

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN MELBOURNE, SMISBY,
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THE BULLETIN

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Christ the King



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

The Feast of Christ the King

In Church speak, we now arrive at ‘New Year’s Eve’ ahead of Advent Sunday Next week. Bishop Michael Perham, the great liturgist bishop, wrote this description in his much-acclaimed ‘New Handbook of Pastoral Liturgy’:

“The Sunday next before Advent is designated by the Common Worship calendar as the feast of Christ the King, bringing the Church of England into line with many other churches that have adopted this twentieth-century feast...It brings the themes that have been present through the month of November to a natural climax and, on the last Sunday of the Christian year, brings the focus very firmly back on to the figure of the Lord himself. Of course, with Advent only a week away, a celebration of Christ in the assembly of the saints in heaven is not very far from a commemoration of the Christ who returns to the earth as judge.”

So we are keeping quite a modern feast today – forward-looking as we are in our benefice! We can, though, look back in our history to the Book of Common Prayer to provide us with another more ancient name for this particular Sunday. Any guesses? Here’s the wonderful prayer book collect:

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

So today is also ‘Stir up’ Sunday when Christmas Puddings were traditionally made. I can smell the Brandy from here...

Christ the King reminds us that there is always a bigger picture but that God is interested, through Jesus’ incarnation, in the finer detail and nitty gritty, too. My training incumbent and Vicar of Tewkesbury Abbey, Canon Paul Williams, writes this in the Abbey’s bulletin this week:

“Our watchwords for the next few months are:

be careful with yourself
be gentle with each other
be flexible as we face the future together
and be open to the bigger picture
knowing that we, as individuals, only see a small part of it.
God is with us, and God is for us.”

Wise words I commend to us all as we celebrate Christ our King.

Community Development

The COVID - 19 pandemic has highlighted how closely we are connected to one another and the importance of community. As we move into 2021, I believe that it is time for us to review how we provide support, development and care to both our church members and the wider community.

I have asked a small team comprising: Alan Winfield, Andrew Baldwin, Linda Latchford, and Kit Emery to undertake a scoping study to review current support mechanisms and the needs of our community and then to present suggestions as to how we should develop new ways of providing community support. They will be talking to church members across the Benefice. If you would like to contribute to this study please contact Andrew Baldwin via: andrewbaldwin2012@gmail.com or via 07526 162305.

Calling Private Prayer Pilgrims

A reminder that Individual prayer opportunities are still available in Melbourne Parish Church each Wednesday and Saturday afternoon from 12.30-2.00pm. No need to book, just turn up. Entry by the North Door. My very grateful thanks to the 'Prayer Pilgrim Team' for all their work in hosting our prayer pilgrims.

Safeguarding

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

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.

Writing your cards!

Perhaps in lockdown you are busy writing your Christmas cards and letters. There are still a few pens available raising funds for Mothers' Union Charities. At just £1 they are a bargain with black gel ink. We have already made some profit but these last few would boost our profits and our support for families in need. If you haven't already bought one just ring 863139 and I will arrange delivery.

Mothers' Union isn't just a group who meet for a natter through MU we help families both locally and worldwide. Over recent years we have supported 'Safe and Sound' in Derby along with the Moses Basket Project which was so successful last year. Our local schools have benefitted from donations of books on sensitive issues to aid pastoral care, children and families living in difficult circumstances are enabled to enjoy a day out and of course there is much work worldwide. We are endeavouring to continue the support we give to these initiatives so please help us ...Buy 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 as we reach the end of another Liturgical Year with the Feast of Christ the King. November 22nd is also the day when we commemorate St Cecilia, the Patron Saint of Music and Musicians. On a personal note, I particularly always remember this as it was the date when I was admitted to my first church choir and indeed, today is 50 years to the day since I started my association with church music on a formal basis in 1970. I cannot believe it is that length of time but it continues to be a privilege to serve the church through the ministry of music.

This week's music suggestions below are for Christ the King and I hope that, as ever, there is something for everyone. Please stay in touch: 07808 474236 or simon.e.collins@btinternet.com

Hymns

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-y9bWcSi20> Christ triumphant, ever reigning
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SB67YWws8OY> Let all the world in every corner sing
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_lccZng7K_M Christ is the King O friends rejoice
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YY8hlC1VleU> Faithful shepherd, feed me
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k27uDRuCsyg> Son of God, eternal Saviour
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aDFAv0eh-s8> Rejoice, the Lord is King

Choral Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zVdoVntUtms> Vaughan Williams: Let all the world
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0x_kirk2bKY Orlando Gibbons: O clap your hands
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hok3yG9pvNo> Jonathan Battishill: Psalm 95
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tz8Xv6P4-24> Kenneth Leighton: Let all the world
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kuaR4B9-kUg> Richard Lloyd: To Christ the Prince of peace
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9pvOUSBovTM> William Mathias: Lift up your heads

Organ Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3QWamNYoGKI> Grayston Ives: Intrada
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wluAzt6JVx0> William Walton: Crown Imperial
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k0kfY3SQ6Ww> Herbert Howells: Rhapsody No. 1 in D flat
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SfWuAUNjqFs> Pachelbel: Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KNmTrIgbCLQ> David N. Johnson: Trumpet Tune in D
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tw8TTxdfExQ> J.S.Bach: Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir

I am looking forward to December when we can 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 and also those whose anniversaries occur near this time, among them Winifred Laban, Jeanne Mary Lidgate and Pat Johnson.

Bible Readings for Today

Collect

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25.31-end

‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by

my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

Prayer after Communion

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through 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**

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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!

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I want to write **CHRIST THE KING** using the letters from
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which one it is?

