

**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 7

Services across the Benefice

Melbourne – 10.30am Parish Eucharist (Revd Michael Rogers)

Smisby – 5.30pm Evening Prayer (Canon David Edwards)

Stanton – 11.00am Morning Prayer (Revd Alan Winfield)

Ticknall – 10.30am All Age Worship (Mrs Mary Hirst)

Booking is no longer required!

However, please continue to leave sensible spaces and allow those who wish to social distance to do so.

We await further guidance from the Church of England next week.

Bible Readings

Collect

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 23.1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Gospel Reading: Mark 6.30-34, 53-end

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and

recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in
his love;
for he is alive and reigns, 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 Beatrice Freestone, Paul Wilford, Paul Latchford and Walter Ogilvie.

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.

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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David Ingram

The funeral of David Ingram all the way back on 9 March was, despite the Covid restrictions and being the first service in the church for many, many months, an appropriate send off for a long-serving member of the Melbourne congregation. It was attended by around 30 people who knew him, while other friends paid their respects outside. Amongst various nautical references for this former Merchant Navy officer, the cortege from Springthorpes in Potter Street received a uniformed Royal Navy escort provided by Lieutenant Commander Kathryn Jacques RNR.

But the funeral (or even the brief committal at Bretby Crematorium that followed) was not quite the final act. There was the small question of a suitable resting place for the ashes. David's will leaves money to Melbourne Parish Church and Melbourne Community Care locally, the RSPCA nationally, and three maritime

charities, clearly reflecting his lifelong interests and suggesting what might be possible. The answer eventually emerged from conversations with the Maritime Volunteer Service.

So, it came about that on 1 June two of David's friends with a dog called Lily (the animal being a great favourite of David's) took possession of a specially designed casket from Springthorpes and drove with it to Portsmouth.

The following morning this two-person-one-dog-one-casket delegation embarked on a smartly decked motor launch, close by the Portsmouth terminus of the Isle of Wight ferry. One choppy-waters half-hour later, in the middle of The Solent, there was a re-reading of the lovely eulogy by Margaret Jacques given at David's funeral, a John Masefield poem and a Henry Newman prayer. Respects were paid by the three-man former-military crew of the Arkwright and with that and a scattering of red roses, the casket was gently lowered over the site of the wreck of the Mary Rose.

The whippet, which had been paying attention but also thinking about small arboreal creatures with bushy tails, was not impressed when the Arkwright crew persuaded one of the funeral party to take the helm on the return journey. Resigned to a further absence of squirrels, a tour of the harbour seemed completely pointless to Lily, but, for her humans, seeing HMS Prince of Wales and other vessels from the water was a pleasure that David had enabled.

In fact, charitable bequests by David will allow facilities to be named in honour of him and Joanna on the latest Mercy Ship, Global Mercy and possibly at some of the other charities too. It is a pleasant thought that good things will be enabled both locally and around the world. As we remember the lives of Joanna and David in our prayers, there is much to be thankful for.

Graham Truscott

“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

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
07837 592596

First Aid Course

There is an evening course booked at Repton Church for those seeking to gain, or update, a Certificate in "Emergency Life Support" which lasts for 3 years.

It is on Wednesday 21st July (2 days after restrictions are released) 6:30 – 9:30 at a cost of £12:50 pp (providing we get our numbers up to 20 to share out the £250 charge).

The instructor will again be the very personable Nigel Stirland.

Despite the raising of restrictions, there will still be room for social distancing in a clean and well aired building.

Please contact me, Wendy Mann on 01283 537813
or wendymair@tiscali.co.uk , asap to reserve a place.

Relief Organist

I would like to thank Laurence Rogers for playing the Organ and directing the Choir here at the 10.30am Eucharist today. I count myself very fortunate that when I'm off-duty I can leave both the Choir and the Organ in such capable hands, safe in the knowledge that his willing contribution to our church's musical life is also much appreciated. Laurence was my predecessor here for 27 years and often sings with the Church Choir both here and on its travels.

Sunday Zoom

As I'm off-duty today I'm sorry there will be no Zoom this week. Is anyone happy to share hosting duties to enable this to continue over the summer period without a break? Do let me know: simon.e.collins@btinternet.com or 07808 474236

Simon Collins, Director of Music

Matters musical

Over the past 3 weeks we have held midweek choir practice for the first time since March 2020 as, for most of that time, the guidance only permitted a practice before a service rather than anything stand-alone. We have been able to hold two separate practices on each occasion with a maximum 6 singers at each currently permitted. As I write (on Friday 16th), we are awaiting the new Government guidance for Places of Worship which will apply from Monday (July 19) and then specifically the National and Diocesan Church of England guidance and the subsequent document from the Royal School of Church Music. I am very hopeful that all of this will finally permit congregations to sing indoors for the first time since Sunday 15th March 2020 (shocking that it's been that long!) and for choirs to sing in larger number than currently allowed. As a choir we still plan to continue with some degree of social-distancing and face covering even if those are not required, as a gradual change seems the most sensible and responsible.

Music suggestions

Psalm 23 is this Sunday's allocated Psalm for the Eucharist. It is one of the most well-known and beloved texts and for the Church has been set to music as hymns, psalm settings, anthems and organ music over many years. Therefore, my selections reflect a small part of this wide range, alongside other music.

Please do keep in touch with any suggestions:
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Hymns

The King of Love my Shepherd is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iu83WQdQ7-Y>

Faithful shepherd, feed me <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GNMXynVUZpg>

The Lord's my Shepherd (Brother James' Air)

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

Lord Jesus Christ (Living Lord) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uXn5rgXW_8c

Bread of the world in mercy broken <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kR90dtwzLqM>

O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D5xq7lx0Ogc>

Choral Music

John Rutter: The Lord is my Shepherd (Requiem)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WOtsuzM6h7M>

John Goss: These are they that follow the Lamb

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u_HDhegT8RI

Ola Gjeilo: Ubi caritas <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JnfJL-fFMbU>

Chant by John Goss: Psalm 23 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eZpJEYC-21A>

Howard Goodall: The Lord is my Shepherd (Dibley!)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yLxdb3ov-zE>

Maurice Duruflé: Ubi caritas <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l1BTWCpEFRQ>

Organ Music

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor: Impromptu in F

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5liKL5OSma0>

Johann Pachelbel: Der Herr ist mein getreuer Hirt

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XPTdBOLw2bk>

Johann Heuschke: Der Herr ist mein getreuer Hirt

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NE302SpDNT0>

Noel Rawsthorne: Two versets on Brother James' Air

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NmbKGEITeO8>

George Thalben-Ball: Variation on 'Wiltshire'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X2uKCbyg8Cw>

M.A. Charpentier: Trumpet Tune (Te Deum Prelude) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ui5_MP3Vws

With all best wishes,

Simon Collins

Director of Music