

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

# THE BULLETIN

A weekly publication for the Benefice

**Sunday 29th November 2020**

**Advent Sunday**



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

### Advent 2020

Advent has, over the last 10-15 years, become my favourite liturgical season of the year. Granted, it is technically a penitential season although not quite in the same way as Lent is. True, a classic advent scripture is John the Baptist castigating members of his audience 'You brood of Vipers' or, in other words, he is saying 'now would be a really good time to get your house in order.' This is slightly irreverently communicated by the t-shirt slogan 'Jesus is coming – look busy'!

Advent does indeed encompass the weighty themes of repentance and even judgement but it also about hope in the form of Jesus' return at the end of time. Adding to the scriptural mix, we hear instructions to 'keep alert' and to 'stay awake' because we do not know the time, the day or the hour when Jesus will return to complete the work he has begun 'coming with judgement to save us' Isaiah 35 reassuringly tells us. This allows us to hope, to know that, in the end, all will be well. Those 'end times' that surround the return of Jesus are without exception dramatically depicted but much of the biblical language is in a code that is hard for us to accurately decipher. I prefer to focus on the 'new heaven and new earth' that the book of Revelation shows us – a picture of heaven and earth reuniting as everything and everyone is eternally renewed.

This year, Bishop Libby adds an extra dimension to her advent reflections when she talks about a longing for the Kingdom of God to come. In pandemic times, we do indeed long for that promised deliverance in whatever from it may take.

Advent also speaks of waiting – waiting and expectation. Often, we are not that good at this particular spiritual discipline as, even in these times, the rush to Christmas seems to rapidly overtake Advent. This year, especially this year, may we use our Advent well -to wait upon our Lord 'who was, and is, and is to come'? Some suggestions for keeping Advent in our Tier 3 existence (this was correct at the time of writing – hopefully, this may change!):

### Advent Calendar

As you may have seen previously, our curate, Alan, is running a Facebook Advent calendar with submissions from people all across our benefice. Please see further on in the bulletin for an article by Alan on this.

## **Compline**

Each Wednesday of Advent at 9pm there will be a service of Compline in traditional language shown live on our Facebook page ('Melbourne Parish Church'). Everyone is warmly invited to join together in these acts of worship – an opportunity to slow down and wait upon God. These are the links for each Wednesday:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-in-daily-prayer/night-prayer-traditional-wednesday-2-december-2020>

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-in-daily-prayer/night-prayer-traditional-wednesday-9-december-2020>

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-in-daily-prayer/night-prayer-traditional-wednesday-16-december-2020>

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-in-daily-prayer/night-prayer-traditional-wednesday-23-december-2020>

## **Advent Hope**

Between 30 November 2020 and 24 December 2020, Bishop Libby invites us to join her each week for an hour of prayer and reflection based upon seasonal Bible passages and collects as together we look for the coming of Christ and the hope that gives us of his kingdom. Advent Hope is open to all and will be held on Mondays from 8am-9am and repeated on Thursday 8pm-9pm. Please email [halina.johnson@bishopofderby.org](mailto:halina.johnson@bishopofderby.org) for the access link.

## **Advent Reading**

Advent is a time for devotional reading and, amongst other favourite books, I will be reading new this year:

'Into the Heart of Advent – Twenty-five conversations with Jesus' by Penelope Wilcock, SPCK publishing

Re-reads are:

'The Little Book of Advent' compiled by Canon Arthur Howells, William Collins publishing.

'A Shaking reality – daily reflections for advent' by Bishop Peter Price, DLT publishing

Every blessing as we wait upon God this Advent, moving from darkness to light.

## **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](mailto: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

## **Online Advent Calendar**

Many thanks to all who have contributed to the online Advent Calendar, this will be available on our Facebook page from Tuesday 1st December. I will endeavour to post first thing each morning something from either a member of our Benefice congregations or an item from another source.

Many Thanks  
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.

## **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

## **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

## **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

On Advent Sunday we would usually be looking forward to our Advent Carol Service. We may be able to provide such a service online later in Advent depending on choir availability and what is permitted under the conditions of Tier 3 – we await further advice. In the meantime, I am pleased that the live Advent Carol Service broadcast on BBC Radio 3 is able to go ahead this afternoon at 3.00pm and will be available on BBC Sounds afterwards – I do commend this to you all. It is pleasing too to note that both the Annual BBCTV and Live BBC Radio Carol Services from Kings College Cambridge will be broadcast as usual this year, but without Congregations – it will be different but the opportunity to join in with the worship at home is there, as ever.

This week's music suggestions include many of the items we would sing and hear at Melbourne during Advent and I hope that there is something for everyone to remind you of our usual marking of the Season. 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 at 10.30a.m.

Please stay in touch: 07808 474236 or [simon.e.collins@btinternet.com](mailto:simon.e.collins@btinternet.com)

### Hymns

O come, O come Emmanuel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qcllZpnZPgo>

Hark! a herald voice is calling <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQUEkBiPBvw>

Come thou long expected Jesus [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WBGx\\_4PxO3g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WBGx_4PxO3g)

Longing for light (Christ be our light) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kt3Qc04ulOM>

Hark the glad sound <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1MwtRebflMA>

Lo he comes with clouds descending <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PrzmHLiAsuQ>

### Choral Music

Palestrina: Matin Responsory <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7R8EnwW4nVg>

Malcolm Archer: Creator of the stars of night <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KziVeobdPHs>

arr. Martin Shaw: People look east [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Duo1Hu1\\_pZE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Duo1Hu1_pZE)

Paul Manz: E'en so Lord Jesus [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nt\\_VfmasZDY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nt_VfmasZDY)

Herbert Howells: A spotless rose <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=STSq2u6vkql>

Andrew Carter: Mary's Magnificat <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OI3Gx77flQE>

### Organ Music

Bach: Wachet auf (BWV645) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lhYPBRedFnl>

Andrew Carter: Toccata on Veni Emmanuel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m1Pu-irMyOA>

Buxtehude: Nun komm der Heiden Heiland <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WiejP5Y-ZWw>

Bach: Herr Christ, der einig Gottes Sohn <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QzeENeo5W8w>

Kenneth Leighton: Fantasy on Helmsley <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NSpDSYXNfek>

I look forward to seeing some of you back in Church next Sunday.

With very best wishes,

Simon Collins, Director of Music



# An Invitation to Join Carols on the Doorstep

During the run up to Christmas many of us like to go to a Carol Service or Community Carol Singing event, this year we cannot do that but that does not have to stop us having a good sing with our neighbours and our community.

On Sunday 20th December at 5:30pm the whole country has the chance to join in Carols on your Doorstep. All you need to do is have a radio at hand. That can be a DAB radio, Freeview on your TV (725) or the Premier Radio phone app. Premier Radio will play 3 or 4 carols for everyone to sing along to. A carol sheet will be posted through your door nearer the time.

This is a good chance to dust off that festive jumper or your most festive headwear if you like. It will be family-friendly so children welcome to bring something to shake or rattle along too.

At this challenging time for all of us let's try and bring a little joy to our community this Christmas.

Why not dust off your favourite festive jumper or headwear too? More information can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/CarolsOnTheDoorstep> or [www.newcastle.districtmethodist.org](http://www.newcastle.districtmethodist.org)

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**Contact Jean Grimley on 01332 863385**

**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 Winnie Tipping, Fred German, Mary Sugars, Geoffrey Collins, Vera Brookbanks, Leslie Greenwood, Stanley George Truscott, John William Wright, Ann Pass, Harry Wilkins, Jean Brookbanks, Arthur Robey, Betty Roddan and Barbara Mary Ransome.

**Bible Readings for Today**

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 64.1-9**

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—  
as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil—  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.  
You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.  
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,  
and do not remember iniquity for ever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

## **Gospel Reading: Mark 13:24-37**

‘But in those days, after that suffering,  
the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light,  
and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

## **Prayer after Communion**

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **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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<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.

**Please take this bulletin home with you to  
minimise any risk of transmission.**

# Children's corner!



Fit in these 8 words to finish the crossword

ADVENT IS TIME TO  
GET READY FOR  
JESUS

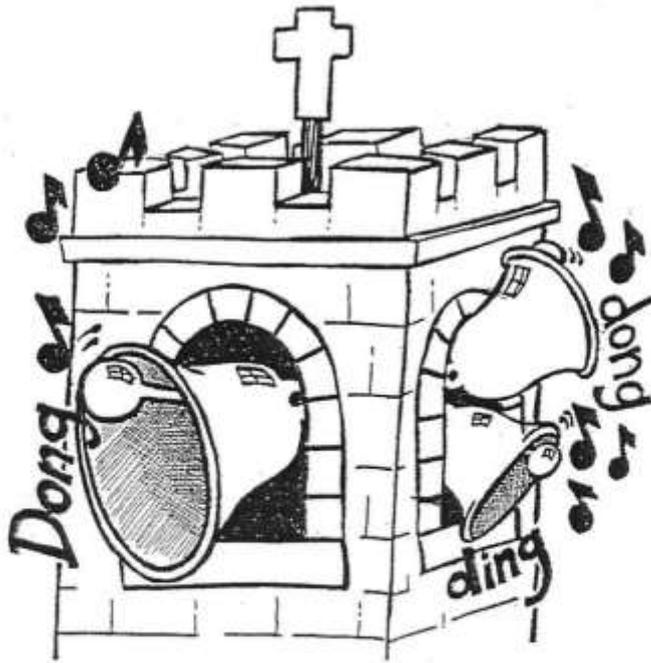


If  
**when**  
is **1234**

and  
**pray**  
is **5678**

Then what does  
this say?  
**27558**  
**431**  
**8376!**





Unjumble these 9 words

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“Don’t be thinking Christmas yet -  
 It’s only just December.”  
 Well, that’s what people tell me.  
 Bu why? Don’t they remember  
 Two thousand years have passed  
 Since Jesus came down to this earth?  
 So I shall give my whole life long  
 To celebrate his birth.



