

ALL SAINTS' & HOLY TRINITY MELBOURN & MELDRETH

Baptism of Christ

10 January 2021

Today's Services:

Public Worship suspended until further notice – please see eNews for locations of streamed worship suggestions.

Notices:

Suspension of Public Worship: Due to the new national lockdown, and the worrying rate of COVID-19 cases in the area, public worship has been suspended until further notice in both our parishes. Both churches remain open at present for private prayer and small-scale funerals.

All Saints' Floodlighting Sponsorship: The calendar is now open to book a week (or more!) of sponsorship for the splendid floodlighting, at £20 per week. Contact Gill on 01763 262530 for more info. Last year, every week was sponsored!

All Saints', Melbourn (Revision of the Electoral Roll 2021): Revision of the Electoral Roll will commence on 31st January 2021 with completion on 14th February, to ensure the revised roll can be presented at the APCM on 14th March. If any parishioner should wish to be added to the roll, change existing details or require more information, please contact: Electoral Roll Officer, Rowena Tucker: 07968 420535 / 01763 261138 email rowena.tucker13@gmail.com.

Charitable Giving 2021: Holy Trinity, Meldreth: We very much welcome suggestions of local, national, and international charities which the PCC aims to support. The charities are being discussed at the 14 January PCC meeting. If you would like to suggest a charity or two, please write to Ruth Hopper, David Coton, Julie Draper, or David Hollamby by that date with the name of the charity and why you think it should be considered. Thank you.

Collect (Baptism of Christ)

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Today's Readings:

Genesis 1.1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Acts 19.1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

Mark 1.4-11

John the baptiser appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Dates for your Diary:

Thu 14 January 1945

PCC via Zoom

Holy Trinity, Meldreth

Next Sunday's Services:

Second Sunday of Epiphany

Public worship currently suspended until further notice

Please see eNews for list of live-streamed services

Intercessions for the week:

Sunday 10

Our PCCs; Pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

Monday 11

Mary Slessor, Missionary in West Africa (1915)

The Friends of Holy Trinity, and The Supporters of All Saints'; for the The Diocese of Afikpo – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (*Enugu Province*).

Tuesday 12

Aelred of Hexham, Abbot of Rievaulx (1167)

Our Sacrists, Servers, and Sidespeople; for The Diocese of North Africa – The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria.

Wednesday 13

Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, Teacher of the Faith (367)

Our Sunday Schools and Messy Church Teams; for the The Diocese of the Horn of Africa – The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria.

Thursday 14

Feria

Our Bellringers; for the Diocese of Agra – The (united) Church of North India.

Friday 15

Feria

Our Church Locking Teams and those who care for our churches and churchyards; for The Diocese of Aguata – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (*Niger Province*).

Saturday 16

Feria

Our Flower Arrangers; for the Diocese of Ahoada – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (*Niger Delta Province*).

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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