

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 10



Services across the Benefice

Melbourne – 10.30am Parish Eucharist (Revd Michael Rogers)

Introit: Come risen Lord Peter Cutts

Offertory: Psalm 34 vv. 1-8

Setting: Cæsar St Mary's Mass

Communion: Agnus Dei Cæsar & Verily, verily I say unto you Thomas Tallis

Hymns: 234(ii), 271

Organ Voluntary: Grand March from 'Aida' Verdi

Smisby – 5.30pm Evening Prayer (Dr Nick Gravestock)

Stanton – At Swarkestone

Ticknall – 9.15am Holy Communion (Revd Alan Winfield)

Bible Readings

Collect

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 19.4-8

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Gospel Reading: John 6.35, 41-51

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.'

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through 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. 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, especially Edwina Cope, and also those whose anniversaries occur near this time, among them Jean Mills.

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 phoneline of hymns,
reflections and prayers



From The Rector

Dear all,

Many of you will know that I have had to take a break from ministerial duties for the time being due to being unwell. I write now to give you a little more detail to put you more fully in the picture.

After investigations, I have been diagnosed with a form of lymphoma.

Thankfully, mine is a type that tends to respond well to treatment which is a mixture of medication and chemotherapy over the coming months. I am so very grateful for all the good wishes and support received both for me and for Rachel, Sophie and Benjamin - thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Due to the treatments, I am required to isolate at home so will not be seen 'out and about' but I look forward to being able to wave through the windows! Please would you continue to pray for me, for Rachel, Sophie and Benjamin as well as for all those continuing to provide the excellent medical and spiritual care. I will be praying for you, too.

I am also immensely grateful to Alan as our curate, our benefice wardens and the ministry team for all they are doing in my absence. Thanks also to Deanery and Diocesan colleagues for their help and support. I'm sure they will have your full support and encouragement at this difficult time for everyone. I am especially mindful of the promise Jesus made at the Great Commission in Matthew 28 - 'Lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the age.' As well as these timeless words of St Paul from Romans 8: 'For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.'

With love,
Steve

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 to 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?

Graham Truscott

Melbourne Festival 2021

Ideas are needed for using the church building at the Melbourne Festival that are appropriately socially distanced. Please get in touch if you or the organisation you belong to can help!

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. However, two artists will be at the back of the church. 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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Christian Aid 0.2% Pledge

The UK government has broken its manifesto pledge and cut the overseas aid budget from 0.7% to 0.5% of gross national income (GNI). This 0.2% cut represents £4bn less going to the world's poorest people.

This 0.2% is a matter of life and death. Cutting the UK aid budget from 0.7% has dire consequences. Ultimately the poorest and most vulnerable people will pay the price. Christian Aid will continue to speak out. Fewer children will be able to access a basic education. People will not be able to access vital health care during a global pandemic. More families will go hungry. As Archbishop Desmond Tutu said: "A promise to the poor is particularly sacred".

Christian Aid are asking people to take the 0.2% pledge. Can you take a stand and give 0.2% of your income each month? The fight for justice has never been more important. We should not turn our backs on the world's poorest people, especially during a global pandemic. And whilst individual's gifts won't plug the gap left by government cuts, Christian Aid invite you to stand in solidarity with our global neighbours for the months and years to come. The Donation Pledge can be made on the Christian Aid website: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/give/ways-to-donate/0.2-pledge-aid-budget>.

Nigel Coupe

Living Waters

The Living Waters house group will meet at 2 Dunncliffe Lane, this Tuesday, August 10th at 10.30 am (coffee served from 10 am). Please let me know if you intend to come so that I can arrange chairs etc. My number is 405303 or email me on alisongregory@uwclub.net. All are welcome.

Alison Gregory.

Fancy a Cuppa

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE

TUESDAY AUGUST 10th, 10.30-12.00

Update on the Melbourne Festival and Future Plans

Coffee, Tea and Cakes

A warm welcome extended to all

SHARON BROWN - Melbourne Festival Director

Friends Event

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

Music suggestions

This week my music suggestions cover themes of “light” and “vision” to acknowledge the Feast of the Transfiguration which is marked on August 6th. In a normal year, most of this music is sung or heard during weekly worship in Melbourne Parish Church and the anthems have all been offered by our church choir over many years as it continually seeks to enhance our worship. Please do keep in touch: 07808 474236 or simon.e.collins@btinternet.com :

Hymns

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ShHBkU1HnKA> Christ whose glory fills the skies (Ratisbon)

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=az61CCd9nLU> Be thou my vision (Slane)

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

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

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

Choral Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qMEAlzuEXWI> Bob Chilcott: Be thou my vision

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

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

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

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

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

Organ Music

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

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lmmWRc36yDo> Eric Thiman: Meditation on 'Slane'

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l3UuGPCCm_I Bach: Jesu, joy of mans' desiring (BWV147)

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

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 when Church services 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. 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

Topic: Melbourne Sunday Tea

Time: Aug 8, 2021 05:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/86895335754?pwd=UnBsZldZMkhDcVhIZ3YwenpiSIRhUT09>

Meeting ID: 868 9533 5754

Passcode: Y1bi2Q

Best wishes, Simon Collins

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