

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

# **The Bulletin**

**A weekly publication for the Benefice**

**20<sup>th</sup> March 2022  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

## **Services across the Benefice**

### **Melbourne**

8.00am Holy Communion – Revd Bob Boyle  
Reader – Rachel Coupe  
10.30am Parish Eucharist – Revd Tony Barnard  
Sidesperson – Griselda Kerr  
Server – Sarah Kington  
Reader – Griselda Kerr  
Intercessor – Joanna Hocknell  
Junior Church – Martha Clements, Charlotte Hall

### **Smisby**

5.30pm Evening Prayer – Dr Nick Gravestock

### **Stanton**

11.00am Morning Prayer – Dr Nick Gravestock

### **Ticknall**

10.30am All age Worship for Mothering Sunday – Mary Hirst

## **Welcome!**

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

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### Churchwardens at Melbourn

Vacancy

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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

Eternal God,  
give us insight  
to discern your will for us,  
to give up what harms us,  
and to seek the perfection we are promised  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55.1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.  
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.  
Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.  
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.  
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;  
let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

## **Gospel Reading: Luke 13.1-9**

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." '

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Merciful Lord,  
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil,  
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;  
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 Harry Brame, William Hancock, Mary Messer and David Taylor.

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!**

Following the meeting with the Acting Archdeacon, Steve is now beginning his phased return to ministry. The Occupational Health report states he should start with 4 hours a day, 3 days a week. As he remains vulnerable to infection, he should only meet with a maximum of 3 people at a distance of 2m in a well-ventilated room. It has, therefore, been decided that he will start doing some preaching at services working up to taking some of the smaller services in April. He will also begin to re-engage with parishioners on an individual basis or with small groups as well as recommencing his role as a training incumbent, helping to train and mentor his curate, Alan.

We would ask that you respect his space and understand that he will not be able to stay and chat after services. It is also recommended that people meeting up with Steve should do a Lateral Flow Test (LFT) beforehand. If people have difficulty accessing these Steve has a supply and can let you have one.

Revd Dr Mike Firbank  
Area Dean

I want to add my thanks to my diocesan, deanery and benefice colleagues for their help and assistance in helping to guide my phased return.

As I slowly reengage with ministry again, I also want to pass my thanks to everyone across our benefice for their kindness, support and prayers over the duration of my illness and not just for me but also for Rachel, Sophie and Benjamin. I would ask for your prayers to continue over these next months as my phased, gradual return continues and develops as, hopefully, my recovery from the chemotherapy continues, too.

I write this as we continue our Lenten journey, often under the shadow of the cross, but also knowing that an empty tomb, the gateway to eternity, awaits us. I am very grateful to the ministry team for all their work in preparing our Lent courses and devotional material and I warmly commend their endeavours to you for the work of a 'good and holy' Lent.

May God continue to bless you.  
Steve

## **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.

Revd Dr Mike Firbank  
Area Dean

## **“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 9<sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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

## **Lent Lunches**

Lent lunches continue this Wednesday at 12 noon in church. 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.

## **Hello..**

The Welcome and Hospitality team would like to invite you to take a lanyard and you can find them on the table as you come into church. There's a marker for your name. Could be an ice breaker or could be used just to say hello to someone new. Please help yourself..

### **The Welcome and Hospitality Team**

## **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](mailto:learn2ring@melbourneparishchurch.co.uk) / 01332 988664. Christian Peckham

## **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

## **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**

[wamsport@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wamsport@yahoo.co.uk) 07790474889

## **Children's Activities**

Experience Easter for Y2 in church on the morning of Tuesday April 2nd. We still need a few people to help with this important occasion. If you can spare a couple of hours from 9 am, please let me know.

Messy Easter for families will take place in church on Saturday April 5th from 4 to 6pm.

Again, help is needed with craft activities, serving refreshments and clearing up. No experience needed but volunteers are. I would love to hear from you. (405303)

There will be a planning meeting for both these events on Wednesday April 23rd at 10.30am in the Honner Room. Please come if you are able. If not, we will give you all the information you need as soon as possible after this meeting. It is a privilege and a joy to be involved in our work with children and families and to help sow the seeds of faith. Come and join us!

Alison Gregory

## **Living Waters**

A reminder that our next meeting is this Tuesday, March 22nd at 2 Dunncliffe Lane from 10.30 to 12. Coffee is served from 10am. Joanna will be doing something a bit special. This has been planned since before the first lockdown and has had to be postponed a couple of times since so we are really looking forward to it. Please tell me if you would like to come so that I can have the right number of chairs ready.

Alison Gregory

## **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.

## **Angels' Delight**

This week our angels were transformed into busy bees! After hearing the parable of the Sower, the children enjoyed a lively session of singing and dancing. Then, fortified by bowls full of snacks, they sowed cress seeds on cotton wool (do you remember doing that?), made flowers out of paper cake cases and lollipop sticks (see the notice board) and planted violas and primulas in the pots outside the South door. These were watered well by the rain which started to fall just as the angels/bees were flying home.

Alison Gregory

## **Choral Evensong**

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March was the latest presentation of Choral Evensong, with the Parish Choir under the guidance of Simon Collins.

A small, compact congregation attended the Service.

It was such a great shame that our very talented Choir was not heard by a larger group of Parishioners.

It was very poignant that in this time of huge suffering in the Ukraine, the final hymn, No 65, the first line was "Christian Does Though Smite Them" very thought provoking wording.

The next Choral Evensong will be on 17<sup>th</sup> April, Easter Sunday, so do please come and support the Church and our very special Choral Group

Colin Barker - Parishioner

## At Last!

After several attempts, the Choir team playing as Surplice to Rechoirments won this year's Melbourne Village quiz at the MSP on Friday 11 March, beating Lithgow's Legacy (the Labour party) in the final. It was a good night for the Church, as the Bellringers playing as Four Tenors came third, losing to Surplice in the semi-final round but defeating A Choir'd Taste in the third-fourth playoff. Special thanks are due to the Bellringers for graciously moving one of their matches earlier in the competition, to allow Surplice to play on a later week and avoid having to default.  
Clive Avery



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**

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

### **EVENING SESSIONS AT THE HONNER ROOM, MELBOURNE**

- 10<sup>th</sup> March 7.30 p.m. Coming to faith and wholeness
- 17<sup>th</sup> March 7.30 p.m. Does being a Christian make a difference?
- 24<sup>th</sup> March 7.30 p.m. How do we grow in understanding?
- 31<sup>st</sup> March 7.30 p.m. How do we keep in touch with Jesus?
- 7<sup>th</sup> April 7.30 p.m. How do we deal with problems in life?

## Matters Musical

### Melbourne Evening Services

Our next Evening service is the usual **Passiontide service of Music & Readings on Passion Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6.30p.m.** which will be the held for the first time since 2019 – please do attend this if you can. It is a service very much in the Carol Service format, telling the Story of Christ's Passion.

Monthly Choral Evensong also continues with services at 6.30p.m. on **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.

### Compline for Lent

We are still planning a Sung Compline for Lent on a Wednesday evening at 9.15p.m., but a suitable date has yet to be found. We will confirm the date in the Bulletin as soon as possible.

### Weekly music suggestions

Here are my music selections for the Third Sunday of Lent – something for everyone hopefully.

Please do keep in touch: 07808 474236 or [simon.e.collins@btinternet.com](mailto:simon.e.collins@btinternet.com)

#### Hymns

All my hope on God is founded  
In a world where people walk in darkness  
Rise and hear ! the Lord is speaking  
We sing the praise of him who died  
We love the place O God  
Praise the Lord ye heavens adore him

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WX1J5iTDj\\_A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WX1J5iTDj_A)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QzSB0ilaR70>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RU3jv4CQ9A8>  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=45t\\_3WuX1cU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=45t_3WuX1cU)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JU-tCzxbBPc>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L2N5ITURizI>

#### Choral Music

Tallis: Verily, verily, I say unto you  
Attwood: Teach me, O Lord  
MacMillan: The Lamb has come for us  
Gibbons: Almighty and everlasting God  
S.S. Wesley: I am thine, O save me  
Stanford: Beati quorum via

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KaQ\\_DRvHqr8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KaQ_DRvHqr8)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lAmWl8xWmZQ>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pgvpyVmxLKY>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cusjus1XFto>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XagN6dBkM5k>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mxHUSCFDJrk>

#### Organ Music

J.S.Bach: Dies sind die heiligen zehn Gebot (BWV679)  
Walford Davies: Solemn Melody  
Ronald Watson: Elegie in Memoriam Howells  
Parry: Chorale Prelude on Old 104<sup>th</sup>  
Sweelinck: Dies sind die heiligen zehn Gebot  
Karg-Elert: Lobe den Herren, o meine Seele

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L1VWLwT-a0>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TZxzfelPkvk>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l2evH8uUDKs> Hubert  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OdkSxwAmze4>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nSJ3QoDjhgw>  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yeuwi\\_KnTWU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yeuwi_KnTWU)

## Ely is now Bury St Edmunds on April 9th!!

In the last couple of days it has transpired that we have been double-booked at Ely on Saturday April 9th for which they offer their sincere and profuse apologies.

**However, a quick call to St Edmundsbury Cathedral looks as though we have managed to rescue a trip there instead on that day.** All details of the Trip are the same as Ely: cost, timings etc. and the new sign-up list is on the Melbourne noticeboard at the back of Church.

Any questions: [simon.e.collins@btinternet.com](mailto:simon.e.collins@btinternet.com) or 07808 474236.

## Local Ukraine Appeal

Melbourne URC is a collection point for a lorry going to Przemysl, Poland near the Ukrainian border to help the refugees. It will be driven the 1,330 miles by a relative of a church member, hopefully more than once. Please donate only the items listed below at the times detailed.

Disposable nappies (All sizes)	Dry biscuits
Nappy cream	Refuse bags
Baby formula – tins and ready made	Disinfectant
Disposable baby bottles	Washing powder
Baby wipes	Washing up liquid
Sanitary pads and tampons	Dishcloth – new
Breast pads	Tea Towel – new
Deodorant	Toilet paper
Body wash	Tissues – handy size multipacks
Soap	Water sterilization tablets
Shampoo	Face masks
Toothpaste – child/adult	Torches – battery
Toothbrushes – child/adult	Batteries – all
Antiseptic cream	Blankets – new
Adult incontinence items	Sleeping bags – new
Flour	Thermal blankets – new
Rice	Children’s colouring books
Canned food	Colouring pens

Gifts can be left at the URC Hall at the following times:

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 10-30 a.m. to 12 noon  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1-30 p.m. to 3-00 p.m. and 7-00 p.m. to 9-00 p.m.  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1-30 p.m. to 3-00 p.m.  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 9-30 a.m. to 1-30 p.m.  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 6-00 p.m. to 7-15 p.m.

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 10-00 a.m. to 12 noon  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 1-30 p.m. to 3-00 p.m.  
Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 9-30 a.m. to 1-30 p.m.

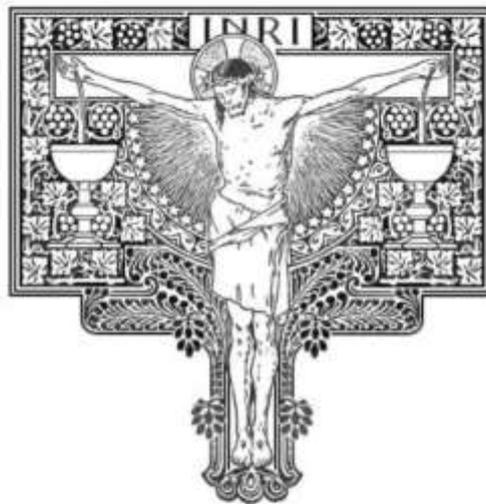
Week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> April  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 10-30 a.m. to 12 noon  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 1-30 p.m. to 3-00 p.m.  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 1-30 p.m. to 3-00 p.m.  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 9-30 a.m. to 1-30 p.m.  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 6-00 p.m. to 7-15 p.m.

## The week ahead...

<b>Wednesday</b>	12noon 7.30pm	Lent Lunch in Church Choir practice
<b>Thursday</b>	9.15am 11.00am 7.30pm	Holy Communion Lent Group at Ticknall Lent Group at Melbourne (Honner Room)

**THE UNITED BENEFICE OF  
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## A Passiontide Sequence of Music & Readings



## **Passion Sunday**

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022, 6.30p.m.  
Melbourne Parish Church