

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

The Bulletin

A weekly publication for the Benefice

8th May 2022

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Services across the Benefice

Melbourne

- 8.00am Morning Prayer – Joanna Hocknell
Reader – Karen Grewcock
- 10.30am Parish Eucharist – Revd Steve Short
Sidesperson – Griselda Kerr
Server – Kit Emery
Reader – Maurice Starkey
Intercessor – Margaret Brackenbury
Junior Church – Mary Bolton, Vicky Emery
- 6.30pm Choral Evensong – Dr Nick Gravestock
Introit: This Joyful Eastertide *Dutch harm.Wood* Responses: *Ayleward*
Hymns: 119, 113, 105(ii) Psalm: 80
Canticles: *Sumsion* in A
Anthem: If ye be risen again with Christ *Orlando Gibbons*
Organ Voluntary: Postlude in D minor *Stanford*

Smisby

- 5.30pm Evening Prayer/APCM – Canon David Edwards/Revd Steve Short

Stanton

At Swarkestone

Ticknall

- 9.15am Holy Communion – Revd Michael Rogers

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 phoneline of hymns,
reflections and prayers



Bible Readings

Collect

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 9.36-end

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Gospel Reading: John 10.22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
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, Sandra Jones, Christine Young, Nadine Worthington, Revd Steve Short, Angie Heywood, Blake Hanchett, 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 Jonathan Franks, Joe Winters, Frederick Burden, Ruth Brookbanks, Horace Percy James-Davies, Leonora Wilkins and Margaret Stevens.

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.

Update about Steve

The good news is that Steve's recovery continues and his medical team are very satisfied with his progress. However, although his white blood cell count shows definite signs of improvement, it is not yet back to normal meaning he needs to continue to be cautious about mixing with others and avoiding infection. He has slowly been increasing his working hours and it has been agreed he should aim for 6 hours a day for 4 days a week plus taking one service on a Sunday (more on occasion). He will also be starting to take weddings and baptisms and re-engaging with the community, especially concentrating on the Jubilee celebrations. Sudden onset of fatigue remains likely and it is hoped that people will show understanding and support if he needs to drop out of things at short notice.

Revd Dr Mike Firbank, Area Dean

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

Annual Meeting

Everyone who is connected to the church is invited to come to the annual meeting after the 10:30am service on Sunday 22nd May. This is a good opportunity to hear all about the work of the church and everyone on the electoral roll can vote for the new PCC members. There are also vacancies for a Deanery Synod representative and two churchwardens. Please can you prayerfully consider whether you can serve in this way? The nomination forms are on the table by the South door.

Rachel Coupe

Date for your diaries:

On Sunday 5th June at 6.30 pm in Melbourne Parish Church there will be a civic service to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. Everyone is very warmly invited and we hope to be joined by representatives from across our community. There will be celebratory refreshments following the service.

-Steve

The Platinum Jubilee Civic Service

Following the exciting news about hosting the forthcoming Platinum Jubilee Civic Service on Sunday June 5th at 6.30pm in church, we can confirm that we are also planning to offer refreshments and will be providing Prosecco with Strawberries and Cream plus soft drinks and cups of Jelly for children presented in 'patriotic' tableware. The service will be promoted and advertised throughout the village (and beyond) and invitations have already gone out to local organisations including the Infant and Junior Schools, Scouts and Guides, Parish Council and the Royal British Legion. We have asked the organisations to give an indication of numbers when replying and will obviously expect a good response. It will be lovely to welcome the community into our church on this very special weekend and to offer a glass of something afterwards. To that end, we wondered if you would like an opportunity to help... Would you be interested in sponsoring the refreshments? This could be a contribution towards a bottle of Prosecco or contribution towards the strawberries and cream or perhaps donate a whole bottle? Perhaps you might like to contribute anonymously or if not, we can rightly credit and reference your generosity in the order of service 'refreshments kindly donated by.....'

Please, if you wish to contribute, let a member of the Welcome and Hospitality group know your intentions. They are Luke Harmer, Simon Collins, Deb Lynch, David Smith and Wendy Robinson.

Welcome and Hospitality Group

Are you or have you been a contributor to our church life?

We are putting together descriptions of what volunteer helpers do to enable our church life to be successful. We will invite as many contributions as possible to give us an idea of what volunteer helpers do or what they've helped with in the past.

We need to know what works and what doesn't in terms of regular helping routines. This is so that the church can benefit from your experience and ensure future helpers are supported to the best of our ability.

Work has already begun and we will be in contact over the forthcoming weeks.

The Volunteer Enabling Action Team

Jane Dalton, Jo Glaze, Karen Grewcock, Marcus Nolan, Rachael Peckham

Mothers' Union

At our monthly meeting on Tuesday, our ex- Diocesan President, Beryl Murdin, gave a very entertaining account of the story of her life, bound up with the history of her family business which started as a shop in the front room of their home, selling plates, dishes, cups and saucers etc.

Our next meeting, on June 7th will be tea and scones in the Rectory garden. There will be a raffle and stalls selling plants, cakes and bring and buy items. A warm welcome is extended to all as we raise money to support the work of the Mothers' Union for women and families overseas. Please put this date in your diary now!

Alison Gregory

Choral Excellence

Why would a visit to Hereford with a pleasant stop at Ledbury for 3hrs on the way, on Monday 2nd May 2022, be such a special day out?

Well, thanks to our Melbourne Parish Choir, it was indeed a very 'special day' to remember for the following reason.

After a 2-3 year wait due to the Covid Pandemic and lockdown, the choir were invited to sing Evensong at Hereford Cathedral, built circa 1079-1250. On this trip, the Parish Choir was accompanied by a group of people who enjoy a pleasant day out but with the added bonus of supporting and attending an outstanding Choral performance. Testament to their dedication was that, on arrival at the Cathedral, whilst the Choir's supporters walked in the Cathedral grounds or relaxed in the Coffee Bar, the Choir, dedicated as always, went straight into rehearsal in readiness for Evensong. Once again, we were not to be disappointed as the Choir was exceptional to watch. The performance was, without a doubt, absolutely superb, directed by Simon and supported by our very own Guest Organist, Tom. The perfect harmonies and amazing acoustics created a sound that was a joy to listen to. The Choir also received very high praise from the Cathedral's Clergy. What a way to start off the month of May. Well done and sincere thanks to an extremely talented Choral Group.

Colin Barker

Christian Aid Week

The annual Christian Aid week is nearly here! This year it's the 15th – 22nd May. Melbourne Churches have always made a big effort to support their work and we need your help. At the end of each service this Sunday, there are envelopes to be delivered. Please consider taking a pack. They only need pushing through letter boxes. (There is no need to collect them afterwards as in previous years.) Last year we raised over £3800!

Please come to the Christian Aid Service to mark the start of the week. This year it's being held here at Melbourne Parish Church. Jeremy Gowers-Cromie from Christian Aid is coming to speak at the service and will be giving a presentation about their work. The service is at **5:30pm on Sunday 15th May**. Please come!

Rachel Coupe

The week ahead...

Tuesday	6.00pm	Wedding rehearsal
	6.30pm	Wedding Surgery
	7.00pm	Bell ringing practice
Wednesday	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday	9.15am	Holy Communion
	12.30pm	Wedding of Anna Griffin and James Emberton
	6.30pm	12 bell practice
Saturday	11.00am	Baptism of Thomas Michael Conway
	2.00pm	Baptism of Sarah Simpkin

Musical Matters

Melbourne Choral Evensongs

These continue monthly at 6.30p.m. except in August on these dates: Tonight (May 8), June 12, July 10, September 11, September 25 (Patronal Festival) and October 9th (Harvest). Please do join us if you can.

Cathedral Visits

Last Monday the choir sang at Hereford Cathedral, which was also the venue for our last day trip in June 2019. It was lovely to be back on a coach with many people from our benefice. The choir sang beautifully and received much appreciation from the Canon Chancellor who retires this Sunday after 14 years. The next trip is to Gloucester Cathedral via Cirencester next Saturday, 14th May and there are still some seats available on that coach. We have also been able to secure a weekend at Durham Cathedral on 28/29 May where we last sang 12 years ago. If anyone is interested in staying with the choir, please do be in touch as soon as possible for more details. It is always good to see familiar faces when we sing away from home.

Music suggestions

We're well into the Easter season now with 'Good Shepherd' Sunday this week. Psalm 23 is one of the most well-known and loved psalm texts and for the Church has been set to music as hymns, psalm settings, anthems and organ music over many years. I hope my selections reflect a small part of this wide range alongside other music for Eastertide. Please keep in touch with comments/suggestions: simon.e.collins@btinternet.com /07808 474236.

Hymns

The King of Love my Shepherd is
Faithful shepherd, feed me
The Lord's my Shepherd (Brother James' Air)
Love's redeeming work is done
Walking in a Garden
Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iu83WQdQ7-Y>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GNMXynVUZpg>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=viEDdgmMEZs>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n5uIWExgF0>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=txsQvkwQliQ>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ezuuH7fKY0>

Choral Music

John Rutter: The Lord is my Shepherd (Requiem)
John Goss: These are they that follow the Lamb
Chant by John Goss: Psalm 23
Howard Goodall: The Lord is my Shepherd (Dibley!)
John Taverner: Dum transisset Sabbatum I
French trad. arr. Lindley: Now the green blade riseth
Handel: Worthy is the Lamb & Amen (Messiah)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WOtsuzM6h7M>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u_HDhegT8RI
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eZpJEYC-21A>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yLxdb3ov-zE>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pUBF7kNVlBy>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bwVEIxKp-0>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3x2fSxOeij4>

Organ Music

M.A. Charpentier: Trumpet Tune (Te Deum Prelude)
Johann Pachelbel: Der Herr ist mein getreuer Hirt
Jean-Francois Dandrieu: Offertoire "O filii et filiae"
Johann Heuschke: Der Herr ist mein getreuer Hirt
Noel Rawsthorne: Two versets on Brother James' Air
Alexandre Guilmant: Offertoire sur "O filii et filiae"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ui5_MP3Vws
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XPTdBOLw2bk>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dX0S6LkU_GY
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NE302SpDNT0>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NmbKGEITeO8>
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With all best wishes, Simon Collins, *Director of Music*