

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

THE BULLETIN

A weekly publication for the Benefice

1st August 2021

Trinity 9

Services across the Benefice

Melbourne – 10.30am Parish Eucharist (Revd Alan Winfield)

Introit: Bread of the world Bourgeois arr. Vaughan Williams
Offertory: Psalm 78 vv. 23-29
Setting: Cæsar St Mary's Mass
Communion: Agnus Dei Cæsar & Ubi caritas Ola Gjeilo
Hymns: 295, 345
Organ Voluntary: Voluntary in A minor John Stanley

Smisby – 5.30pm Holy Communion (Revd Alan Winfield)

Stanton – 11.00am Morning Prayer (Canon David Edwards)

Ticknall – 9.15am Morning Prayer (Canon David Edwards)

Bible Readings

Collect

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 16.2-4, 9-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.'

Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining."'

And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God."'

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.'

Gospel Reading: John 6.24-35

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which^{*} comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

Post Communion Prayer

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal
banquet 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, Colin Moore and Enoch Tweed.

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 finish 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 Alec Bailey, Reg Deptford and Terry Ashman.

Many thanks to Janet Parsons for her donation for tower lighting in memory of her dad Reg Moore on his anniversary.

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 our Curate, Revd Alan Winfield, or the churchwardens. 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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From the Churchwardens and the Rev. Alan Winfield

Important statement regarding our position on Services going forward.

Dear Friends,

The Churchwardens and our Curate have been considering our response to the lifting of all legal restrictions around the Coronavirus Pandemic and have taken into consideration the fact that there is strong Government guidance which is little changed from before the lifting of legal restrictions. We believe we have a moral obligation to protect all in society and as a Church we should be seen to be setting an example of what it means to “love thy neighbour”. With this in mind we have agreed to our own phased approach towards a new normal for the Church of St Michael with St Mary beginning on Sunday 1st August 2021. We do feel that we need to be clear though that our ability to continue to provide for worship in person with the gentle easing of restrictions is going to be solely dependent

on us collectively agreeing that we will sign up to this response even if perhaps we were expecting something more. We are adamant that we do not wish to close the Church again and we can only move forward if everyone agrees to walk together on the journey. So, in order for us to go forward from 1st August 2021 the following will happen:

- The Church of St Michael with St Mary will be open for the regular Sunday Service of Holy Communion at 10.30am. Additionally the Church will open for a said Service of Holy Communion on Thursdays at 09.15am.
- Every effort will be made to reintroduce the said Service of Holy Communion at 08.00am on Sunday as soon as possible but this will depend on the availability of Priests, a Sacristan and Sidespersons.
- The requirement to book in for a service will be dropped but we do ask that you sign in when you arrive, either via the covid app or onto the clipboard.
- There will be an expectation that hand sanitiser will be used on entering and leaving the buildings.
- There will be an expectation that face coverings will continue to be worn until government and church guidance changes to suggest otherwise (if you are exempt, we would ask that you sit near to the door).
- The full Choir will be used if they so decide.
- The number of Bells rung will be determined by the Bellringers.
- Congregational singing will remain as at present with the congregation filing out via the West Door during The Gloria to sing the last two hymns outside.
- We will continue to use alternate pews and we would ask that you continue to socially distance and keep contact to a minimum inside the buildings as per the latest government guidelines.
- Although a Service Booklet including hymns will be produced for the service on Sunday 25th July, it is anticipated that normal service hymn books will be used thereafter.
- Administration of Holy Communion to members of the congregation will take place in the pews and for the time being

will continue to be by bread alone.

- For the time being, the sharing of The Peace will continue in its present form avoiding any physical contact.
- There will be no unnecessary movement around the Church.
- There will be an expectation that conversations should be held outside and not in the building.
- There will not be any refreshments provided after services.
- With effect from the week commencing Sunday 1st August, the Church will open for Private Prayer on Tuesday and Thursday from 10.00am until 4.00pm.
- The current Church Risk Assessment will be reviewed to ensure that it always reflects the up-to-date position with regard to Covid Health and Safety measures.

Provided things move in the direction we hope and pray they will, we are looking to have removed as many of these restrictions as possible by the beginning of September and we will update you as to which ones are changing and when as we go along, but we reserve the right to review our procedures and slow down everything in line with Government guidelines depending on the local situations. We understand that for many of you this will not be what you are expecting or wanting to hear, and it in no way meets what the tabloid press has been suggesting would be the case, but it is our duty as Christians to be seen to uphold the highest standards of behaviour, and while we don't always get it right, we do believe that in this situation we can provide the moral leadership that our community is looking to us for, and by being open and honest about why we are doing things and when changes will happen then we can move forward together towards that promised land of the new normal.

All four Parishes in the Benefice have agreed with the general format of this statement with specific alterations to suit the service structure of individual Churches.

The Area Dean the Rev. Mike Firbank fully supports our decisions. The PCC of St Michael with St Mary has been consulted and invited to comment.

With our love and prayers
Linda, Terry and 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

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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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?

Melbourne Festival 2021

The Art and Architecture Trail will be going ahead this year on the 18th and 19th September. It will be smaller than usual as it won't be using private homes or St Michael's House, but they will be using the Rectory garden and the church.

Two artists will be at the back of the church, socially distanced. This leaves space in the rest of the church for appropriately cautious displays/activities. Fine details may, of course, need to be confirmed at the last minute, should the covid situation change. Please can you put your thinking caps on and let me or the Wardens know of any ideas you might have?

Thank you!

Rachel Coupe

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Matters musical

As has been widely-publicised, choirs across the country have had the restrictions on them lifted from 19th July under Step 4 of the roadmap. Here at Melbourne, our Church Choir are still taking sensible precautions as we get used to singing in larger number again. Therefore, at the moment we are still sitting socially-distanced and wearing masks as we arrive and depart. Last weekend we recorded a Saints' Day Choral Evensong which was our first such service since February 2020 and I will include a link to it as soon as possible. We are most grateful to David Edwards for leading it. It is good to see that some of the summer music festivals are returning this year. The BBC Proms was due to start last Friday evening (30th) and is back with live audiences this year. I note too that the Three Choirs Festival is taking place in Worcester after a year's delay and the Edington Festival of Music within the Liturgy in Wiltshire returns, albeit on a smaller-scale this year. I hope we can all take heart from these gradual steps back to normality as venues and events re-open.

Music suggestions

This week my links below pick up on the theme of 'Bread of life' following last week's reading of the feeding of the five thousand. Do keep comments/suggestions coming via these details:

07808 474236 or simon.e.collins@btinternet.com . For this week:

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=HQlu6xDyiwM> Vaughan Williams: Prelude on 'Rhosymedre'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OFILzckK3gWw> William Harris: Processional March

With very best wishes,

Simon Collins, Director of Music

Sunday Zoom at 5.30pm

We have been holding these most weeks since the beginning of March even though Church services have resumed. So, do join us this Sunday, 5.30 - 6.00pm and 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: Aug 1, 2021 05:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82859015454?pwd=SXZ6c2o1SHZXZFhJaUhmZnVGMERyQT09>

Meeting ID: 828 5901 5454

Passcode: ru3pp4

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

Best wishes,

Simon Collins

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