

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



The Bulletin

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Harvest - 11th October 2015

8am Holy Communion

10.30am All - Age Harvest Thanksgiving Service & Coffee
(Please see special Order of Service)

Readings: can be found on page 11

Hymns: 259, 261, 262, 264

Anthems: For the beauty of the earth *Philip Stopford*

Sing to the Lord of Harvest *Basque arr. Barry Ferguson*

Organ Voluntary: Divertimento on 'Monkland'

Heathcote Statham

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

6.30pm Choral Evensong
(Please see page 3 for the music for this service)

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 – The Rector
10.30am – Revd Angela Plummer
6.30pm – Revd Angela Plummer

Smisby: 10.30am – Canon David Edwards
2pm – Revd Angela Plummer

Stanton: 11am – At Swarkestone

Ticknall: 9.15am – The Rector



The Music for tonight's Choral Evensong

Introit: Sing to the Lord of Harvest *Ian Ray*

Responses: *Clucas*

Hymns: 262, 260, 261

Psalm: 65

Canticles: *Leighton* Collegium Magdalenae Oxoniense

Anthem: Jubilate Deo (Collegium Regale) *Howells*

Organ Voluntary: Prelude & Fugue in D *Franz Schmidt*

At Choral Evensong tonight we are very pleased to welcome Martyn Rawles as our accompanist. Martyn is Organist and Asst Director of Music at Lichfield Cathedral and recently played for us at Ely Cathedral.

Everyone is very welcome at this service

The collection at the 10.30am Harvest Thanksgiving service today will go to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal.

Fulfilling potential: Please help girls and young women in Angola to build their future. Your donations will help to provide invaluable life skills to equip them for success in an unequal society. Many girls and women in Angola face discrimination and violence, both inside and outside the home. They have fewer prospects simply because they were born female. Christian Aid's partner Women's Christian Union (UCF) is dedicated to helping vulnerable girls and young women fulfil their potential and develop their skills. Working closely with communities and families, UCF are ensuring that those they support can look forward to a brighter and more confident future. Angola is one of the poorest countries in the world with high maternal mortality rates, low female literacy and undernourished children. It is vital to the development of the country, and the wellbeing of families, to have educated women participating fully in society. I am delighted to support the Girls Building Bridges project, which aims to empower girls and young women in Angola for a brighter future. With every blessing, +Alastair Bishop of Derby

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: Sheena & Henry Wilkins

Reader: Ron Kenning

10.30am All-Age Harvest Thanksgiving Service & Coffee

Sidesmen: Jenny Jackson, Victoria Hancock

Crucifer: Graham Truscott

Readers: Ros Bell, Janet Warner

Intercessor: Katy Latchford

Coffee: Katy Latchford, Cliff & Janet Warner

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6.30pm Choral Evensong

Sidesmen: Jo & John Glaze

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.

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.

Harvest Festival: Choral Evensong – tonight at 6.30pm

To celebrate Harvest Festival, and in the spirit of worship and hospitality, the choir will be offering 'beer tasting' immediately after Choral Evensong tonight.

Beer drinking has been practiced throughout Europe and Britain for over 1000 years and is particularly associated with religious ceremony. In the 12th Century when water was filthy and unsafe to drink, it was routinely boiled and made into beer. Adults and children were encouraged to drink beer as a way of avoiding diseases associated with drinking unclean water. Monks in particular have traditionally raised funds by brewing and selling beer. The Paulaner monks of Bavaria even went so far as to produce a beer especially for consumption during Lent. First brewed in the 17th century their Doppelbock was designed to serve as 'liquid bread' providing sustenance for monks at times when solid food was prohibited. The rule of Saint Benedict lays down guidelines on how to be good hosts which includes producing food and drink, especially beer.

Our beer is provided by Tollgate brewery, based locally near Calke Park. We are offering a selection for tasting and bread with cheese will also be provided in the monastic tradition....(gluten free beer and bread will be available)

“Evensong and its predecessor, Vespers, will have been offered here in Melbourne Parish Church over the centuries, so we join a long procession of worshippers and follow a long tradition of prayer, as we meet together” ...Do join us to enjoy the ages long tradition of beer drinking and simple bread and cheese after the service...

Wendy Robinson

AUTUMN FAIR

The Autumn Fair will soon be upon us. **Saturday November 21st from 10am to 12noon at the Assembly Rooms.** Please make a note of it in your diaries. We are starting to collect bric-a-brac, books, tombola prizes and goods to sell on other stalls. Remember to have a clear-out at home; goods can be stored in Church House or brought in on the day, or you can bring things to church. Contact Kate or any member of the Social Committee. Many thanks in advance.

KateLandenberger (862153)

Friends Event:

A big thank you goes to Sharon Brown for her *wonderful* and illuminating talk for the Friends about the Melbourne Festival – its build up, management and future. It was eye opening and hugely interesting!

Griselda Kerr

POPPIES SCULPTURE:

Adrian Stapleton, the blacksmith who exhibited in the Rectory garden at the Arts Festival, has donated one of his poppy group sculptures to the church to raise funds for fabric repairs. They retail at £255. The sculpture will be sold to the highest bidder. Anyone may make a bid to the Rector before the end of October, with name, address, contact number and amount offered. The item can be delivered free to addresses in Melbourne. Other bidders will need to arrange collection. A poster with photograph is on the noticeboard. *Mark*

Update on the Whistlewood project:

The autumn equinox may now have come and gone, but Whistlewood folk continue working on this pioneering community woodland site on the edge of Melbourne. The most visible progress this summer has been on the outdoor shelter which now largely covers and disguises the metal containers and shed that were our initial storage areas. It is now a bit of a race against the onset of winter to complete this structure during our regular working Saturdays. Member or not, and whatever the level of skills (most adults - and some youngsters - can boil a kettle on an open fire!) all are welcome on Saturdays. Facebook seems to be the medium of choice to communicate what we are doing and when: sometimes off-site, as at our stalls during Melbourne Festival and at the Elvaston Woodland Festival.

Meanwhile most of the 3,500 trees planted in the fertile soil over the first two winters by dozens of volunteers seem to be doing well: just a handful of the orchard trees have failed. It is quite possible that other trees have been knocked over as children - and a few adults - have appreciated the pleasure of playing in long grass, but giving and sharing such joys is a large part of what the site is about and if damaged, we'll just have to replant any that might have been lost. Our trial wildflower areas have varied in fortune, being absolutely glorious where the rich topsoil was scraped away, but much less successful elsewhere. There is some evidence that we are attracting more wildlife: we now seem to have a resident hare for example, who can be seen occasionally around the boundary of the long and the short grass.

The yurt has been up all summer and used by families as well as a book group, but will be taken down and stored after the last overnight booking on 10 October.

Talks, walks, events and educational activities continue: a visit from the UK HQ of European natural cosmetics and herbal medicine company Weleda is scheduled for 13 October at 10am at the Whistlewood site, the AGM at the Senior Citizens' Centre at 7 pm on 14 October, and a children's Halloween-themed event will be happening on 24 October.

The Parish Church is a member of Whistlewood Common and ideas to hold a

“forest church” event on site next year are being explored.

More information about Whistlewood is available

at www.whistlewoodcommon.org and on Facebook.

Graham Truscott

Two conferences, many thoughts:

Transition, and its close cousin, Permaculture, both held international conferences in September, conveniently, both in this country. Both were life-affirming and awe-inspiring experiences, enabling practitioners to meet each other and share best practice in efforts to encourage more sustainable, resilient ways of living.

The awe comes at first hand from hearing how practical permaculture projects have performed in places like Liberia and Nepal experiencing unprecedented disasters. Despite its own severe earthquake damage, for example, Sunrise Farm, home to the Himalayan Permaculture Project is providing a significant degree of resilience to the devastated city of Kathmandu which surrounds it. Massive respect too for a young Liberian I met whose family permaculture project, never intended or expected to take such a big role, is improving the lives of communities all but destroyed by the ebola epidemic.

Permaculture is as old as human culture, yet only 40 or so years old as a guided scientific approach to human interactions with the natural world. Early pioneers in Australia identified three core tenets that underlie the design system: Earth share, People share and Fair share and we've been putting those - and other aspects - into practice at the Whistlewood project here in Melbourne.

Transition thinking is much younger (just ten years old), borrowing many permaculture principles. Transition is explicitly about communities helping themselves to become more resilient in the face of the huge and growing repercussions of climate change and resource depletion. Demonstration projects like the solar panels on the church roof here, the schools' food forest (www.melbournetransition.org) and the Whistlewood project (www.whistlewoodcommon.org) are designed to challenge our lazy assumptions that energy, food and basic human needs in places like Melbourne will always be met by highly vulnerable global supply chains and the likes of Tesco, Sainsbury's - or even Lidl and Aldi !

Not everyone is in a position to immerse themselves in conferences on these subjects, but there is much happening locally and where all and anyone is welcome whatever their level of ability or knowledge. Do please come up to Whistlewood on a working Saturday 10-1 pm or ask me for further information.

Graham Truscott 862028 and 07810 556743

Melbourne Parish Church Choir
presents a liturgical performance of
“Requiem Mass”
by Gabriel Fauré



in the Parish Church
Armistice Day
Wednesday 11th November at 7.45pm

Thanks from one of the exhibitors in the Rectory Garden on Festival Weekend
A few lines to say a big thank you from Rachel and myself for hosting us on your lawn the other weekend at the Melbourne Festival. We had a most glorious weekend and made many new friends and also sold an amazing £600 of Ugandan crafts.

This will help us tremendously with our work to develop our ministry further through village-based outreach programmes such as our new antenatal and maternity unit that we have just commissioned and delivered safely our first baby girl named Namanya. There is a huge problem in our villages with pregnant girls and ladies who try to deliver at home and do not have the facilities they need or access to drugs. This means many HIV positive ladies are transferring their problems to their new born and in many cases mothers are dying at the actual birth.

Through much talking and prayer we decided to provide our own village based maternity unit staffed by a qualified midwife with transport to take her to villages to interact with pregnant ladies. This is quite a breakthrough in rural health care and has been welcomed by all. Alongside this of course we have our own Children's Centre that cares for orphans, abandoned and needy children and is currently the temporary home for 22. Due to the ever increasing numbers we have almost completed a second building to provide staff accommodation, workshop and training facilities. We also have of course our individual sponsorship programmes to educate children through school and with some 140 children to care for our 14 local Ugandan staff are kept very busy.

If anyone from Melbourne would wish to join us in our ministry and support us in anyway they can, please contact either Rachel or myself at bucenceken@gmail.com or rachh123@hotmail.co.uk

God bless you all and do keep in touch.

Canons Ken and Rachel

Prayers for Harvest:

Lord, your harvest is the harvest of love; love sown in the hearts of people; love that spreads out like the branches of a large tree covering all who seek it's shelter; love that inspires and recreates; love that is planted in the weak and the weary, the sick and the dying. Lord, nurture my days with your love, water my soul with the dew of forgiveness, that the harvest of my life, might be your joy. Amen

Frank Topping

The earth is fruitful may we be generous. The earth is fragile may we be gentle. The earth is fractured may we be just. Creating God, harvest in us joy and generosity as we together share in thanks and giving.

Christian Aid

O Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us the fruits of the earth in their season; grant us grace to use the same to thy glory, the relief of those that need, and our own comfort, through Jesus Christ, who is the living bread which cometh down from heaven and giveth life unto the world.

Canterbury Convocation, 1862

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

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| Monday: | 12noon | Funeral of George Edmund (Eddie) Cook at Ticknall Church |
| | 2pm | Caring Hands in the Honner Room |
| Tuesday: | 11am - | Curate to MAP Guide meeting |
| | 7.25pm | Bellringing Practice |
| Wednesday: | 2pm | Wedding rehearsal |
| | 2.30pm | Curate to Ticknall Women's Fellowship at Methodist Chapel, Ticknall |

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| | 7pm | Whistlewood Common AGM (Senior Citizens Centre) |
| | 7.45pm | Choir Practice |
| Thursday: | 9.15am | Holy Communion |
| | | Rector and Curate to Training meeting |
| | 6.30pm | Wedding rehearsal |
| | 7.30pm | PCC meeting |
| Friday: | 11am | Rector to Civic Service rehearsal |
| | 3pm | Wedding |
| Saturday: | 9am | Bulletin production team in Church House |
| | | Rector to Diocesan Synod |
| | 2pm | Wedding |
| | 4pm | Messy Church |
| | 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, Dot Simmonds and Wendie Moore. 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, among them George Edmund (Eddie) Cook, and those whose anniversaries occur near this time, among them Margaret Weston, Alfred Gunn and Mabel Brame.

Next Week at Melbourne – St Luke the Evangelist

8am **Holy Communion**

(Sidesmen: Noreen & Tony Taylor)

10.30am **Parish Communion, Junior Church and Coffee**

(Sidesmen: Margaret Murray-Leslie, Matthew Needham)

(Coffee: Sheena Wilkins, Terry & Avril Harrison)

6.30pm **Evensong**

(Sidesman: John Springthorpe)

The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:

The First Reading: *1 Timothy 2.1-7*

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all – this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 6.25-33*

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.