

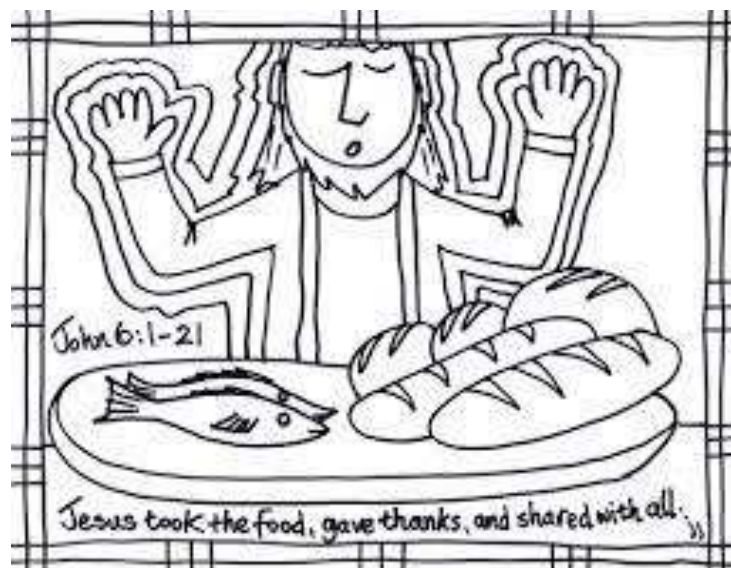
THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN MELBOURNE,
SMISBY,
STANTON-BY-BRIDGE AND TICKNALL

THE BULLETIN

A weekly publication for the Benefice

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Trinity 8



Services across the Benefice

Melbourne – 10.30am Parish Eucharist (Revd Alan Winfield)

Smisby – 5.30pm Evening Prayer (Canon David Edwards)
(Patronal festival)

Stanton – 11.00am Holy Communion (Revd Michael Rogers)

Ticknall – 9.15am Holy Communion (Revd Alan Winfield)

Bible Readings

Collect

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 4.42-end

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, 'Give it to the people and let them eat.' But his servant said, 'How can I set this before a hundred people?' So he repeated, 'Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, "They shall eat and have some left."' He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

Gospel Reading: John 6.1-21

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had

given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and
dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the
light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed
with the fullness of your life;
glory to you 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 Ernest Fitchen, Reg Moore and Marjorie Foster.

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 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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Living Waters

We held our first meeting on Tuesday since March 2020 and it was good to be together again. We started by reading a passage from Mark chapter 1 which had been the Gospel reading for last Sunday. We considered the difference between 'diseases' (physical?) and 'demons' (mental?) and between curing and healing. We discussed the sentence "your faith has made you whole" and shared experiences of healing and wholeness. It was especially interesting to hear about the principles of 'palliative care' where the whole needs of the patient are treated as well as the needs of the whole family. Before the end of the meeting, members suggested for topics to be remembered in our prayers.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 10th. Everybody is welcome.

Alison Gregory.

“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

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

YCCN

Christian Climate Action relay, passing through Melbourne 31 August

A group of young people have formed the Young Christian Climate Network as a response to the Climate crisis (this summer is set to be the global hottest yet - and also, near certainly, the coolest summer of the rest of our lives...). These intrepid young folk have organised a relay walk which started in Cornwall at the end of the G7 talks and is due to finish at the beginning of November in Glasgow when COP26, the UN Climate Conference, commences.

They plan to pass through Melbourne on Monday 31st August and move on to Aston on Trent the following day. They are looking for volunteers for a range of tasks and would love people (of any age) to join them, even if only for a few miles. The best way to find out more and to volunteer is through the website -

<https://www.yccn.uk> Alternatively phone Gill Watts on 07779 977825 or g.a.watts@ntlworld.com- she is the Route Section Team Leader for the Birmingham to Nottingham stage of the relay

Understanding the depth, scale and urgency of the Climate and Ecological catastrophe unfolding around us is not necessary in order to help these good caring youngsters. But if we (even vaguely) grasp these desperately existential risks, why would we not want to demand action to save what we can of God's Creation?

Friends of Melbourne Parish Church events

The Friends are pleased to announce that Margaret Gildea's talk will go ahead as planned on Thursday 29th July.

Doors to the Rectory garden (via Church House, adjoining the Rectory to the left) will open at 7pm and the talk in church will begin at 7.30pm. No tickets or pre-booking required.

The elephant hanging around behind the Norman pillar at the back of church is, of course, Covid.

The arrangements for the talk, following the easing of restrictions will be as follows:

- we will leave all three doors open before and during the talk for ventilation purposes;
- we will ask everyone to sanitise their hands as they enter the building;
- face coverings are not mandatory; however, we encourage people to wear them when moving around in the church until seated;
- some people will wish to continue to wear a face covering – that is fine, and we suggest that we should continue to social distance around people who do, unless they signal otherwise;
- we ask people to maintain social distancing when entering and leaving the building and when queuing for drinks at the bar in the garden and at the back of church
- although we are no longer required to collect contact details and it is not a condition of entry, as a responsible organisation we will encourage those attending to provide their details to help support NHS Test and Trace to reduce the spread of the virus; to make things easier and speed things up, as an alternative to supplying your details at the door, we will provide a box at the entrances, into which you can drop a card or piece of paper with your pre-written contact details.

Everyone is welcome.

Our next event will be on Thursday 12th August (7 for 7.30pm):
(Lessons in Leadership - from Nelson to now).

Admiral Sir Trevor Soar KCB OBE DL, former Commander in Chief Fleet, will give a fascinating talk on the lessons we learn in leadership looking at our own history.

Born in Belper and educated at Loughborough Grammar School, Sir Trevor joined the Royal Navy in 1975, He commanded the submarines HMS Ocelot from 1987 to 1990 and HMS Talent from 1991 to 1994. He went on to command the frigate HMS Chatham from 1997 to 1998. He next appointment was ashore as Director of Naval Staff Duties at the Ministry of Defence from September 2000 to August 2002. Next appointed as commanding officer of the aircraft carrier HMS Invincible from 2002 to 2004. He was appointed Capability Manager (Precision Attack) in 2004 in the rank of rear admiral and was promoted to Chief of Materiel (Fleet), Defence Equipment & Support in the rank of vice admiral in 2007. Sir Trevor was promoted to admiral and appointed as Commander-in-Chief Fleet and Allied Maritime Component Commander, Northwood on 10 June 2009. He also held the honorary position of Vice-Admiral of the United Kingdom from 2009 to 2012. He is currently Chairman of the Chatham Historic Dockyard/Trust.

Again, we will have drinks on the Rectory lawn, if the weather is kind.

Gordon Hughes

Sunday Zoom

We're encouraged to support Smisby's Patronal Festival today so, rather than clash with that, there will be no Zoom this week. If anyone is happy to share hosting duties to enable this to continue weekly during August, please do get in touch:

simon.e.collins@btinternet.com or 07808 474236

Simon Collins, Director of Music

Matters musical

Visiting Organist

It is lovely to have Tom Corfield accompany for us today in a long-standing arrangement. This is the first time we have been able to welcome him to play for a live service (and Rosemary who is singing in the choir) since Epiphany, all the way back in January!

I do hope everyone has coped well in the extremely warm weather we've had this past week. My suggestions for church music this week mark St James the Great whose commemoration is today, 25th July. It is also the Patronal Festival of our sister church at Smisby and we are invited to join them today to mark the occasion at their weekly 5.30pm service. Our Church Choir is planning to upload an especially recorded "as live" Saints' Day Choral Evensong to the Melbourne Benefice YouTube page in the next few days - this will be the first Evensong the choir has sung since February 2020 and we are looking forward to this service resuming its place in our regular round of regular services at Melbourne in the very near future.

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

Music suggestions

Hymns

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_mZT59b3Kaw Ye watchers and ye holy ones

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G0LA3GvAUGU> There is a redeemer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sJeg-KcHYyI> Hark! the sound of holy voices

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6S8eQNIIApA> The kingdom is upon you

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j_UvXe-of-s For all the saints (Sine nomine)

Choral Music

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=skwx_n8DNXc William Harris: Bring us O Lord God

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

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gq3ljHbtGOW> Ernest Bullock: Give us the wings of faith

Organ Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5yWtmXQ3EsU> J.S. Bach: Fugue in G major a la Gigue (BWV 577)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j6MPquYmRnI> David N. Johnson: Trumpet Tune in D

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Ems8jE6Nlo> Herbert Howells: Prelude on 'Sine nomine'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LD680XjsYKg> Sidney Campbell: Gaudeamus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ablw4eoEao> Jean Langlais: Incantation pour un jour Saint

With very best wishes,
Simon Collins
Director of Music

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