

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

The Bulletin

A weekly publication for the Benefice

15th August 2021

The Blessed Virgin Mary



Services across the Benefice

Melbourne – 10.30am Parish Eucharist (Revd Alan Winfield)

Introit: Gabriel's Message Old Basque carol arr. Pettman

Hymns: 186, 181(ii), 185

Setting: Rawsthorne Festive Eucharist

Gradual: Psalm 45 vv. 10-17

Communion: Agnus Dei Rawsthorne & Magnificat (Short service)

Gibbons

Organ Voluntary: Prelude & Fugue in G (BWV541) J.S.Bach

Smisby – 5.30pm Evening Prayer (Canon David Edwards)

Stanton – 11.00am Morning Prayer (Dr Nick Gravestock)

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

Bible Readings

Collect

Almighty God,
who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and chose her to be the mother of your only Son:
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood
may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61.10-end

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

Gospel Reading: Luke 1.46-55

And Mary said,
'My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Post Communion Prayer

God most high,
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:
we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption
you visit us with your Holy Spirit
and overshadow us by your power;
strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;
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, Enoch Tweed and Revd Steve Short. 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 and also those whose anniversaries occur near this time, among them Stanley Pearce, Betsy Louise Ireland, Bernard Brookbanks, Richard Williamson and Vera Pipes.

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.

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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RELAXATION OF COVID RULES IN CHURCH

When the church reopened measures were put in place to keep everyone safe and comfortable with returning to the 10.30 service. It was made clear that we would review and make changes as appropriate and according to C of E guidelines.

For this coming Sunday 15th August the following changes will be made:

* Members of the congregation may choose to wear masks or not but are still asked to keep social distance as far as possible.

* A hymn will be sung near the start of the service with two later on. The congregation will be invited to sing with the choir inside the church. Wearing of masks whilst singing is an individual choice to make.

Please note that for now we will remain in pews for the peace, offering a wave or smile to those around us.

Communion will continue to be offered in one kind with the Priest or Authorised Minister coming to the congregation in their pews.

The choir will not proceed in or out at present to avoid close proximity.

Many thanks for your co-operation and support,
Linda and Terry

8am Holy Communion at Melbourne Parish Church

We will be restarting the 8 o'clock Holy Communion service on Sunday 29th August 2021 and on Monday 23rd August we will be having a Social get together in church from 18.30 to 19.30.

This is an informal get-together for the 8 o'clockers (established, new and curious) to meet up in advance of the next 8 o'clock service.

It will be good to not only see each other in person but also to take the opportunity to reacquaint ourselves with this quiet, reflective service and to share ideas and thoughts in planning its future. It may be that a Priest or Authorised Minister is not available every week to take this service but there are congregation members prepared to lead Morning Prayer if this is the case.

Do please join us if you think this style of fellowship is or could be for you. Come and enjoy a glass of cold fizz! and listen to our Director of Music "at the piano and organ".

No need to book in advance and I look forward to seeing you there and having a chance to sit and chat a while.

Alan Winfield
Curate

“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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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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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

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

Sunday Zoom

As I'm on holiday in Northumberland, I'm sorry there will be no Zoom this week. Is anyone happy to share hosting duties for this? If so, do let me know please: simon.e.collins@btinternet.com or 07808 474236
Simon Collins, Director of Music

Matters Musical

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 on holiday I can leave both the Choir and the Organ in such capable hands, knowing 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.

Weekly Church Music suggestions

Our service this week commemorates The Blessed Virgin Mary whose day can either be marked today, 15th August, or on 8th September. It is good to be reminded about the role of Mary, the mother of Jesus, especially as it falls on a Sunday this year. Here are this week's suggestions which include anthems and canticles from our choir's repertoire as well as popular hymns here:

Hymns

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s6ji4y9Q-K0> Tell out my soul
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWS-Jtaly7w> For Mary, Mother of our Lord (St. Botolph)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xwkca-3GiM4> Ye who own the faith of Jesus
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L-Rv-J46gvM> The Angel Gabriel from heaven came
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fup7LsDZjTk> Jesus, good above all other
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tXmrNZKJ3-A> Sing we of the Blessed Mother

Choral Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fpB9mQHORIg> Herbert Howells: 'Collegium Regale' Magnificat
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2glsZkMb5V8> Healey Willan: Fair in face
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=60uVvwVch74> Healey Willan: Rise up, my love, my fair one
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=poAehRMwdMA> Philip Stopford: Ave Maria
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rNUZjxMjEiQ> John Tavener: Mother of God, here I stand
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LUWKSTysnpg> Stanford: Magnificat in C

Organ Music

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vfle3H_R3X8 J.S.Bach: Fugue on the Magnificat (BWV 733)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=grDfw4lwq1k> Jonathan Y. Tan: Improvisations on 'St. Botolph'
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nv2YlkiYws> Peeters: Toccata, Fugue & Hymne 'Ave Maris Stella'
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Co8w404Z3I> Healey Willan: Prelude on 'Gelobt sei gott'
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2QTeN1CqmE4> Herbert Sumsion: Ceremonial March

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

With all best wishes,

Simon Collins, Director of Music

The week ahead...

Tuesday: 7pm Bellringing practice

Wednesday: 7.45pm Choir Practice

Thursday: 9.15am Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd: 2pm Wedding at Stanton

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