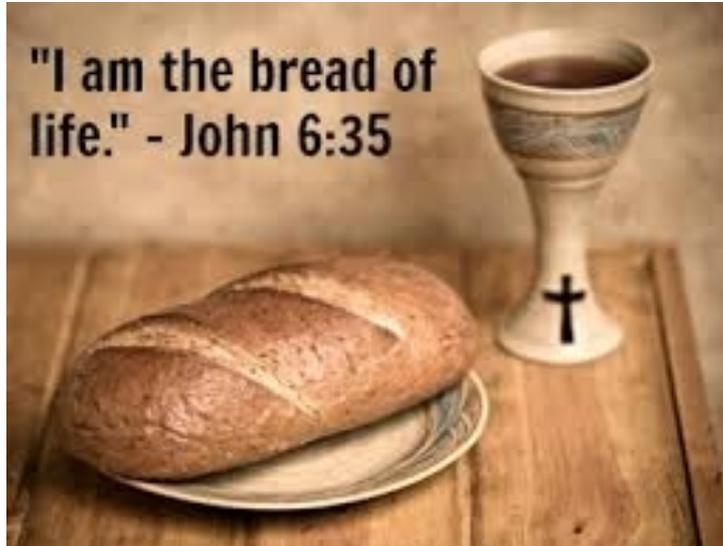


The Church of England in the parishes of Melbourne,
Smisby, Stanton by Bridge and Ticknall



The Bulletin

A weekly publication for the Parish of Melbourne



The Ninth Sunday after Trinity - 2nd August 2015

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Communion, Sunday Crèche & Coffee

Readings: can be found on pages 11/12

Setting: *Bourne* Melbourne Service

Gradual Psalm: 78 vv. 23-29 (page 12)

Hymns: 484 omit *, 302 [277, 114] 297

Anthem: Ave verum corpus *Mozart*

Organ Voluntary: Toccata *John Sanders*

Refreshments are served after the service. All who wish to stay will be very welcome. An excellent chance to build up community here.

2pm Baptism

6.30pm Evensong

Hymns: 134, 225, 377, 243

Psalm: 88 vv.1-8

Organ Voluntary: Lascia ch'ia pianga (Rinaldo) *Handel*

Yellow tax reclaim collection envelopes are in the pews. Please use them if you are offering cash during the services today, remembering to enter your name, address and postcode. Thank you very much.

Melbourne Parish Church: St Michael with St Mary

Part of the Melbourne Group of Parishes: Melbourne, Ticknall, Smisby and Stanton.

Melbourne Parish Church has a long and distinguished history. Once the southern seat of the Bishops of Carlisle, it now has a ministry to the small market town of Melbourne. Sunday and daily worship, music, youth work, bellringing, outreach and pastoral care, together with a lively Friends programme, are all valued parts of the life and ministry here.

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Welcome!

A very warm welcome to worship today, a particular greeting going to those who are visitors or newcomers.

The church is open daily, 9am – 5.15pm

Across the Benefice today

Melbourne:	8am – Revd Angela Plummer
	10.30am – Revd Canon David Thomas
	2pm – Revd Angela Plummer (Baptism)
	6.30pm – Canon David Edwards
Smisby:	2pm – The Rector (Baptism)
	5.30pm – Revd Angela Plummer
Stanton:	11am – The Rector
Ticknall:	9.15am – The Rector



Relief Organists: I would like to thank Laurence Rogers and Henry Wilkins for playing the Organ today at the 10.30am and 6.30pm services respectively. I count myself as very fortunate to be able to leave both the Choir and the Organ in such capable hands and I know that their willing contributions to our church's musical life are much appreciated. Laurence was my predecessor here for 27 years and Henry, a former Churchwarden, is now regular organist at Melbourne Catholic Church on alternate Sunday mornings. *Simon Collins*

Mothers' Union: A trip has been arranged to Morley Retreat Centre Tea Rooms on Tuesday 4th August at 2pm. Contact Ros Bell 863139 for details. Friends welcome.

Do you attend the 10.30am service?

We are wondering how, as a church community, we can enhance the welcome given to everyone attending this service and would like to invite you to share any views or suggestions. Please speak with one of us or email

Linda linda.latchford@talktalk.net

Joanna jhocknell@tiscali.co.uk

We are planning to hold a meeting open to anyone interested in attending on 12th September to discuss this further so would be grateful to receive any feedback by the end of August.

Linda Latchford, Joanna Hocknell, Mark Powell

Unfortunately Mrs Jane Palmer who was scheduled to give an address here this morning on Mercy Ships has been in a car accident and is unable to be here. We wish her a very speedy recovery.

Taking responsibility for Church life today:

This *Bulletin* section is a useful reminder to all who are on duty at this time, and may well also help visitors and newcomers to begin to identify who's who:

8am Holy Communion

Server: Karen Grewcock

Sidesmen: Noreen & Tony Taylor

Reader: Brenda Bryant

10.30am Parish Communion, Sunday Crèche & Coffee

Sidesmen: Janet & Cliff Warner

Crucifer: Brian Dollamore

Server:

Reader: Griselda Kerr

Intercessor: Linda Latchford

Sunday Crèche: Carolyn Tasker, Isobel Hall

Coffee: Katy Latchford, Pam & Maurice Starkey

Coffee rota Kate Landenberger 01283 200762

Readers' rota Janet Warner 01283 701542 (janet@warner8.freemove.co.uk)

2pm Baptism

6.30pm Evensong

Sidesmen: Paddy & Joe Laban

Illuminating the Tower

To make your booking, please call the church office - 862153. Donations to sponsor the lights for an evening should be placed in a clearly marked envelope and put in the Sunday collection or put through the Vicarage letterbox. There is a donation this week from Janet Parsons and family for 28th July in memory of Reg Moore.

Daily Prayer in church

Tuesday & Wednesday **Morning Prayer** 9.15 am (in Rectory during winter months)

Tuesday to Friday **Evening Prayer** 5.00 pm (BCP)

You will be very welcome occasionally or regularly. This church, all who live in this parish, and the needs of the world, are prayed for daily.

Thursdays at 9.15am Holy Communion

DAYS OFF: Mark has Monday as his day off and Angela has Friday. Please try to limit calls and emails on these days to issues that are urgent.

Do you read the weekly bulletin?

We welcome your views on the current format of The Bulletin, whether you read the paper or online version. How do you think it might be updated or improved? Please speak with one of us or email:

Linda linda.latchford@talktalk.net or Joanna jhocknell@tiscali.co.uk

As with the invitation to comment on the welcome given to everyone attending the 10.30 service, please offer any feedback by the end of August.

Linda Latchford, Joanna Hocknell, Mark Powell

MEET FOSTER CARERS AT SWADLINCOTE MARKET

Derbyshire County Council is looking for foster carers for children who can't, for whatever reason, live with their families.

Anyone interested in fostering with Derbyshire County Council is invited to meet foster carers and staff from the county council's fostering team at Swadlincote Market on Friday 14 August.

People say they get a lot out of being a foster carer and Derbyshire County Council will pay allowances. For some more specialist fostering schemes, the council pays a fee as well. There are different types of fostering and people can decide which sort they're interested in and what best suits them. Fostering can be long term, short term, for weekends or for respite care.

And if anyone already fosters for another agency, it's really easy to transfer to Derbyshire County Council. Just get in touch for a chat about it.

Councillor Jim Coyle, cabinet member for children and young people, said: "We've got a wonderful team of foster carers already but we need more. We want to find homes for Derbyshire children who, for whatever reason, can't live with their birth families."

Anyone over the age of 21 can foster. People can be single, married, in a same-sex relationship, straight, gay, transgender or bisexual, working or unemployed, and from any walk of life.

They just need the space to provide a much-needed home to a child or teenager for a few days – for example, offering respite care – or for weeks, or sometimes for months or years.

Councillor Coyle added: "Foster carers really make a difference by giving children the care and attention all young people deserve.

"Please come along to Swadlincote Market on 14 August, speak to foster carers and find out more about it."

People who are interested but can't get to the market on Friday 14 August should Call Derbyshire on 0800 083 77 44 or 01629 533071 or visit www.derbyshire.gov.uk/fostering

Day trip to London: Melbourne Probus Club has arranged a coach trip to London for Monday 24th August. There is no specific programme just a coach from Melbourne at 8am and leaving London for the return journey at around 5pm. There are some spaces available, children welcome, price per place is £18. Just do your own thing and enjoy a summer day in London. The coach will drop and pick up at Hyde Park. For spaces and information contact Terry Harrison on 862013.

Choir at Ely....

The Bank Holiday trip to Ely on Monday 31st August is filling up fast so, don't miss out, sign the list in Church if you want to go!

The Coach is £17 per seat and leaves at 8.30a.m.

Payment needs to be made in advance please, so can I ask for that on either Sunday 16th or Sunday 23rd August.

The Choir values greatly the company of the congregation and other friends on these trips and is looking forward to returning to Ely Cathedral after an invitation received last time. Do come along if you haven't been on one of our trips before - they are free days to do as you please and there is Choral Evensong before the return home.

Plenty to do:

Visit the Cathedral, Oliver Cromwell's House, the Jubilee Gardens and the Stained Glass Museum. Explore the Flower, Food & Craft Market, go to the riverside for a boat trip, have tea at Peacock's award-winning tearooms.

Please get in touch if you want further details.

(simon.e.collins@btinternet.com or 01543 258777).

Simon Collins, Director of Music

Smisby Roof Repairs: many of you will know that Smisby have had lead stolen from the church roof for a second time in as many months. They are holding a fundraiser to try to find money for their repair bill - please support them.

SMISBY W.I. invite you to a

Bacon Butty, drink & historic tour of St James Church, also quiz & sale table on Tuesday 11th August and Wednesday 19th August between 10.30am and 1pm. Tickets - £4.50

Proceeds will go to the lead theft fund for repairing the roof.

Tickets from Pat Barnes 01283 217319 or Suzanne Jones 01530 415346

Staunton Harold Church Leicestershire



CONCERT

**on the historic 17th Century Organ,
originally by Christian Schmidt**

**given by
Laurence Rogers
Organist Emeritus, Melbourne Parish Church**

Friday 4th September 2015 at 7.30pm

**Followed by refreshments
Retiring collection**

**Parking in the Lion Court car park, courtesy of
Mr and Mrs J. Blunt.**

Volunteers needed for refreshments at Melbourne Festival: We are hoping to sell refreshments on both Saturday 11-5 and Sunday 1-5 during the Festival. Karen Grewcock has generously offered to provide the food and Mark and Helen are kindly allowing us to use the Vicarage garden. Last year this proved to be very popular but we do need volunteers. If we can recruit enough people the plan is to have 2 hour slots with 4 volunteers; 2 to serve, 1 to wash up and 1 to clear tables. If you are able to help for a couple of hours please see Joanna or Linda.

Joanna Hocknell

One of the oldest texts of the Qur'an in the world, on parchment that was possibly made within the lifetime of the Prophet Muhammad, has been found in the collection of the Cadbury Research Library at the University of Birmingham.

The two well-preserved leaves of parchment, closely written in an elegant script, have been radiocarbon-dated to between AD568 and AD645, a result regarded by the scientists who tested it at Oxford as near certain – 95.4% accurate.

“We knew it was going to be a good date, but when we actually got the dates it was just an ‘oh my goodness’ moment,” Susan Worrall, director of the special collections of the library, said. “You don’t get very many days like that in a career.”

Muhammad is generally thought to have lived between AD570 and AD632. His teachings were transmitted orally or partially recorded in writing, and soon after his death all the texts that could be found were collated.

The Birmingham text may be among these earliest writings, which became part of one of world religion’s great holy books, or from the text of the first authorised version, believed to have been written in AD650.

The text is almost identical to that used today, but the parchment is so old that scholars may reconsider the accepted date for the compilation of the definitive text.

The parchment came to the library with a mass of other early Middle Eastern manuscripts collected in the 1920s by the scholar, theologian and Chaldean priest Alphonse Mingana, but it is not known where he found it. However, the parchment and the beautiful early Arabic script closely resemble other fragments in the Bibliothèque Nationale in Paris from the earliest mosque in Egypt, founded in AD642.

The significance of Birmingham’s leaves, which hold part of Suras (chapters) 18 to 20, was missed because they were bound together with another text, in a very similar hand but written almost 200 years later.

The two odd leaves were spotted by a PhD student, Alba Fedeli, who has been working on the Mingana manuscripts.

“We know her very well, she has been working away for some time on the

Mingana collection. When she brought this to us and said she thought two leaves came from another manuscript, and we looked closely at them, we could see that she was right,” Worrall said.

“At first glance they look identical to the other pages, but once you know you can see that the text does not flow. The script is wonderful, still legible to anyone who can read Arabic today.” She said the university turned down a request some years ago from a German institution to test the manuscript, but in view of Fedeli’s discovery, decided to fund the tests and conservation work itself.



The leaves of the ancient Qur’an found in Birmingham University’s archives. Photograph: Birmingham University/EPA

The verses are incomplete, and believed to have been an aide memoire for an imam who already knew the Qur’an by heart, but the text is very close to the accepted authorised version.

David Thomas, professor of Christianity and [Islam](#), and the Nadir Dinshaw professor of interreligious relations at the university, called the discovery “one of the most surprising secrets of the university’s collections”. He said it supported the view that the version of the Qur’an in use today had hardly changed from the earliest recorded version, and the Muslim belief that the text represented an exact record of the revelations delivered to the Prophet. “They could well take us back to within a few years of the actual founding of Islam. According to Muslim tradition, the Prophet Muhammad received the revelations that form the Qur’an, the scripture of Islam, between the years AD610 and AD632, the year of his death,” Thomas said.

Qur’anic materials were at first held in memory or written down on materials including parchment, stone, palm leaves and the shoulder blades of camels. It was Caliph Abu Bakr, the first leader of the Muslim community after Muhammad, who ordered their compilation into a book with the final, authoritative written form completed and fixed under the direction of the

third leader, Caliph Uthman, in about AD650.

“Muslims believe that the Qur’an they read today is the same text that was standardised under Uthman and regard it as the exact record of the revelations that were delivered to Muhammad,” Thomas said.

“The tests carried out on the parchment of the Birmingham folios yield the strong probability that the animal from which it was taken was alive during the lifetime of the Prophet Muhammad or shortly afterwards. This means that the parts of the Qur’an that are written on this parchment can, with a degree of confidence, be dated to less than two decades after Muhammad’s death.”

Muhammad Isa Waley, a senior curator at the British Library, called the discovery “news to rejoice Muslim hearts”.

He said the early Muslim community was not wealthy enough to stockpile the number of animal skins required to make a Qur’an, and so the text must have been written soon after the parchment was made. The very early date from the radiocarbon tests could mean that the text pre-dated the creation of the authorised text of the complete Qur’an, or that the definitive version was created earlier than scholars had believed.

The newly conserved leaves will go on free public display for the first time in October, at the university’s [Barber Institute of Fine Arts](#), and Birmingham’s city museum is also interested in creating an exhibition around them. Because their significance was not then recognised, the parchment leaves were not included in a [major British Library exhibition in 2007 of some of the earliest religious texts](#) – but Worrall said she expects to have many applications from museums to borrow them in the future.

(Article from the Guardian website)

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Monday:	2pm	Caring Hands
Tuesday:	2pm	Home Communion
	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
Wednesday:	2-4pm	Singing for the Brain
Thursday:	9.15am	Holy Communion
Saturday:	9am	Bulletin production team in Church House
	5pm	Church prepared for Sunday worship

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, David Harris, Fred Heafield, Roo Hubbard, Wendie Moore and Vera Pipes. Also those in Derby’s hospitals and hospices. All at Pool Cottage.

Wednesday: Our group of parishes.

Thursday: 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 can remember those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur near this time, among them Alec Bailey, Terry Ashman and Reg Deptford.

Next Week at Melbourne – Trinity 10

8am **Holy Communion** (Sidesmen: Sue Dore, Ann Rafferty)

10.30am **Parish Communion, Sunday Crèche & Coffee**

(Sidesmen: Victoria Hancock, Matthew Needham)

(Coffee: Jane Cox, Pam & Maurice Starkey)

6.30pm **Evensong** (Sidesmen: Jo & John Glaze)

The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:

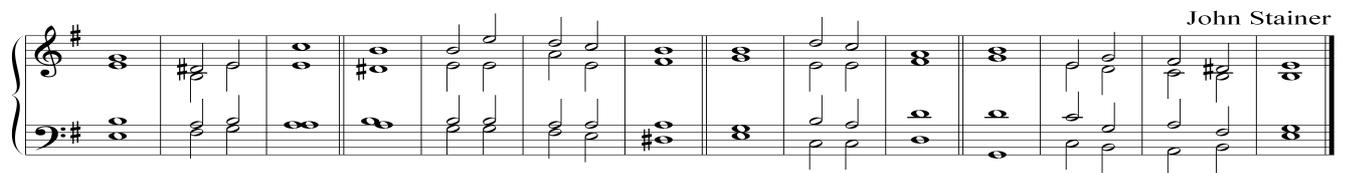
The First Reading: *Ephesians 4.1-16*

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' (When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

The Gospel Reading: *John 6.24-35*

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

Gradual Psalm at 10.30am: *Psalm 78.23-29*



- 23 So he commanded the | clouds a- | bove:
and | opened the | doors of | heaven.
- 24 He rained down upon them | manna to | eat:
and | gave them • the | grain of | heaven.
- 25 So mortals ate the | bread of | angels;
he | sent them | food in | plenty.
- 26 He caused the east wind to | blow • in the | heavens:
and | led out • the | south wind • by his | might.
- 27 He rained flesh upon them as | thick as | dust:
and | wing'd fowl • like the | sand • of the | sea.
- 28 He let it fall in the | midst • of their | camp:
and | round a- | bout their | tents.
- † 29 So they | ate • and were | well filled:
for he | gave them • what | they de- | sired.