Herod had great respect for John despite the fact that he had him arrested! Thus, Herod was in a quandary. He publicly had told his daughter that he would give her anything she desired. How could he say no to her request? Eventually, Herod gave way and did as his daughter had asked: he had John beheaded.

John is a wonderful model and guide for us. He spoke out in the face of injustice. John did not pander to royalty or wealth. John put his life on the line for what he believed. I leave you with something to ponder on over the coming week, do we speak what we believe, especially if our opinion or thoughts deviates from the norm? Or do we simply keep silent? Or if directly asked, do we fudge on our response? Or do we simply avoid the question?

- Alan

“Framing the Future” at Melbourne Parish Church

Developing our ministry together

‘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.’ 1 Corinthians 12:7,8

Together the PCC, Rector and Churchwardens have been considering how to recharge the ministry of Melbourne Parish Church. This has been fuelled by two consultations: one initiated by the Churchwardens with the PCC (“Hopes and Fears”) and a more substantial version, a “Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats” analysis to which Church Council members and volunteers from the worshipping community have kindly contributed. This means that around 40% of the regular attendees at our main service have engaged with imagining our new future.

As well as this, two “Think Tanks” (“Christian Nurture and Education” and “Community and Care”) have reported, following the research of a dozen contributors in Winter/Spring and their work will enrich the ongoing project.

The upshot of all this you have probably seen unfolding in the bulletin – the desire to set thoughtful and experienced contributors to work in teams. Each team will be developing solutions to some of the challenges facing us and innovating fresh approaches to our shared ministry.

The basis will be six Action Teams to augment the work of PCC, Staff and Ministry Team.

- **Christian Nurture and Education** – developing followers of Christ of all ages and stages
- **Community and Care** – *demonstrating God’s love in our relationships*
- **Communication and Outreach** – clarifying our faith and activities

- **Welcome and Hospitality** – *people won't forget how you made them feel*
- **Governance, volunteer support and training** – helping each other succeed in our joint ministry
- **Physical resources** – looking after the assets entrusted to us

To begin with, the Action Teams will meet around 10 times in the next year, sift through the collection of suggestions made, prioritise, refine and add to them as well as initiating new action. In due course, they will spawn sub groups of interested individuals as well as running with certain areas as the team, alongside refining existing provision. Some existing structures work well but additional modifications are needed. Each team would have a Leader and Assistant to enable them. An Action Team Supporter will be on hand to offer backing, advice and encouragement to all team members who will co-operate with existing and encourage fresh endeavours.

We are gradually assembling these teams with an eye on our partnership across Smisby, Stanton and Ticknall parishes. Steve, the PCC and the Framing the Future Working Party crave your prayers for wisdom as they work together to set up these teams, their leadership and encouragement so as to enable their ministry in the months ahead.

More news soon!

Marcus Nolan

July 2021

Living Waters

Living Waters is a house-group which aims to meet at least once a month for Bible study, prayer and friendship. For obvious reasons, we have not been able to meet since March 2020, but, COVID restrictions permitting, we hope to meet again on Tuesday, July 20th at 2 Dunicliffe Lane from 10.30 to 12 (coffee served from 10.15). Everyone is welcome but please let me know if you would like to come so that I can organise chairs, mugs etc. Tel: 405303, email: alisongregory@uwclub.net.

Alison Gregory.

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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Church keys

There is a difficulty with a shortage of keys for the north and south doors (same key for both) so we are constantly exchanging the one key we share.

If you have such a key, or any other church keys you no longer use or need, please return to one of us as soon as possible. We'd be very grateful as life would be made that little bit easier!

Many thanks,

Linda and Terry

Church Cleaning

A lovely band of cleaners did their bit this week in church - polishing, hoovering and making things look and smell clean for a wedding this weekend.

One of our band - Alison - has had to hang up her duster recently, and I am so grateful for all that she has done.

There is now a vacancy for a 'side aisle polisher'!

This involves popping in to church once in a while for an hour or so to polish the pews in the side aisles. If you are interested, please give me a call on 01332 863064, and I will fill you in with the details. As ever, huge thanks to all of you who contribute to keeping our church clean.

Steph Hughes

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 at 2.00pm

The weekly Zoom will again start at the earlier time of 2.00pm. We have been holding these weekly since the beginning of March even though Church services have resumed. **So, do join us this Sunday, 2.00 - 2.30pm 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: Jul 11, 2021 02:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/88093434020?pwd=cWhLbGVsaHIYUWs3OWIzS0JqTUlOZz09>

Meeting ID: 880 9343 4020

Passcode: UFM58s

If you have any difficulty, just call me on 07808 474236 and I will try to assist.

Best wishes,

Simon Collins

The Friends of Melbourne Parish Church events resume

With fingers crossed that COVID restrictions will soon be eased, we hope to restore a little bit of normality on 29 July with the first of our events for 2021, a fascinating talk by Margaret Gildea on Aethelflaed - Lady of the Mercians.

It's the 890s. The Vikings have conquered Nottingham, Leicester and Derby. Melbourne, just a few miles away from Repton, the old Saxon capital of Mercia, is on the front line. Alfred the Great had secured the West half of England for the Saxons, but the Vikings are on the march again.

Can anyone save Saxon England?

The answer comes in the unlikely form of Alfred's daughter, Aethelflaed, one of England's most successful warrior queens. Much less famous than her father, and presumably better at watching cakes, Aethelflaed's story shaped the future of modern England, and changed the history of Melbourne.

The battle of Derby in 917 should be as famous as the Battle of Hastings, especially as we won! And Aethelflaed should be as famous as Boudicca and Elizabeth 1.

Come and hear Aethelflaed's story, preceded, weather permitting, by drinks on the Rectory lawn from 7.00 pm.

Admission is free.

Gordon Hughes

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Matters musical

In these many weeks of the church's "ordinary time" my selections this week are on a general "light" theme and include hymns that in normal times we sing regularly in Church (hopefully to be resumed from 19th July!) and anthems which our choir offer in our worship. In the last Bulletin I mentioned the weekly services of Choral Evensong on BBC Radio. This week I draw your attention to a couple of programmes on BBCTV. Firstly 'Songs of Praise' from Chatsworth last Sunday which included a feature on Thomas Cook and his connection with Melbourne Baptist Church – as usual, the music is eclectic and even more so at the moment as they haven't been able to record group singing by choirs or congregations since the beginning of the pandemic. However, there is still something for everyone and the piece about Melbourne is interesting: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000xpg0/songs-of-praise-chatsworth>

The other programme I want to mention is a repeat of an episode in the Sacred Music series presented by Simon Russell Beale which tells the story of the Italian Gregorio Allegri's famous 'Miserere' (Psalm 51). I have enjoyed this programme a couple of times previously but, as it on at 7pm on Sunday night, clashing as it does with the build up to a certain England football match (against Italy!!!), I quote the BBC iPlayer link for you to watch it at your leisure: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00g81g7>

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

Hymns

Christ whose glory fills the skies (Ratisbon)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ShHBkU1HnKA>

Christ be our light <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJq3bhdgQoc>

Hail to the Lord's anointed <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d71Y6vGQkRQ>

Be still, for the presence of the Lord <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ezSQHf8zeaU>

O for a closer walk with God <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hg6sleFKcrA>

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

Choral Music

Tallis: O nata lux <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6HFvgjCOo70>

Ives: There is a land of pure delight <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=62ttyjde-ZY>

Harris: Holy is the true light https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0eiXWzKj_mo

Henry Purcell: Remember not, Lord <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UaSn2f2ejPM>

Anon 16 th Century: Rejoice in the Lord <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=azVITZ-zNAs>

Organ Music

Thalben-Ball: Variation on 'Ratisbon' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y-2RGVMbKjA>

C.S.Lang: Tuba Tune in D <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIAHdNmyJ7A>

Jean Langlais: De profundis https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=toOjl_3RE8A

Bach: Jesu, joy of mans' desiring (BWV147)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l3UuGPCCm_l

Dubois: Toccata in G <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7YtzuqTqLwU>

With very best wishes,

Simon Collins, Director of Music