

ALL SAINTS' & HOLY TRINITY MELBOURN & MELDRETH

Mothering Sunday
22 March 2020

Today it would have been:

0800 Meldreth Said Eucharist
0945 Melbourn Sung Eucharist
followed by APCM

HYMNS: Sing we of the blessed mother
Mary, blessed, grieving, mother
Come down, O Love Divine
Faithful Shepherd, feed me
Tell out, my soul

Notices:

Coronavirus: This has sadly meant that public worship in both our churches is currently suspended until further notice. We are developing a number of worship resources to help you keep praising whilst we are “dispersed”! Please bear with us as we get these together.

Community Help Schemes: These are being developed in both parishes by the (secular) Parish Councils. If you would like to offer help – collecting prescriptions or food, or just be a phone buddy, please be in touch with the Parish Councils directly.

Prayer Requests: Both our churches are open for private prayer (observing social distance and washing of hands), but if you would like Mary, Pat, Caroline, or I to pray for something in particular, please be in touch with me and we’ll add it to the list. Due to directions from the Bishop, we have had to remove the prayer request books in both churches, along with other books and leaflets, to lessen infection transmission.

Keeping in touch: We’re not going to be able to meet as a worshipping community for some time, and so Mary, Pat, and I will be trying our best to keep in touch with you all by phone or email to see how you’re all doing. Please, most importantly, be in touch with us if you are feeling unwell. We want to pray for you even more than we do already! Also, just give us a ring if you want a chat!

APCMs: Last Sunday, David Coton and Julie Draper were elected Churchwarden for Holy Trinity, Meldreth. David Hollamby is now Treasurer. All Saints’ APCM, due to be today, has been postponed until further notice.

Collect (Mothering Sunday)

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Today's Readings:

Exodus 2.1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

2 Corinthians 1.3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

Luke 2.33-35

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

Dates for your Diary:

Throughout this time, Morning and Evening Prayer are still being said by the clergy, albeit in private. The Eucharist is also being celebrated privately most days, and also on Sunday. We are looking at ways of live streaming the Sunday Eucharist, dependent on the broadband in All Saints'. Please do be in touch with Lizzie, Mary, or Pat if you would like us to pray for anything in particular. Thank you.

Next Sunday's Services would have been:

Sunday 29 March – Fifth Sunday of Lent (*Passiontide begins*)

0800	Meldreth	Said Eucharist
0945	Melbourn	Sung Eucharist

Intercessions for the week:

Sunday 22 Our Local Businesses; Pray for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui The Most Revd Paul Kwong - Archbishop of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui & Bishop of Hong Kong Island.

Monday 23 *Feria*
The Deanery MU; for the Diocese of Matabeleland (Central Africa) The Right Revd Cleophas Lunga Virginia (The Episcopal Church) The Right Revd Shannon Johnston Huron (Canada) Vacant.

Tuesday 24 *Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, Martyr (1980)*
Our Schools; for the Diocese of Matana (Burundi) The Right Revd Seth Ndayirukiye; Wad Medani (Sudan) The Right Revd Saman Farajalla Mahdi; Hyderabad (Pakistan) The Right Revd Kaleem John.

Wednesday 25 **THE ANNUNCIATION**
Our Care Homes and Sheltered Housing; for the Diocese of Matlosane (formerly Klerksdorp) (Southern Africa) The Right Revd Stephen Diseko; Waiapu (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Right Revd Andrew Hedge.

Thursday 26 *Harriet Monsell, Founder of the Community of St John (1883)*
Our Parish Councils; for the Diocese of Mauritius (Indian Ocean) Vacant; Waikato & Taranaki (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Most Revd Philip Richardson (Primate); Wangaratta (Australia) The Right Revd John Parkes.

Friday 27 *Feria*
Our Prayer Group and Bible Study Group; for the Diocese of Mbaise (Nigeria) The Right Revd Chamberlain Chinedu Ogunedo; Warri (Nigeria) The Right Revd Christian Ezezi Ide.

Saturday 28 *Feria*
Our Community Hall and Church Rooms; for the Diocese of Mbale (Uganda) The Right Revd Patrick Gidudu; Washington (The Episcopal Church) The Right Revd Mariann Edgar Budde; Ibadan (Nigeria) The Most Revd Joseph Akinfenwa; Ibadan North (Nigeria) The Right Revd Segun Okubadejo; Ibadan South (Nigeria) The Right Revd Akintunde Popoola.

Prayer Requests: Redacted. **RIP:**

Items for next week's News Sheet: Please ensure that any items you wish to be included on next week's News Sheet are with the Vicar by Wednesday 3pm. Pigeon post, phone (01763 220 626), or email (vicar.melbournmeldreth@gmail.com)



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