

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

The Bulletin

A weekly publication for the Benefice

**21st November 2021
Christ the King**

Services across the Benefice

Melbourne

8.00am Holy Communion (Revd Alan Winfield)
10.30am Parish Eucharist (Revd Alan Winfield)

Smisby

5.30pm Evening Prayer (Dr Nick Gravestock)

Stanton

11.00am Morning Prayer (Canon David Edwards)

Ticknall

10.30am All Age Worship (Mrs Mary Hirst)

Welcome!

**Welcome to all worshipping here today with a special welcome
to those who are visitors or newcomers.**

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Bible Readings

Collect

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Daniel 7.9-10, 13, 14

As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne;
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.
A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousand served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgement,
and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.
To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

Gospel Reading: John 18.33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own

nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A pattern for daily prayer, so that at home or at church we can pray together:

Monday: World leaders.

Tuesday: Those who have asked for our prayers: Anne Brazier, Roo Hubbard, Bob Smith, Hanna King, Campbell Laird, Christopher Browne, Christine Young, Colin Moore, Enoch Tweed, Nadine Worthington 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, our Cathedral Dean, Peter and Area Dean, Mike.

Thursday: Our schools. The church worldwide.

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 Winifred Laban, Jeanne Mary Lidgate and Pat Johnson.

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 of Melbourne Parish Church

Dear Friends,

As you are no doubt aware, as well as having been elected as Churchwardens for the Parish of Melbourne, we have also been appointed as Sequestrators for the time being of the Parish and this will last until the Revd. Steve Short returns to his post of Rector.

As Officers of the Bishop, a voluntary position, we have certain set responsibilities:

To support the Parish Priest, other Ministers and their families

To be ex-Officio members of the PCC

To be responsible for the contents of the Church

To be responsible for keeping order in the Church and Churchyard

The PCC is responsible for almost everything else.

During this period of a temporary vacancy, the Churchwardens, Area Dean and Alan Winfield, our Curate, are doing our very best to arrange Church services, weddings and funerals and to generally manage Melbourne Parish and its Church, helped by our Parish Administrator.

This is a heavy workload, and we need your cooperation. If something needs doing, the first port of call is not necessarily the Churchwardens. Repair and maintenance, finance, insurance and other similar issues need to be taken to the PCC in the first instance. If queries are addressed to the Churchwardens and are a PCC matter, we will ask you to resend to the PCC. We would add that the Revd. Mike Firbank, our Area Dean is fully supportive of our message.

Thank you for your understanding at this difficult time.

Your Churchwardens,

Linda and Terry

Working together with God

“Framing the Future” at Melbourne Parish Church

I am glad to be able to tell you that the following Action Teams have now begun their work together:

Christian nurture and Education

Developing followers of Christ - all ages and stages

Tony Barnard, Rachel Coupe, Nick Gravestock,
Alison Gregory, Julie McLean

Community and Care

Demonstrating God’s love in our relationships

Andrew Baldwin, Ros Bell, Maggie Dobby,
Linda Latchford, **Rachel Reid**, Alan Winfield

Communication and Outreach

Clarifying our faith and activities

Mary Bolton, Margaret Brackenbury,
Gordon Hughes, **Roddy Lott**

Welcome and Hospitality

People won’t forget how you made them feel

Simon Collins, Luke Harmer, Deb Lynch,
Wendy Robinson, Rachel Short

If you think you have some ideas or suggestions for a particular Action Team, please have a word with the relevant Action Team Assistant (team assistant’s names in bold) or send your details and ideas to:

Marcus Nolan email: thewordsmith@gmail.com

Meanwhile, please continue to pray for the Action Teamsters who are looking at how to develop our shared ministry as we work together with God in the parish:

A prayer for our ministry:

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people;
that each in their vocation and ministry
may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, Amen.

Marcus Nolan
11 November 2021

What child is this?

The Ministry Team have been doing some planning to mark the keeping of Advent. Advent Sunday is not the beginning of the Church's year, when we change to the C (third) set of readings, but the beginning of a four-week period which has, traditionally, been kept as a time of preparation for Christmas. Our intention this year, across the churches of the Benefice, is to use these four Sundays to think about what the 'child born in a manger' would become.

At one level the answer is obvious. Jesus was the Son of God and the Messiah, the Saviour of the world, who died for us, but what does this mean in terms of the life he lived and the life which we can live, as his disciples, travelling along the same way of love? Every child born into this world has enormous potential and the story of the birth of Jesus, with singing angels, wondering shepherds and adoring Kings or Magi, suggests that this child will be something special. In brief, we shall discover someone who became a prophet, priest and king. However, the question remains, what does that mean for us?

The set readings, whilst not deliberately tied to these themes, nevertheless help us on our way and so we will be adding an insert to the Bulletin encouraging us all to take a look at them during the week, and spend a little time reflecting on them. Why not give it a try and see what comes out?

Have a blessed Advent and get ready for Christmas!

Tony Barnard

Ticknall

Christmas Concert

There is a Christmas Concert by BEATUS at Ticknall Parish Church on Friday the 10th December at 7.30pm. £10 including refreshments. Tickets available from Mary Hirst on 01332 862647

This will be the first big event since 2019 and we look forward to seeing all our musical friends once again. Please come and join us.

Mary Hirst

Nurture and Education Team. We need your help.

In addition to the Christingle service on Christmas Eve, we are planning two other events for children and would welcome offers of help.

Experience Christmas

Whole year groups from the infant school come into church for an immersive experience of the Christmas story. They move in small groups round six 'stations', each telling a different part of the story. Each group is accompanied by a teacher or other adult from the school. We need at least six volunteers who will set up one station each (detailed descriptions are provided) and will then tell their part of the story to each group of children. This will run on Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th and Friday 17th December from 9am.

Messy Christmas

This is an event for families - children accompanied by parents or other adults on Saturday, December 18th from 4.30 to 6.30pm. There are different games and craft activities round the church which families can visit as they wish. Refreshments are served and the afternoon ends with a 'do-it-yourself' nativity play. We need helpers to set up the craft tables, prepare and serve the meal, wash up and restore order in the church. (It's not called Messy for nothing!)

There will be a planning meeting for both of these events on Wednesday 24th November at 7.30pm in St Michael's House. Please, we urgently need volunteers to help with these important events, even if you are not able to come on the 24th.

Please contact Rachel Coupe or Alison Gregory if you are able to help.

Children's Society

I would like to say 'Thank you very much' to everyone who has given me their Children's Society box. I am nearly ready to make a final payment to The Church of England Children's Society and then to announce how much we have raised before returning the boxes in anticipation of another generous year. Thank you again.

Jo Glaze.

Concert

Nick Gravestock and Carmel Edwards are performing a concert 'Prelude to Christmas' on Friday 26th November at 1620s house in Donington le Heath 6.30 for 7.00 with mulled wine and mince pies. Tickets are available on line from 1620s house website or on 01455 290429, the |Heritage site number.

The Dower House carols are back.

The Choir have kindly agreed to sing carols at The Dower House on Tuesday 21st December, 7.30 - 9pm.

There will only be 20 tickets for sale this year so it will be first come, first served - with no block bookings. Tickets will be £10 each and all the proceeds will be donated to Melbourne Community Care.

Could you please email me griseldakerr@btinternet.com or catch me in church if you would like a ticket.

Griselda

Melbourne Late Night Shopping, 3rd December

The Communication and Outreach Team are planning to have a stall in the Market Place on this evening to hand out leaflets informing the Village of Services to be held in the Parish Church over the Christmas Period. We shall have the Travelling Crib on display and would like to offer star-shaped biscuits to the children. If anyone could make us any biscuits, star-shaped or otherwise, we would be very grateful...Please let Roddy Lott 07966 715509 or Margaret Brackenbury 07926 349033 know. Thank you very much.

Advent Carol Service: Advent Sunday 28th November, 6.30pm

A welcome return this year! There is such a richness of themes associated with Advent and a very special part of all that is The Advent Carol Service with its haunting themes in word and music. So, you are encouraged to receive the sacrament in the morning and to hear and sing Advent music & readings at 6.30pm.

Simon Collins, Director of Music

Angels' Delight

Thirteen angels flew in on Wednesday for an exciting morning. Jane told the story of David and Goliath in a mesmerising dramatic account, complete with giant spear and small catapult. An energetic time of song and dance followed. Later, fortified by snacks, our mini Davids built cardboard box Goliaths and felled them with beanbags and high glee. On the craft tables, a giant shield was decorated and collage catapults created. Thanks as ever to the kitchen elves and the bell ringers.

Alison Gregory

The week ahead...

Tuesday	7pm	Bellringing practice
Wednesday	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday	9.15am 7.30pm	Holy Communion 12 bell practice
Sunday 28th	6.30pm	Advent Carol Service

Coming soon...

Sat 18th Dec 4:30pm Messy Christmas

Sun 19th Dec 6:30pm Carol Service

Fri 24th Dec 4:00pm Christingle

Fri 24th Dec 11:30pm Midnight Mass

Sat 25th Dec 10:30am Family Eucharist



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Musical matters

Advent and Christmas Carol Services

All being well these will take place as usual and be open to all after last year's services had to be recorded behind closed doors. Advent is next Sunday, 28th November, on Advent Sunday and the Christmas Service is on Sunday 19th December, both at 6.30pm. We are also planning to have an Epiphany Carol Service on Sunday 9th January, again at 6.30pm. Please do note the dates and come along to join us if at all possible.

Future Cathedral Visits

I am still in the process of arranging visits for both 2022 and 2023 now that Cathedrals are once again accepting Visiting Choirs but the following are some rearranged dates of trips that had to be postponed during the various lockdowns:
Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May 2022: Hereford (*rearranged from 31 May 2021*)
Saturday 14th May 2022: Gloucester (*rearranged from 19 June 2021*)
Weekend of 19-21 August 2022: Truro (*rearranged from July 2020*)
As usual, there will be full details of each nearer the time.

Weekly music suggestions

As we reach the end of another Liturgical Year with the Feast of Christ the King, this week's music suggestions pick up on that celebratory theme. I hope that, as ever, there is something for everyone.

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

Hymns

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-y9bWcSi20> Christ triumphant, ever reigning
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SB67YWws8OY> Let all the world in every corner sing
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lccZng7K_M Christ is the King O friends rejoice
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M9Kbb2MhHbU> Sing Alleluia forth ye Saints on High
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k27uDRuCsyg> Son of God, eternal Saviour
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aDFAv0eh-s8> Rejoice, the Lord is King

Choral Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zVdoVntUtms> Vaughan Williams: Let all the world
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0x_kirk2bKY Orlando Gibbons: O clap your hands
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hok3yG9pvNo> Jonathan Battishill: Psalm 95
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tz8Xv6P4-24> Kenneth Leighton: Let all the world
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kuaR4B9-kUg> Richard Lloyd: To Christ the Prince of peace
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9pvOUSB0VTM> William Mathias: Lift up your heads

Organ Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3QWamNYoGKI> Grayston Ives: Intrada
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wluAzt6JVx0> William Walton: Crown Imperial
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k0kfy3SQ6Ww> Herbert Howells: Rhapsody No. 1 in D flat
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SfWuAUNjqFs> Pachelbel: Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KNmTrlgBcLQ> David N. Johnson: Trumpet Tune in D
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tw8TTxdfExQ> J.S.Bach: Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir

With all best wishes,
Simon Collins, *Director of Music*

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**THE ADVENT
CAROL SERVICE**

Melbourne Parish Church

Sunday 28th November 2021

6.30pm