

# ALL SAINTS' & HOLY TRINITY MELBOURN & MELDRETH

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity  
13 September 2020

## **Today's Services:**

0800	Meldreth	Said Eucharist	President: The Vicar
0945	Melbourn	Sung Eucharist <i>With organ accompaniment</i>	President: The Revd Mary Price Preacher: The Revd Mary Price

## **Notices:**

**Face Masks are now mandatory:** Please be aware that you are now required by law to wear a face mask in church (unless you are medically exempted). You must keep the mask on at all times, other than to receive Holy Communion. If you do not wear a mask in church, and you are not medically exempted, we are required to refuse you entry.

**Plant Sale and Open Gardens:** Thanks to Julie Draper, and all who helped and supported this event last Sunday – a very pleasing amount was raised for the Fabric Fund.

**Jams and Marmalade:** Thank you to all who popped along and supported this event, run by Pauline Hay, in aid of the Deanery MU.

**Sing Alleluia!** (*Well, only some of you!*) We welcome back our choir to sing for us today, having sung at Meldreth last Sunday for the first time since lockdown.

**Ride and Stride:** Yesterday, David Hollamby rode on behalf of Holy Trinity in the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Ride and Stride. Please sponsor him!

**Banns of Marriage:** Please pray for James Fendick and Maryann Chapman, who will be married at Holy Trinity, Meldreth, on 14 November – thank you.

**Harvest Thanksgiving:** This year's Harvest Thanksgivings will be held on 20 September (Holy Trinity), and 27 September (All Saints'). Donations will still be collected for Jimmy's Nightshelter in both churches, but please make sure they are in a bag, and leave them as directed. Thank you.

**All Saints' APCM:** The postponed APCM for All Saints' will be held on Sunday 27 September, after the 9.45am, socially-distanced, in All Saints'.

### ***Collect (Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity)***

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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***

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

## **Today's Readings:**

### Genesis 50.15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?'

So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

### Romans 14.1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

### Matthew 18.21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold,

together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

### **Dates for your Diary:**

17 September	1000	Said Eucharist	All Saints', Melbourn
17 September	1945	PCC Meeting (via Zoom)	Holy Trinity, Meldreth
24 September	1000	Said Eucharist	All Saints', Melbourn
24 September	1930	PCC Meeting (via Zoom)	All Saints', Melbourn
27 September	c1050	APCM (socially distanced)	All Saints', Melbourn

*We are also looking at ways of re-starting some parish groups via Zoom.*

### **Next Sunday's Services:**

*Sunday 20 September – Harvest Thanksgiving (Meldreth); Fifteenth After Trinity (Melbourn)*

0800	Melbourn	Said Eucharist
0945	Meldreth	Harvest Thanksgiving Sung Eucharist <i>with organ accompaniment</i>

### **Intercessions for the week:**

*Sunday 13* Our Sunday Schools and Messy Church Team; Pray for the Anglican Church of South America and The Most Revd Gregory James Venables - Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church of South America & Bishop of Argentina.

*Monday 14*

### **Holy Cross Day**

Our Berringers; for the Diocese of Otukpo (*Nigeria*) The Rt Revd David Bello; Central Busoga (*Uganda*) The Rt Revd Patrick Wakula; Kisangani (*Congo*) The Rt Revd Lambert Funga Botolome.

Tuesday 15

*Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr (258)*

Our Church Locking Teams and those who care for our churches and churchyards; for the Diocese of Owerri (*Nigeria*) The Rt Revd Chukwuma Oparah; Central Ecuador (*The Episcopal Church*) The Rt Revd Victor Scantlebury Kita; Kanto (*Japan*) The Rt Revd Zerubbabel Katsuichi Hirota.

Wednesday 16

*Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts (432)*

Our Flower Arrangers; for the Diocese of Owo (*Nigeria*) The Rt Revd Stephen Ayodeji Fagbemi; Central Florida (*The Episcopal Church*) The Rt Revd Gregory Brewer.

Thursday 17

*Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary (1179)*

Our Churches Together Reps; for the Diocese of Oxford (*England*) The Rt Revd Steven Croft; Central Gulf Coast (*The Episcopal Church*) The Rt Revd Russell Kendrick; Central Melanesia (*Melanesia*) The Most Revd Leonard Dawea (*Primate*).

Friday 18

*Ember Day*

Our Deanery Synod Reps and Electoral Roll Officers; for the Diocese of Oyo (*Nigeria*) The Rt Revd Williams Oluwarotimi Aladekugbe; Central New York (*The Episcopal Church*) The Rt Revd DeDe Duncan-Probe.

Saturday 19

*Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury (690), Ember Day*

Our Women's Group in Melbourn and Meldreth; for the Diocese of Pacong (*South Sudan*) The Rt Revd Joseph Maker; Atot Central Newfoundland (*Canada*) The Rt Revd John Watton; Kitale (*Kenya*) The Rt Revd Stephen Kewasis.

**Prayer Requests:** Redacted.

**RIP:** Redacted.

**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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