

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

THE BULLETIN

A weekly publication for the Benefice

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2nd Sunday before Advent



**Join us for live streamed worship on our
Facebook page (Melbourne Parish Church)
Sunday at 10.30am**

From the Rector

As we enter lockdown once again, please be assured of my prayers for everyone in our benefice group of Melbourne, Smisby, Stanton-By-Bridge and Ticknall. Unfortunately, public worship on a Sunday is not permitted during lockdown so, as before, our services will be going online broadcast from our Facebook page ('Melbourne Parish Church') – everyone is warmly invited to join those services.

In the church liturgical year, after All Saints, November is given the option of observing what is called the 'Kingdom Season'. Visually, this means that the colour red can be displayed and worn in church liturgically instead of the green that features in the many 'Sundays after Trinity.' The colour red is used to signify the fire of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost as it also symbolises the blood of the martyrs and also of Jesus when red is worn on Good Friday. Curiously, it is also worn on Palm Sunday; that, for me, compliments the Kingdom Season we are now observing as we travel this second lockdown together.

The Kingdom season culminates in the festival of Christ the King that we observe on the 22nd of November. That feast is the 'New Year's Eve' of the church year as we then move into Advent and the new church year. We pray constantly the words that Jesus taught us 'thy Kingdom come...on earth as it is in heaven'. The Kingdom that Jesus came to bring and to inaugurate is not just a vision to be worked towards, it is a reality that, through the incarnation, has walked this earth. Accordingly, the Kingdom of God is among us. It is a kingdom that cannot be stopped as we await the return of Jesus at the end of time.

God's Kingdom values are very different from the ones of this world – 'the meek shall inherit the earth'...'the last shall be first and the first shall be last'...and, perhaps most importantly of all, 'in the Kingdom of God, death proves not to be fatal'.

As we move towards the wonderful season of Advent, may God's Kingdom continue to shape our vision and transform our reality that we may be set free to serve one another and truly build a life on earth that anticipates the eternal life to come.

Stewardship Giving

Echoing reports at our Annual Meeting, I want to pass on my very grateful thanks to everyone who is able to support us financially at this time. Over the next four weeks of the lockdown, if it is safe for you to do so, stewardship envelopes and donations may be posted through the Rectory letterbox. Thank you.

Safeguarding

Volunteer Agreements

As part of our commitment to the national requirements of the Church of England, we are looking, as a church, to introduce volunteer agreements which will help clarify roles and responsibilities. A member of the PCC has kindly agreed to help with this process but it would be good if we could have another volunteer to share the workload. It is good that we have some examples of this process from other local churches to aid our thinking. If you would like to help or have any questions please contact Steve, Terry Gilbert, Linda Latchford or Nigel Coupe. Many thanks.

Parish Safeguarding Officer

As a parish we are very grateful indeed to Ros Bell for all her many years of work as one of our safeguarding officers. Now that Ros has stood down from the role with our thanks, we are looking for someone to fill the vacant position. If you would like to explore this opportunity further, please speak to me, one of our wardens or to Nigel Coupe as our remaining parish safeguarding officer.

Every blessing, Steve

Advent Calendar

This year we thought we would try something different and plan to have an Advent Calendar on our Facebook page starting on 1st December. I am looking for volunteers from across the benefice to assist with producing an item for each day through to Christmas. If you would like to take part and could either provide a reading, a piece of music, a poem or anything suitable to be uploaded onto our page or if you would like any further information please let me know as soon as possible either by phone 07796 560814 or

email curate@melbourneparishchurch.co.uk

Alan Winfield

Administration from the Parish Office

Some of you will be aware that Kate Landenberger is currently recovering from an operation and receiving ongoing treatment. We miss seeing Kate in our congregation and wish her a speedy recovery.

We also sorely miss Kate carrying out Parish administrative duties from Church House. Steve has spoken with Kate and, with a view to covering the workload on a temporary basis, the Standing Committee has agreed to Rachel Short taking on the role. Rachel already covers other administrative jobs and is well placed to 'stand in'. Happily, she is also willing to do so!

Our love and best wishes to Kate and thanks to Rachel.

Linda and Terry, Churchwardens

Christmas Window Trail

Christmas in Melbourne is likely to be rather different this year with many of our village traditions unable to take place as normal. Churches Together in Melbourne wanted the children and families of Melbourne to have something to look forward to and so have organised the "Melbourne Christmas window trail".

The trail will run from 18th December until 1st January 2021 4pm-6pm daily. Windows in homes, shops and public buildings will be decorated to depict different Christmas carols. Children will be asked to guess the Carol. Trail maps will be available to download from the Melbourne Methodist Church website. Paper copies will be available in The Rectory porch, Church Square, DE73 8JH or from 15 Packhorse Road, DE73 8EG. Many thanks to everyone who is decorating their windows to support this new village event.

Pens for sale!

Mothers' Union members are selling stylish colourful black ink gel pens for the bargain price of £1. We are trying to raise a little money so that we can carry on our Charity work. We haven't been able to hold our usual meetings but the work of the Mothers' Union with families here in the U.K. and around the world is still carrying on and is much in demand. Please help us to play our part by buying a pen.

Ros Bell

Flowers in church

Thank you to Margaret Murray-Leslie for kindly offering to co-ordinate the flower arranging team once we are able to go ahead as 'normal'. As well as volunteers already known to Margaret, she is keen to recruit new people who want to learn or others who wish to use their existing skills.

Margaret would be very pleased to hear too from anyone who is able to go to collect flowers for arranging. We all can be involved by donating to the flower fund. Certainly, in the past people have been generous in giving, particularly at festival times such as Easter or Christmas.

Please do contact Margaret on 01332 862921 if you need more information or can offer help. We look forward to the time when we can once again enjoy flowers in our beautiful church.

Linda Latchford, Churchwarden

St Michael's Players - an update

Well, it had all been going so well. The script was finished (well, almost), the costumes ordered, the props built or bought, and the lines learned (ha, ha - who am I kidding?).

And then the second wave hit so everything was put on ice.

When we can meet again safely in sufficient numbers and without the need to sanitise each other between takes, we will start filming 'Don't Panic 2', our latest homage to Dad's Army. Whilst in Don't Panic 1 (staged in 2016) the Home Guard was battling German spies, this time we are trying, somewhat farcically, to protect the town's residents from a highly contagious but largely comic ailment. It is a work of fiction, of course, and should not be taken as a substitute for professional medical advice.

When the film is ready it will be shown online through Facebook, YouTube or some other new-fangled gizmo. Depending on the situation at the time, it may also be possible to screen it to limited audiences at the Assembly Rooms.

We'll keep you posted.

In the meantime, don't panic.

Gordon Hughes

Music suggestions

I trust this finds you all well. I have found it very comforting at this Remembrance-tide that broadcasts from the Cenotaph, Westminster Abbey and Ely Cathedral in the past week have been able to include choral music sung by the respective choirs. Unlike the first lockdown, broadcasts and livestreaming is still allowed albeit behind closed doors and I know from comments read in the press and on social media, this is a great comfort to the many who value choral and organ music as an essential part of their worship.

This week's music suggestions are as follows and I hope that, as ever, there is something for everyone. Many thanks to those who have been in touch – it's good to know that they are helpful and that some of you use them as preparation for the Facebook service which this Sunday reverts to the regular time of 10.30a.m.

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

Hymns

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AsARaTv7B3U> O God, our help in ages past

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6AdBkJurR4> Be thou my vision

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G0LA3GvAUGU> There is a redeemer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zd0FyrzVUCM> Immortal, Invisible, God only wise

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8382PrTBOVY> Bread of the world in mercy broken

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZaGZfrBS-pc> Soldiers of Christ, arise

Choral Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=heiiATCrwVQ> Vaughan Williams: O taste and see

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e3hYSwsD-k8> John Rutter: God be in my head

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HyD4tc2kHXE> Hylton Stewart: Psalm 90

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AdHDAhBERI8> Herbert Howells: Like as the hart

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QGgK02bwF9s> Thomas Tallis: O sacrum convivium

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PgUFeptmPW8> Cesar Franck arr. Rutter: Panis Angelicus

Organ Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6F56Ap176HQ> Stanford: St Patrick's Breastplate (Sonata Celtica)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ae6S2x3tQFs> Herbert Howells: Master Tallis' Testament

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DMg3RJ4NdGY> David N. Johnson: Trumpet Tune in E flat

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HQU6xDyiwM> Vaughan Williams: Prelude on 'Rhosymedre'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gq8i69-L-Fs> Henri Mulet: Carillon-Sortie

I look forward to when we can all meet again.

With very best wishes,

Simon Collins, Director of Music

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

Monday: Those in great poverty or need.

Tuesday: Those who have asked for our prayers: Anne Brazier, Roo Hubbard, David Ingram, Kate Landenberger, Bob Smith, Joan Tatam.

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 bishop, Bishop Libby and our cathedral dean, Peter.

Thursday: Our schools as they continue their new academic year. The church worldwide. All Christian people. The local church. The Anglican Communion.

Friday: All in need, especially the hungry, poor and homeless.

The Departed

In our prayers this week, we remember those who have died recently, especially Margaret Stockley. We also remember those whose anniversaries occur near this time, among them Edna German, David Harris, Harold Timmins and Andrew Laban.

Bible Readings for Today

Collect

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end

Be silent before the Lord God!

For the day of the Lord is at hand;
the Lord has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently* on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
'The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm.'

Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.

Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;

in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25.14-30

‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Prayer after Communion

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Daily Hope

The Church of England continues to run a free phonenumber service of hymns, reflections and prayers. To access call: **0800 804 8044**

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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 Steve, one of the wardens or the parish office. Thank you.

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Children's corner!

Can you solve this puzzle? Unjumble the words and put the numbered letters into the gaps at the bottom



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Don't bury your _____.

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A wordsearch for you to complete!



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 worthless
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