

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

# THE BULLETIN

A weekly publication for the Benefice

**Sunday 18th October 2020**



## St Luke

### Across the Benefice Today

- 10.30 am **Parish Eucharist – Melbourne**  
*the Revd Steve Short / the Revd Alan Winfield*
- 10.30 am **Holy Communion – Ticknall**  
*the Revd Michael Rogers*
- 11.00 am **Morning Prayer – Stanton-by-Bridge**  
*Dr Nick Gravestock*

## **From the Rector**

Across the benefice today we remember St Luke the Evangelist best known for having given us the Gospel that bears his name and the complimentary volume, the 'Acts of the Apostles.' St Paul refers to Luke as the 'beloved physician' a real term of endearment and solidarity in the Gospel.

Luke and Paul knew many turbulent times in those early days of the church and, especially in the Acts of the Apostles, we read of many dramatic incidents, shipwrecks, arrests, disputes and conflicts. And yet in the midst of all that, the Holy Spirit is at work – yesterday, today and tomorrow. The incarnation of Jesus and the coming of the Holy Spirit as featured in Luke's writings remind us that God is at work in his creation and in us.

The Bishop of Leeds, Nick Baines writes:

*"It is impossible to see Christianity, for example, as a merely spiritual creed when at the heart of every Christian narrative is incarnation - God committing himself to the world in all its chances and contingencies and not opting out of the inconvenient consequences of materiality. The word Jesus says it all."*

Into uncertainty and fear, the light of the Gospel shone and still shines.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.

Luke 4.18-19

## **All Souls' Service**

Each year we hold a special service to remember the lives of those who have gone before us knowing that, through God's grace, we are all saints together – the church living and departed, the church temporal and eternal. This year's service on Sunday 1st November will be a 'virtual' service broadcast live on our church Facebook page at 6.30pm. As with our services in church, this will be a service of Evening Prayer which will include the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed where the names of departed loved ones are prayerfully read out. If you would like a loved one remembered and their name read out as

part of that commemoration please email:  
rector@melbournparishchurch.co.uk or phone  
01332 864741.

The order of service will be available for download from the website, delivery via email or postal delivery. Please in your message, let us know which option is best for you.

## **National Safeguarding Report**

Many of us will have seen the very difficult headlines during the last week concerning the publication of the report by the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) concerning the Church of England. Bishop Libby, our diocesan bishop, has written this response:

*“Today the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) published its report into the Church of England. The Archbishops of Canterbury and York, alongside the CofE lead safeguarding bishop and the national director of safeguarding have set out their thoughts in an open letter.*

We would like to assure you of our shared and joint commitment to Safeguarding and place this at the heart of our Diocese. Safeguarding is a fundamental expression of our faith and a sign of the Kingdom of God. At this difficult time, we will support those affected by the publication of the report.

The new safeguarding leadership team including Hannah Hogg, Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor and Helen Jebb, Independent Chair of Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel in the Diocese of Derby will be taking time to digest and understand the outcomes and learning from the report and are committed to making changes which promote a safer church culture.

If you or anyone you are in contact with are affected by the publication of this report and want to talk to someone independently please call the Safe Spaces helpline on 0300 303 1056 or email: safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk. There are also other support services available.

Alternatively, please contact the diocesan safeguarding team in Derby (01332 388678)”

As a national church together, we clearly have much to learn and reflect on. Jesus in John 10.10 reminds us that he has come to bring ‘abundant life’ or ‘life in all its fullness’. Our faith tells us that we want everyone to be able to flourish and to know the love of God which encourages, builds up and nurtures. We know that for all too many survivors of abuse, due to the terrible actions of some, that the opposite has been the case. We continue to strive for a church where all are welcome and where all are safe from harm. I commend to our prayers all who have suffered abuse of any kind that they may receive the support, care and understanding that they so desperately need and deserve.

### **Calling Private Prayer Pilgrims**

A reminder that Individual prayer opportunities are still available in Melbourne Parish Church each Wednesday afternoon from 2-4 pm. No need to book, just turn up. Entry by the North Door. From the 1st November the opening times will change to 12.30 pm – 2 pm. For Remembrance Day, Wednesday 11 November the Church will be open from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm. My very grateful thanks to the ‘Prayer Pilgrim Team’ for all their work in hosting our prayer pilgrims.

### **Booking your place for Sunday worship at Melbourne**

Thank you to all those who booked their place using the below contacts. Just a few notes of clarification on the booking process:

-to be as fair as possible to everyone who might wish to attend, booking will, at present, need to be every week. The booking line and email will be active from 10 am each Monday morning for the following Sunday.

-the above means that block booking isn’t possible but it has been lovely to see that people have been indicating they would like to attend week by week!

To book your place/places (clarifying if you are attending alone or in a ‘bubble’) please contact Rachel Short, ideally by email on:

**rach.short27@gmail.com** or by phone: **07747 898638**. To comply

with 'track and trace' requirements, worshippers will be asked to supply name and telephone numbers.

If you wish to attend regularly, we will ask permission to keep your details for longer than the current 21-day period to enable ease of booking on future Sundays.

### **COVID protocols**

You will notice that it may take a little longer than usual to enter the church in order to ensure contact details have been taken and everyone has sanitised their hands. Again, in line with national requirements, masks will need to be worn unless you are exempt.

Stewards and acting warden (or deputy) will be on hand to show worshippers to their allotted seat as per the seating plan to ensure that social distancing is observed. Entrance will be via the North Door (facing Church Square) and exiting, for approximately half the congregation, by the South Door (facing towards the Pool), sanitising hands once again on leaving.

### **Reopening at Smisby**

Great news!! Observing Covid restrictions, Smisby Church will be reopening on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October for Evening Prayer at 5.30pm.

Every blessing, Steve

### **Accompanist**

On this Festival Day it is very good to welcome back Tom Corfield as our Organist for the first time since February. Tom will be joining us several times before Christmas, and as ever he is very welcome. I am pleased too that Rosemary is singing with the choir today.

Simon Collins, Director of Music

### **Welcome, Alan & Sue**

I recently attended Derby Cathedral, virtually, for the inauguration of our new Parish family member, The Revd. Alan Winfield. On behalf of my family, others, and myself may I express a sincere welcome to our newly appointed Deacon, Alan and his wife Sue. At the Parish Eucharist at Melbourne, on Sunday 11th October, Alan most ably assisted Steve

in a very supportive way throughout the Eucharist. What 'stood out' and particularly impressed me about this Service and Alan, was his presentation of the 'Homily' (Sermon), which was memorable for the way that he used his own family life experiences, dreams and wishes to demonstrate very poignantly the reminder to us of the importance of our own 'Faith' and not just material things in these troublesome times.  
God Bless You All – Colin Barker

### **Children's Society**

Autumn winds are blowing and once again it is time to count up our donations to the Children's Society. Times are difficult as we all know and because of Covid restrictions it is almost certain that we will have to explore alternative ways of holding our Christingle service this year. However, the Society are still extremely grateful for any funds we are able to raise.

May I then ask those kind people who hold a Society collection box to return it to me at 23 Castle Street, Melbourne, or if it is easier for you please give me a ring on 01332 862013 and I will pick it up at a time convenient to you. (An answer phone is always on if you wish to leave your name and telephone number.)

Thanking you all in advance, Avril Harrison

### **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

### **News from Jen Smallwood, our flower guild coordinator**

Very sadly, following a number of injuries that need recuperation, Jen has indicated that she needs to step down from this important role. I am very grateful indeed to Jen for all she has done and pray that she will soon make a full recovery as she continues to be most ably supported by John.

If anyone would like to volunteer, please speak to Steve, Terry or Linda. Many thanks again to Jen.

**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,  
Margaret Stockley 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**

We also remember those whose anniversaries occur near this time,  
among them Alfred Hair, Peter Rudder and Jean Greenwood.

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
you called Luke the physician,  
whose praise is in the gospel,  
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:  
by the grace of the Spirit  
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,  
give your Church the same love and power to heal;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

## **Bible Readings for Today**

### **Old Testament Reading: Acts 16.6-12a**

They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.

### **Gospel Reading: Luke 10.1-9**

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

## **Prayer after Communion**

Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Daily Hope**

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

## **Contact Us**

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<https://www.facebook.com/Melbourne-Parish-Church-Derbyshire-198938417583824/>

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.

## Children's corner!

Pop idols and international footballers are seriously

**Rich**

Did you know that some of them are also seriously

**Generous?**

**like**

they pay for ill  
children to go on  
fabulous holidays

**like**

they set up a  
fund to help  
young people in  
trouble

**like**

they give their  
time and cash to  
run charity events



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Take the months in a year  
and double it.

Take away the number of  
legs on two ducks.

Now halve it.

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That's my shirt number!

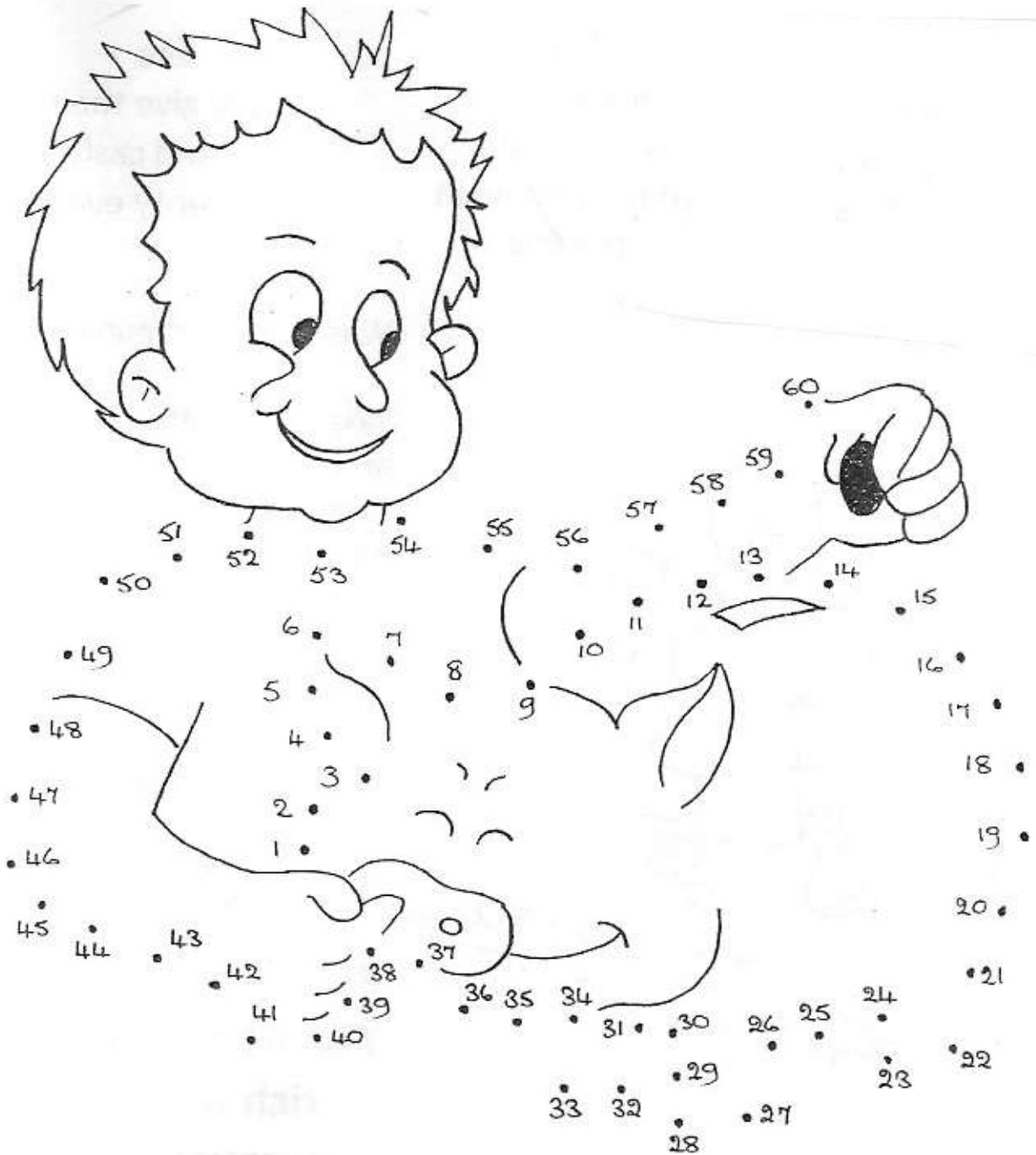
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be **rich** to be  
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