

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

# **The Bulletin**

**A weekly publication for the Benefice**

**30<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

## **Candlemas**

### **Services across the Benefice**

#### **Melbourne**

- 8.00am Holy Communion – Revd Alan Winfield  
Reader – Ann Nicholls
- 10.30am Benefice Eucharist – Revd Alan Winfield  
Sidesperson – Marcus Nolan  
Server – Kit Emery  
Reader – Roddy Lott  
Intercessor – Marcus Nolan  
Junior Church – Mary Bolton, Isobel Hall

#### **Smisby**

- 5.30pm Evening Prayer/Christingle – Canon David Edwards

### **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

Almighty and ever-living God,  
clothed in majesty,  
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,  
in substance of our flesh:  
grant that we may be presented to you  
with pure and clean hearts,  
by your Son Jesus Christ 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: Malachi 3.1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

## Gospel Reading: Luke 2.22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to

do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation,

which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel.’

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,  
who lived to welcome the Messiah:

may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,  
prepare to meet Christ Jesus

when he comes to bring us to eternal life;

for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

## **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



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

**Monday:** God's Creation.

**Tuesday:** Those who have asked for our prayers: Anne Brazier, Roo Hubbard, Bob Smith, Hanna King, Campbell Laird, Christopher Browne, Christine Young, Colin Moore, Nadine Worthington, Revd Steve Short, Angie Heywood, Anna and Claire.

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 Jeffrey "Bill" Wooderson and Primrose Heath.

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. Thank you.

### **The week ahead...**

<b>Tuesday</b>	2.00pm 7.00pm	Mothers' Union Bellringing practice
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.00-11.00am 7.30pm	Angels' Delight Choir practice
<b>Thursday</b>	9.15am	Holy Communion

### **Sidespeople/Servers**

Many thanks to those who have offered to go on the rota as sidesperson or server for the 10.30am service. If anyone else would like to help with these roles, please speak to Alan Winfield.

Rachel Short

## **Refreshments after the service**

Following the lifting of 'Plan B' and following current Government Guidelines regarding social gatherings ie no restrictions but using a little common sense, we would like to reintroduce refreshments at the back of church. Please help yourself! At the moment we can offer Wine, Sherry and squash. In the not-too-distant future we hope to bring back coffee and tea so watch this space for this announcement. If you would like to help with serving/preparing refreshments please have a word with Rachel Short.

Please stay to chat and socialise after the service (with social distancing where possible). The North and South doors will be kept ajar to encourage the flowing of fresh air.....

Thank you for all your support.

## **Welcome and Hospitality Group**

## **Contactless Payment Device**

We now have the facility to receive donations via credit or debit card using the new "CollecTin" device installed by the North Door / Bookstall. Thanks to Clive Avery for his DIY skills for installing the device. If any one wishes to know more or has any issues using the device, please let me know via email [donations@melbourneparishchurch.co.uk](mailto:donations@melbourneparishchurch.co.uk).

Nigel Coupe

## **Snowdrops!**

The Dower House Garden will be open again for snowdrops and other late winter flowers on Saturday and Sunday 12th and 13th February, 10am to 3.30pm. As always, any member of the parish who would like half price entry has only to bring a copy of the bulletin with them! I am very aware that everyone has seen the garden lots of times and am always grateful for the continued support.

Griselda Kerr

## **Sung Compline this Wednesday**

Melbourne Parish Church Choir will be singing Compline on the Feast of Candlemas **at 9.15pm in Church on Wednesday, 2nd February**, marking the actual day. Lasting about 20 minutes, this is a hauntingly beautiful service in the half light of the church at night. Please do come along to support this, particularly if you haven't experienced it before.

Simon Collins, Director of Music

## Mothers' Union News

It's good to be able to resume our pattern of Mothers' Union meetings. We always welcome visitors and are planning a varied programme for the year and fellowship is at the heart of our group, so much needed after the months of isolation. This month we are staying local with a talk entitled 'Behind the scenes at a Hospice Shop'. Charity shops provide an important role both in helping to provide low-cost goods but also in helping to recycle unwanted goods. Do come along on Tuesday 1st February at 2:00pm in the Honner Room to learn more about our local Hospice Shop.

Ros Bell

## Junior Church meeting 9<sup>th</sup> February

At 7:30pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February there will be a meeting for Junior Church Leaders and Helpers in Lyra's Room, St Michael's House. As with many churches, the Junior Church has re-started following the various lockdowns, but with reduced numbers. Please can you pray for this meeting and future plans to 'relaunch' our Junior Church. Anyone actively interested in children's ministry or thinking of becoming so will be very welcome to come along.

For further information, please contact me on 01332 416152.

Rachel Coupe

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## Framing the Future - Skill share opportunity

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*Might you, or do you know someone who could, come alongside our final two Action Teams to act as Team Assistant?*

What the role involves:

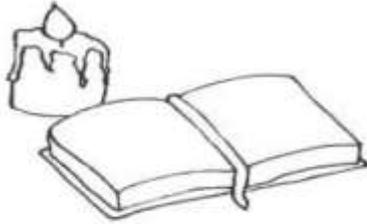
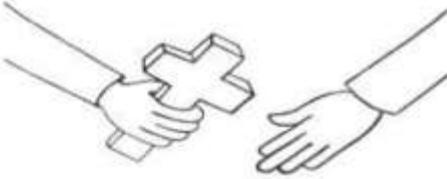
- Convenes: meetings
- Reminds: AT members about action points
- Liaises: about minor matters eg dates,
- Keeps: journal of team progress/decisions/areas for research etc
- Updates: Action Team Supporter on progress
- Produces: reports, as needed, with Team Leader

Meetings take place monthly by agreement amongst team members. If you think you can help in this role or would like to suggest someone, please contact Marcus Nolan ([thewordsmith@gmail.com/07966 545281](mailto:thewordsmith@gmail.com/07966545281))

## Framing the Future at Melbourne Parish Church

### *Happy New 2022 to our Action Team Members*

We are very grateful to them for all their endeavours thus far as we work together with God in our parish  
*Please pray for them and let them know any ideas, suggestions or offers of assistance\*.*

<p><b>Christian Nurture &amp; Education</b></p>		<p><i>Developing followers of Christ - all ages and stages</i></p> <p>Tony Barnard                  Rachel Coupe                  Nick Gravestock                  Alison Gregory                  Julie McClean</p>
<p><b>Community &amp; Care</b></p>		<p><i>Demonstrating God's love in our relationships</i></p> <p>Andrew Baldwin                  Ros Bell                  Maggie Dobby                  Rachel Reid                  Alan Winfield</p>
<p><b>Communication &amp; Outreach</b></p>		<p><i>Clarifying our faith and activities</i></p> <p>Mary Bolton                  Margaret Brackenbury                  Gordon Hughes                  Roddy Lott</p>
<p><b>Welcome &amp; Hospitality</b></p>		<p><i>People won't forget how you made them feel</i></p> <p>Simon Collins                  Luke Harmer                  Deb Lynch                  Wendy Robinson                  Rachel Short                  David Smith</p>

Thanks to Heather Bolton for images.

\*If you aren't able to attend church just now, you can let me have your ideas

**Marcus Nolan**

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Watch this space for two more teams to be announced in February!

## Musical matters

### Melbourne Choral Evensong

I am pleased to say that monthly Choral Evensong at Melbourne will be reinstated from next month, usually on each 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday. **The upcoming dates are February 13<sup>th</sup>, March 13<sup>th</sup> and Easter Sunday (April 17<sup>th</sup>).** Many thanks to our Curate Alan for his support of this valued part of the Liturgy we offer at Melbourne.

### Future Cathedral Visits

I am now booking visits for both 2022 and 2023 as most Cathedrals are once again accepting Visiting Choirs, and we look forward to the following re-arranged trips that were postponed during the lockdowns:

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2022: Ely (*rearranged from 4 April 2020*)  
Bank Holiday Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022: Hereford (*rearranged from 31 May 2021*)  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 with a coach booked for most of them.

### Weekly music suggestions

I do commend the following selection of music for Candlemas which brings to an end the Christmas Season on this, the nearest Sunday to February 2<sup>nd</sup>. As ever, I do hope that there is something for everyone.

**Next Wednesday, on the day itself, our Choir will be singing Compline at 9.15p.m. in Melbourne Church.**

### Hymns

Of the Father's heart begotten  
Like a candle flame  
Praise to the holiest in the height  
Longing for light (Christ be our light)  
Lead us heavenly Father, lead us  
Love Divine, all loves excelling

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pt75zI4kz6g>  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XmwdZyTGa\\_A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XmwdZyTGa_A)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-DUYqy8tQZQ>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kt3Qc04uIOM>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wqzau4v23m0>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sw5ZCZeS32M>

### Choral Music

Geoffrey Burgon: Nunc dimittis  
Richard Shephard: Let us light a candle  
Eccard: When to the Temple Mary went  
Pawel Lukaszewski: Nunc dimittis  
Thomas Tallis: O nata lux  
Charles Wood: O thou the central orb  
Herbert Howells: Nunc dimittis (Collegium Regale)  
Handel: Lift up your heads (from 'Messiah')

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8vtHBGOz\\_Ns](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8vtHBGOz_Ns)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VDTO6RgrZj0>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5YUtxXDkmcU>  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6k\\_dZ\\_9oRhs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6k_dZ_9oRhs)  
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### Organ Music

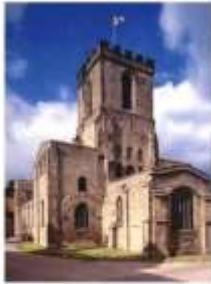
J.C.Bach: Mit Fried' und Freud'  
Guilmant: Fugue on Lumen ad Revelationem  
Bach: Mit Fried' und Freud' (BWV616)  
Gretchaninov: Nunc dimittis  
Bach: Herr Gott, nun schleuss (BWV1092)  
Dubois: Fiat Lux

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s2EN6YpSWY>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fpYdp0LYIRM>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q1DbTJZbSjo>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sbi5fiwto3Q>  
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Please do keep in touch: 07808 474236 or [simon.e.collins@btinternet.com](mailto:simon.e.collins@btinternet.com)

With very best wishes,

Simon Collins, *Director of Music*



## Donations to Support the Maintenance of Melbourne Parish Church

We appreciate that not everyone uses cash these days, so we now have 3 different ways you can make a donation

1. Via the Contactless Donation Device by the Church South Door / Bookstall
2. Via a SmartPhone (Give A Little)

Please use the QR code below or go to the web site: [tiny.one/mpc-donations](https://tiny.one/mpc-donations)



3. Via Text Msg, you can text MELBPCC to\*



**70331 for a £3 Donation**

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**Melbourne Parish Church  
Choir**

**sings**

**Compline**

**on**

**CANDLEMAS**



**in the Parish Church**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022**

**9.15pm**

