

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

The Bulletin

A weekly publication for the Benefice

**6th March 2022
1st Sunday of Lent**

Services across the Benefice

Melbourne

8.00am Morning Prayer – Dr Joanna Hocknell
Reader – Karen Grewcock
10.30am Parish Eucharist – Revd Bill Moore
Sidesperson – Gordon Hughes
Server – Ros Bell
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Intercessor – Margaret Brackenbury
Junior Church – Byrnece Turner, Jenny Leigh

Smisby

5.30pm Holy Communion – Revd Alan Winfield

Stanton

11.00am Morning Prayer – Dr Nick Gravestock

Ticknall

9.15am Morning Prayer – Dr Nick Gravestock

Welcome!

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

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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



Bible Readings

Collect

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 26.1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Gospel Reading: Luke 4.1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."'

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority;

for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.’ Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, “Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.” ’

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you”,

and

“On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.” ’

Jesus answered him, ‘It is said, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.” ’ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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, 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 Mary Ingram, Dorothy Burden, Eric Foster, Harry Kerton, Nancy Kirkland, Ruth Smith, Jean Osbond, Mary Pipes, Olive Hatton, Graham Moore, Ethel Bailey and Katy Hamilton-Baillie.

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.

Good News!!

I'm very pleased to be able to let you know that your rector, Steve, was recently given the wonderful news that he is now in remission following his chemotherapy although the Haematology department at Derby Royal (who continue to oversee Steve's health) remain concerned about the potential risk of infection. Through the diocese of Derby, he has met with an occupational health physician and has been cleared to begin a very gradual and phased return to ministry. Whilst Steve is very keen to return to ministry, to help plan and then communicate the phased return in the light of the Occupational Health report and medical concerns, I will be part of a small group led by the acting Archdeacon of Derby. We are meeting early next week and will then be in touch with you again soon after that meeting.

Revd Dr Mike Firbank
Area Dean

Lent Lunches

Lent lunches will be taking place in the church this year. They will run on 5 consecutive Wednesdays starting on the 9th March. We will be serving a simple ploughman's lunch and hot drink for £5. The money we raise will go to support the Kolkata Cathedral Relief Service.

Face Masks

Whilst Government guidance has changed regarding Covid restrictions and masks are no longer required please feel free to wear one and social distance if that feels more comfortable for you - especially if you (as a significant minority of the population are) are in the more vulnerable category. Masks are provided at the back of church.

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Dower House garden opening

A very big thank you to all who came to the February openings of The Dower House garden: it was so cold and so windy that weekend and everyone was so very gallant to put in an appearance! There was one moment when four of us were holding the four main tent poles whilst others tied on extra guy ropes as it would otherwise have sailed over The Pool. But as a result of the two days, we were able to send £1275 to the National Garden Scheme for the charities they support. I hope you will come in June when it will possibly be better weather.

Griselda Kerr

Angels' Delight

A flock of 23 angels flew in on a very wet morning and were greeted by a flock of sheep! After a time of free play with the toys, Ros told the story of the Lost Sheep and this was followed by a hunt for the many sheep hidden round the church. The angels then turned into a swarm of locusts as they devoured the snacks - no leftover cakes for the Rectory family this week! The craft tables were busy with making very woolly sheep for the display board and pop-up sheep in a cup to take home. Our morning ended with a second music and movement session and then the church was hastily restored in preparation for the Ash Wednesday service.

Alison Gregory

Platinum Jubilee 'Wendy Walk' 2022

Saturday 11 June 2022 (weekend following the Jubilee Bank Holiday)

Meet: 13.30hr for 14.00hr departure

Route: 5 miles

Destination: Rutland Water/Hambleton Peninsular

Supper: The Admiral Hornblower Oakham 17.30hr-18.00hr

If you would like to join me for this beautiful Spring walk, please let me know before beginning May if possible. I can offer you 3 options.

Option 1) Meet/walk/supper.

Option 2) Meet/explore (own devices) /supper.

Option 3) Supper only and meet at Admiral Hornblower early evening.

Another option would be to meet and walk only. I only need to know if you would like supper. I have pre-arranged a group booking on our behalf but will require numbers. There is also a £10.00 deposit and menu choices to be pre-decided but nearer the time of the walk.

I have an itinerary (with all route directions) should you be interested.

Please ask me

Wendy Robinson

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Easter Cards

Just to let everyone know there is a small selection of Easter cards on the bookstall. This is the first time we have sold Easter cards and if successful we will add more to the stall in the weeks before Easter. We would just like to thank everyone who supports the bookstall both members of the congregation and visitors enabling the stall to make a contribution to church funds.

Maureen & Beth Anderson

Mothers' Union

At this week's meeting, Canon David Edwards led a service for Shrove Tuesday. He gave five short meditations on the earthly pilgrimage of Mary, the mother of Jesus, interspersed with prayers from the Iona Community. This was a gentle and fitting preparation for Lent and was followed by tea and Scotch pancakes. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday April 5th when the speaker will be Mrs Emily Brailsford, the M.U. Diocesan president. Her topic will be Domestic Violence. All are welcome to this meeting.

Alison Gregory

Silent Bells

The bells at Melbourne were last overhauled in 1996, and with regular ringing for practices and services some of the mechanisms are now beginning to wear out. We have therefore contracted Taylors of Loughborough (who cast the heaviest eight bells in the 1880s) to refurbish the clappers and pulley wheels. As a consequence, the bells will be silent from the 11th March for three to four weeks. It is hoped, assuming there are no delays, that we will be back ringing again for Easter Sunday. Once this work is complete, we are also looking to recruit some volunteers to join the band. Our numbers are down and we need to expand the band to keep the bells ringing for the years to come. If you would be interested in learning to ring and joining the band, then please contact Christian

at: learn2ring@melbourneparishchurch.co.uk / 01332 988664.

Nigel Coupe

Contactless Payment Device

We have the facility to receive church donations via credit or debit card using the "CollecTin" contactless payment device installed by the North Door / Bookstall. If any one wishes to know more or has any issues using the device, please contact Clive Avery in the first instance.

“What Are You Looking For”

- **an art exhibition in the church during Lent**

This exhibition, featuring paintings and stitched textiles by local artists Michael Cook and Michelle Holmes, has been specially designed for our wonderful building and is based on seven questions asked by Jesus in the gospels. For each there is a painting and a textile piece, hung in relation to one another and in conversation with the building. The exhibition will run from Wednesday 9th March to Sunday 27th March and will be open from 9 am to 5 pm daily. Admission is free.

We are planning various events to complement this event so watch this space for further details. If you could help with some stewarding to support Michael and Michelle this would be much appreciated so scan your diaries and see if you can offer a few hours. Please let Jo Glaze know on 01332 694542 if you're able to help. This is our first opportunity after lock downs to really open up to the wider community. Posters and flyers are available so please spread the news.
Ros Bell / Gordon Hughes

The Friends of Melbourne Parish Church present: The Last Seven Words Op. 51 by Joseph Haydn on 18 April (Easter Monday, 7 for 7.30 pm)

After a sold-out concert last year, international musician and viola player Graham Oppenheimer, again brings a group of friends to perform in Melbourne Parish Church. He welcomes his international colleagues, who between them have performed throughout the world and have played in orchestras including the CBSO, Halle, English Chamber Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra of Europe and Academy of St Martin in the Fields London.

Joseph Haydn, seen by many as the father of the string quartet, wrote his atmospheric masterpiece 'The Seven Last Words of Christ' in 1785 for an Easter performance in Cadiz Cathedral.

Katie Stillman and Owen Cox, violins
Graham Oppenheimer, viola
Paul Grennan, cello

Tickets are £10 each and can be purchased through Wegottickets by following this link: www.wegottickets.com/event/538162/ (there is a £1 booking fee). A small number of printed tickets will be available for those without internet access or capability - please call Carolyn Tasker on 01332 864940 or email her on carolyntasker@hotmail.co.uk.

Gordon Hughes

Good News!

Hot Cross Buns appeared in the shops straight after Christmas and Easter eggs followed hot on the heels of Valentine's Day but Melbourne Parish Church is not to be outdone... On Saturday, April 2nd we will host Messy Church from 4-6pm and on Tuesday April 5th we will welcome Year 2 from the Infant School for Experience Easter. This is the year group which missed their Experience Christmas Day due to COVID. We are offering you the privilege and pleasure of helping with these two events. On the 2nd children will come with parents, grandparents or other carers to find out about Easter through games, crafts and worship. Volunteers are needed to supervise a craft activity or to prepare and serve refreshments and to help to clear up afterwards. On the 5th, children will come with their teachers and some parents to immerse themselves in the story of Holy Week and Easter. Each volunteer will be allocated a part of the story (e.g. Palm Sunday) and through displays and interactive story-telling help to bring it to life. The children, with their teachers, will travel round the six stations. There is plenty of guidance for volunteers about what to say and how to arrange the 'station'.

Please talk to me or to Ros Bell if you want to know more or if you know you would like to help. It is a great joy to welcome children into our church and to share our faith with them.

Alison Gregory

Choir Trip to Truro

Since the previous Bulletin I have received a call from the Dean of Truro Cathedral offering their profuse apologies for an error their end which means that we will be unable to sing there as planned later this year. We are now exploring further possible dates but it is extremely disappointing as we should have gone there in August 2020 during the first lockdown. I will publicise a new date as soon as we have it and hopefully, we will be able to book somewhere else instead of Truro for the Summer this year.

Simon Collins, Director of Music

Matters musical

Melbourne Evening Services

Our monthly Choral Evensong continues next Sunday (March 13) at 6.30pm. **Other dates are April 17 (Easter Sunday), May 8, June 12 and July 10.** Please do note the dates and come along particularly if you haven't been before. It is a perfect service for inviting a friend to join you as it enables people to engage with it in their own way, offering space and time to pause in a busy world. **I am pleased that there will also be the usual Passiontide service of Music & Readings on Sunday April 3rd at 6.30pm.**

Future Cathedral Visits

I am now booking visits for both 2022 and 2023 as most Cathedrals are once again accepting Visiting Choirs, and we are looking forward to the following trips:

Saturday 9th April 2022: Ely (*rearranged from 4 April 2020*)

Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May 2022: Hereford (*rearranged from 31 May 2021*)

Saturday 14th May 2022: Gloucester (*rearranged from 19 June 2021*)

Weekend of 28/29 May 2022: Durham

The sign-up form for the Ely coach will be posted during the week with full details in next week's Bulletin.

Weekly music suggestions

Here are this week's music selections for the first Sunday of Lent. On Ash Wednesday as well as the Said Communion service we had a Sung Eucharist at Ticknall with members of both choirs leading the worship – it was lovely to be able to do this for the first time in over 2 years and we look forward to a similar occasion on Ascension Day, 26th May. Please keep in touch: 07808 474236 or simon.e.collins@btinternet.com

Hymns

When Jesus came to Jordan

God is working his purpose out

Forty days and forty nights

Sweet sacrament divine

Jesu, lover of my soul

Lead us heavenly Father, lead us

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g6Ld1b515gc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X-1dQ8t03mE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M4BYc0EdjdU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-igsGEx9KM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vONmOmn7gNs>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wqzau4v23m0>

Choral Music

Handel: Wash me thoroughly

Farrant: Hide not thou thy face

Stanford: O for a closer walk with God

Henry Purcell: Hear my prayer

Gibbons: Almighty and everlasting God

S.S.Wesley: Cast me not away

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICxLi76VE0>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ExtNz_tBhfw

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B2v_SR1wNRo

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FyieyUw3GXk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cusjus1XFto>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YDLr4hiWpVs>

Organ Music

Pachelbel: Ach, was soll ich Sünder Machen

Bach: Jesu, meines Lebens Leben (BWV1107)

Kenneth Leighton: Aus der Tiefe

Jean Langlais: De profundis

Karg-Elert: Aus tiefer Not

David Bednall: Toccata on Aberystwyth

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YxT745_plJk

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G-SwUI4FnCQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zBHHAWPDUK>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=toOjl_3RE8A

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ko_SbU4Z6V0

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KvpVOIQEVqs>

With very best wishes,

Simon Collins, *Director of Music*

The week ahead...

Monday		Art Exhibition begins in Church
Tuesday	6.30pm 7.00pm	Wedding Surgery Bellringing practice
Wednesday	12noon 7.30pm	Lent Lunch in Church Choir practice
Thursday	9.15am 11.00am 7.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion Lent Group at Ticknall 12 bell practice Lent Group at Melbourne (Honner Room)



A series of five sessions looking at different aspects of our Christian journey during Lent.

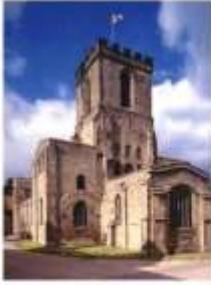
No need to book, just turn up.

MORNING SESSIONS AT TICKNALL CHURCH

- 10th March 11.00 a.m. Coming to faith and wholeness
- 17th March 11.00 a.m. Does being a Christian make a difference?
- 24th March 11.00 a.m. How do we grow in understanding?
- 31st March 11.00 a.m. How do we keep in touch with Jesus?
- 7th April 11.00 a.m. How do we deal with problems in life?

EVENING SESSIONS AT THE HONNER ROOM, MELBOURNE

- 10th March 7.30 p.m. Coming to faith and wholeness
- 17th March 7.30 p.m. Does being a Christian make a difference?
- 24th March 7.30 p.m. How do we grow in understanding?
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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



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



70331 for a £3 Donation

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