

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

The Bulletin

A weekly publication for the Benefice

27th March 2022

Mothering Sunday

Services across the Benefice

Melbourne

- 8.00am Holy Communion – Revd Bob Boyle
Reader – Joanna Hocknell
- 10.30am Parish Eucharist – Revd Michael Rogers
Sidesperson – Roddy Lott
Server – Ros Bell
Reader – Marcus Nolan
Intercessor – Brian Dollamore
Junior Church – Rachel Coupe, Jenny Leigh

Smisby

- 5.30pm Evening Prayer – Canon David Edwards

Stanton

- 11.00am Morning Prayer – Canon David Edwards

Ticknall

- 9.15am Morning Prayer

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

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 1.20-end

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.'
The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.'
She left him there for the Lord.

Gospel Reading: John 19.25b-27

And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
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 Stewart, Joan Twells, Alice Honner, Suzette Cooper and Geoffrey Ogden Holt.

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.

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

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

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

Ukraine Aid

Just a note to confirm that the DEADLINE FOR DROPPING OFF ITEMS for transportation to Ukraine is 12 NOON on MONDAY 28th MARCH.

Four vans, with 8 drivers, are fixed ready to get away, hopefully, on April 8th, to drive the 1330 miles to the Polish/Ukraine border.

The response to our plea for items for the refugees who have been forced to flee from their Ukrainian homeland and cross into neighbouring countries has been absolutely phenomenal.

We have been amazed how the items on the list we circulated have come into our Church Hall, so much so, that carloads have been taken to the main collecting and sorting point once or twice every day since the appeal was launched.

So a **B I G T H A N K Y O U** to EVERYONE who has contributed.

We shall continue to hold the people of Ukraine in our thoughts and prayers, and also, of course, those who are undertaking the hazardous journey to get the urgently needed aid to them.

Thank you,

Margaret Loydall

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 / 01332 988664. Christian Peckham

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.

Domestic abuse

Sadly, all too often we read in the papers of families where women and children are victims of domestic abuse. This may be physical harm but emotional, controlling behaviour and financial issues can also cause the breakdown of family life and the women and their children are at risk. Mothers' Union always seeks to support families and at our next meeting on Tuesday 5th April at 2:00 in the Honner Room our Deanery President, Emily Brailsford, will be exploring this issue and telling us of her involvement in supporting families where there is abuse.

Our Mothers' Union meetings are always open to all.... men and women, old and young.... whether for a one off meeting or more often. Do come along. This is an important issue which should not be ignored.

Ros Bell

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.

Giving Envelopes

The new giving envelopes are ready for collection from church or will be delivered over the next 2 weeks. If you have not used these before and would like to or if you no longer want them, please could you let me know on 865492. As ever we are grateful to those who give regularly to support the work of the church.

Joanna Hocknell

Mothering Sunday flowers

As many already know, my mother died at the end of December, and I would like to thank you for all your kind enquiries about her over the past few years and also your support for me. I have donated the flowers for Mothering Sunday in her memory.

She loved flowers.

Joanna Hocknell



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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Coach Trip to Bury St Edmunds, April 9th

The Choir invite you to join them on their first Cathedral day trip for nearly three years. It is to the lovely market town of Bury St Edmunds and is a late replacement for the planned trip to Ely. A reminder of the simple format: a free day in the town, travelling by coach door to door with familiar faces and the opportunity to hear our choir sing Choral Evensong in the Cathedral. As the service is earlier than at Ely we will leave earlier than originally planned at 7.45am but we will return earlier too. The cost is the same as Ely: £20 per seat and the sign-up list is at the back of Melbourne Church.

Any queries: simon.e.collins@btinternet.com or 07808 474236.

Simon Collins, Director of Music

Musical Matters

Melbourne Evening Services

Our next Evening service is next Sunday, April 3rd, when we have our usual **Passiontide service of Music & Readings on Passion Sunday at 6.30p.m.**, held for the first time since 2019 so 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.

Future Cathedral Visits

I am now booking visits again as Cathedrals are once again accepting Visiting Choirs.

So far, we have the following trips arranged (further details from me):

Saturday 9th April 2022: Bury St Edmunds (*a late substitution for Ely!*)

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 Bury St. Edmunds trip is now at the back of Melbourne Church.

Weekly music suggestions

Here are my music selections for Mothering Sunday. I remembered earlier this week that Mothering Sunday in 2020 was the first Sunday of the lockdowns and the beginning of such a long period without Church and even longer without Congregational Singing. We can surely look forward to an improving picture now.

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

Hymns

Our Father God in heaven

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tcHhrIY7tgk>

When Morning gilds the skies

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Pw0vhCjCAw>

Sing we of the blessed Mother

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O5W9aKOOhOE>

Love one another (Iona)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x5bwfnY6hQo>

For Mary, Mother of our Lord

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWS-Jtaly7w>

Now thank we all our God

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

Choral Music

John Tavener: A Hymn to the Mother of God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yd8J80KeOrE>

William Mathias: As truly as God is our Father

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=77A7CYdk8K4>

Philip Stopford: Ave Maria

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

Alec Roth: The Flower

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qkSPhoBQ9OA>

John Rutter: For the beauty of the earth

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K-fcOgBTs4M>

Herbert Howells: Collegium Regale Magnificat

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fpB9mQHORlg>

Organ Music

Max Reger: Nun danket alle got

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NGFM5TR72dl>

J.S.Bach: Meine Seele erhebt den Herren (BWV648)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VxuVZELx2cY>

Flor Peeters: Now thank we all our God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-DNSecVEx7U>

Pachelbel: Magnificat Fugue 1

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RwRdmKcK6Po>

Guilmant: Offertoire sur 'Ave Maria'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zQHOG1xWwNg>

Karg-Elert: Nun danket alle got

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7diuV7X8QT4>

With my very best wishes,

Simon Collins, *Director of Music*

The week ahead...

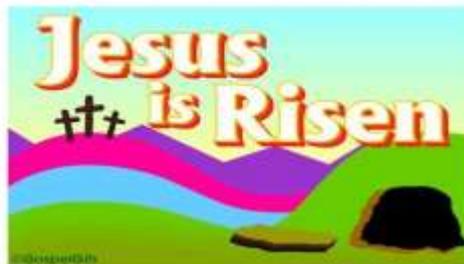
Monday	11.00am	Funeral of Dawn Cowan
Wednesday	12noon 7.30pm	Lent Lunch in Church Choir practice
Thursday	9.15am 11.00am 7.30pm	Holy Communion Lent Group at Ticknall Lent Group at Melbourne (Honner Room)
Saturday	4.00pm	Messy Easter



Saturday
2nd April
4pm – 5:30

Messy Easter

Celebrate!



Come and join us at
Melbourne Parish Church

No charge, Donations welcome

Enjoy a variety of games, lots of crafts, a short celebration of Easter and light refreshments.

This is an event for children of all ages to bring their family and friends for 'family-friendly fun'.

Everyone welcome!

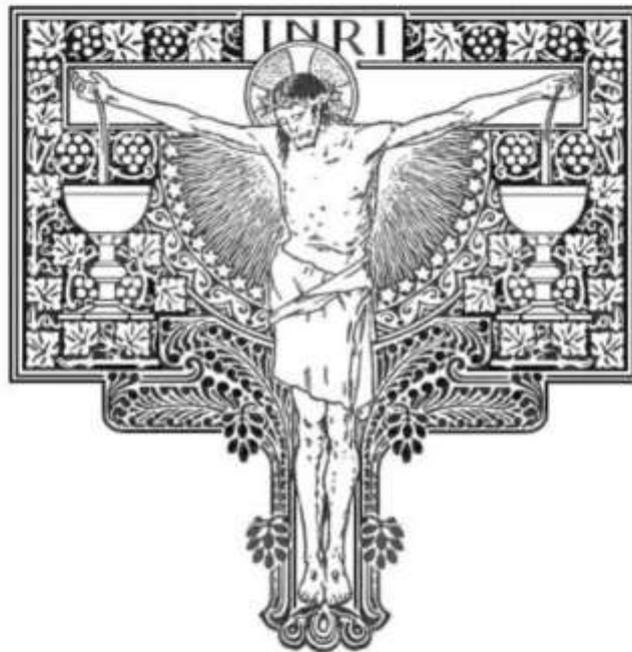
It's helpful if you can let us know if you're planning to come.

Please text Rachel on 07752 686000 or email

rachelc@graceproject.org.uk

**THE UNITED BENEFICE OF
MELBOURNE, SMISBY, STANTON & TICKNALL**

A Passiontide Sequence of Music & Readings



Passion Sunday

3rd April 2022, 6.30p.m.
Melbourne Parish Church

