

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



The Bulletin

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Advent Sunday - 29th November 2015

8am Holy Communion

10.30am United Benefice Communion, Junior Church & Coffee

Readings: can be found on pages 9/10

Introit: The Advent Prose *Rorate Cæli Mode i*

Settings: *Willan* Kyrie/ *Harris*

Hymns: 14, 9, [3, 15] 5

Gradual Psalm: 25 vv.1-9 *plainchant* (page 10)

Anthem: Rejoice in the Lord always *16th Century anon.*

Organ Voluntary: *Wachet Auf! J.S.Bach*

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 The Advent Carol Service

'Looking for the light'

(Please see special Order of 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 – Revd Sandra Chantry
10.30am – The Rector
6.30pm – The Rector/Revd Angela Plummer

Smisby: 5.30pm – No service

Stanton: 11am – No service

Ticknall: 9.15am – No service



Today at 10.30am

A warm welcome to our preacher this morning; Jane Palmer, from Mercy Ships, who will speak about their work overseas.



ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

“Looking for the Light”

This evening at 6.30pm

Readings, hymns and choral music

All are very welcome

Autumn Fair: Many, many thanks to all who helped at the Autumn Fair last Saturday – it was a great success. We raised approx £ 1400, which was up on last year. Well done everyone! You can all stand down now until after Christmas, but then we'll have to be thinking and planning for the next!

We have a Winner!

The Choir are delighted to announce the winner of the Choir Christmas Raffle: Janet Warner, Congratulations! The prize is for two free places on any forthcoming choir ‘away day’ or £35.00 towards a ‘choir weekend’ which next year will be St Georges Chapel Windsor. The Choir have very much appreciated everyone’s ongoing support over a number of years now and in 2016 and 2017 we have many more interesting Cathedral Cities planned including Bristol, Lincoln, Chester, Ripon, Oxford, Hereford, Liverpool and Ely. Simon Collins will announce the details of dates and schedules in the New Year.

On behalf of The Choir we would like to wish you all a Happy Advent and a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year.... *Wendy Robinson*

It is with regret that the death of Rosemary Ross is announced, widow of the late Frederick Ross, former Vicar of Melbourne Parish Church.

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: David Dore

Sidesmen: Sue Dore, Ann Rafferty

Reader: Maureen Anderson

10.30am United Benefice Communion, Junior Church & Coffee

Sidesmen: Helen Bond, Gordon Hughes

Crucifer: Paul Fletcher-Read

Server: Graham Truscott

Reader: Paul Chadwick

Intercessions: Joanna Hocknell

Junior Church: Katy Latchford, Rachel Hill

Coffee: Maggie Kershaw, Sheena Wilkins, Victoria Hancock

Coffee rota Kate Landenberger 01283 200762

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

6.30pm The Advent Carol Service

Sidesman: John Springthorpe

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.

The Rector's Letter: As most of you will have heard, by now, Helen and I will be leaving Melbourne early in January, as I have been offered a new post as a Canon of St George's Chapel, Windsor. I have been immensely happy in Melbourne, Smisby, Stanton-by-Bridge and Ticknall, and wasn't looking for a new job. However, this opportunity arose and it's a wonderful job in an amazing location. We will both miss our lovely garden and the glorious view over Melbourne Pool, especially as our new home has no garden at all, but it is set into the walls of Windsor Castle with a view towards Eton College Chapel and the River Thames, and we will have all of Windsor Great Park to wander around.

The interview process was quite daunting: the first stage involved the Master of the Royal Household, who is responsible for the below-stairs staff, and the last part was an interview with the Duke of Edinburgh in his private apartments. All the people I met there said that the Castle has a real sense of community and feels like a little village enclosed by the walls. I hope that, in this respect, it will be like our group of villages and the wonderful sense of community we have enjoyed here.

My last service will be on 3rd January, when we will keep the Feast of the Epiphany. I will begin at St George's Chapel with a short installation during Choral Evensong on Monday 1st February. As this isn't a parish post, there isn't the longer collation service that you are used to, and there isn't a tradition of parishes taking a coach down to the service, so I regret that I can't invite you to Windsor for that day. However, I am sure that there will be other opportunities to see you all again.

Thank you for the kindness and hospitality that you have shown to us in our time among you.

Mark



The Children's Society

LAST CALL - Children's Society: Box Collection: Dear friends, If you have collected money in boxes this year (and not taken up the suggestion that was in the bulletin a couple of weeks ago to start a direct debit instead) would you please return the

boxes to me by **Sunday 6 December**. This will give me time to count and bank the money before Christmas. I am very grateful to all of you who, week-by-week, month-by-month, support the work of the Children's Society. Every single penny is used wisely and received with thanks.

As you now know Mark and I will be moving on in January and therefore I won't be able to continue being the parish coordinator for The Children's Society. Our church has been a longstanding supporter of this charity and I very much hope that someone will take over this role from me so that the important work continues. If you want to discuss this further or if feel you could offer to take on this job, please speak to me. Many thanks,

Helen Powell

Advent Boxes: Children's Society Advent collecting boxes are available at the back of the church.

COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE

Wednesday 9th December at 6.30pm
Mince Pies and wine served from 6pm
All are welcome!



The great mince pie give-away: Once again Churches Together in Melbourne will be getting together for the 'great mince pie give-away' on Saturday December 19th. If anyone would like to volunteer with this task, or if you can offer some mince pies, please speak to the Wardens.

Derby Churches Nightshelter: Derby Churches Night Shelter started in Winter 2013 in response to cuts in funding for homeless beds around the city. The Night Shelter will be running again this year from 1 December 2015 to the end of March 2016. Working together to meet the urgent need for safe overnight accommodation for Derby's street homeless, seven church venues in or near the city centre will each open one night per week in rotation. Volunteers will provide a warm welcome and a substantial meal to 35 guests. Paid overnight staff will then take over as guests sleep in sleeping bags on mattresses on the church floor.

If you would be interested in supporting this project, in volunteering or need accommodation, please contact nightshelter@derbycitymission.org.uk

They are once again looking for clean sleeping bags in good condition. If you have one you are able to donate please leave at Derby Church House, Full Street, Derby, DE1 3DR or contact Rita Brierley on 01332 388684 /

Rita.Brierley@derby.anglican.org

Advent Cocktails: Some time ago we created a few Melbourne Parish Church Non Alcoholic Cocktails. Now the season of Advent is upon us and celebration is in the air, we have created 4 more non alcoholic cocktails for you and perhaps your nominated drivers to try...

The Powell Punch!

Ingredients: 100g cranberries; 100ml/3½fl oz cranberry juice
500ml blood orange juice (Sanguinello); juice of 1 lime; thin wedges of lime;
thin wedges of orange; mint sprigs; 600ml Appletise

Method:

Put the cranberries into a medium size, rigid freezer container, cover with water (by about 2.5cm), freeze until solid. Mix the cranberry juice in a large jug (about 1.5 litre) with the orange and lime juices. To serve, smash the sheet of frozen cranberries into shards and put in the bottom of eight highball glasses. Put a wedge of lime and orange and a mint sprig in each glass, then pour in the mixed fruit juices and top up with Appletise. *Wendy Robinson*

Carols by Candlelight
At Staunton Harold Church on Friday 4th December at 7pm
Carols and Readings with St Helens Church Choir, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
In aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, Ashby Group
Lion Court car parking courtesy of Mr and Mrs Blunt
Seasonal Refreshments
Enquiries: 01530560130

An article from the Diocese of Derby website:

Blue Christmas

I was taking part in an event recently in a Derbyshire church, and on the wall I spotted a poster for a different kind of service to be held at the beginning of December.

The poster read: Blue Christmas When Christmas Hurts "This service helps to acknowledge the 'blue' feelings many have at Christmas time."

I was struck by what I read. Not the acknowledgement that Christmas isn't happy for everyone; more that this church had gone one step further, and had sought to take action to help.

Most of the time, although we know that some will be suffering greatly through this upcoming festive season, they are hidden from us because (understandably) they don't come to all the services that are so full of happiness. They feel out of place, as if they're intruding and spoiling the party.

Now, this doesn't mean that we should stop the celebration. Christmas is a time to celebrate the immeasurable gift of the Christ-Child. But perhaps we can seek to help those who are struggling to navigate the difficult waters of the next several weeks. That same Jesus, who came at Christmas, includes us in his mission to ... 'bring good news to the poor to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' (Lk 4:18-19)

Financial concerns will already be weighing heavily on the hearts and minds of many in our congregation. Many will already be in difficulty. One way we might be able to help will be to have information available at our Christmas services about where to get help, available in such a way that it is visible but can be accessed discreetly. Is there a debt counselling service or credit union nearby that we could tell people about?

Loneliness will also be more acute in our communities throughout December and beyond. How about running a service, like 'Blue Christmas'? Having information available about where to find help, putting on a Christmas celebration for those who don't have families to go to? It's not just elderly people; single people and those struggling with mental health issues are also vulnerable.

Finally, a word about January. It is really tempting, after the busyness of

Christmas, as the frost, snow and darkness closes in, to put down the shutters because, 'No one wants to come out'. But after the Christmas celebration, January is a time when people can feel most alone. Why not buck the trend, put on our wellies, clear the paths and put on a social event – making sure that those who live alone are welcomed and transported?

This Christmas, let's bring to reality the message of the angels (italics mine): 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy *for all the people*: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.' Luke 2:10-11

The Rev'd Jason Kennedy, Church Growth Office, Derby Diocese. To find your nearest (free) debt advice service go to:- <http://www.faaderbyshire.org.uk/debt.shtml> To find out where your local credit union is or for basic information go to:- <http://www.derby.anglican.org/en/our-mission/creditunions.html>

Christmas quizzes are now on sale: Please ask the Rector or Wardens. Price £1 Keep the family busy over Christmas!

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Monday:	9.30am	Morning Prayer at Ticknall Church
	12noon	Chapter meeting
	2pm	Caring Hands in the Honner Room
	7.30pm	Wedding preparation
Tuesday:	2pm	Mothers' Union Advent Service
	3pm	Pool Cottage Communion
	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
Wednesday:	2pm	Singing for the Brain
	7.45pm	Choir Practice
Thursday:	9.15am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Curate to Friendly Hour at Thomas Cook Hall
	6pm	Rector to Ticknall Almshouses Meeting
Saturday:	9am	Bulletin production team in Church House
	4.-5.30pm	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, 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 Marian Mansfield and Rosemary Ross, and those whose anniversaries occur near this time, among them Fred German, Stanley George Truscott, John William Wright, Ann Pass, Harry Wilkins, Betty Roddan, Barbara Mary Ransome, Vera Brookbanks, Leslie Greenwood, Arthur Robey, Mary Sugars and Geoffrey Collins.

Next Week at Melbourne – 2nd Sunday in Advent

8am Holy Communion

(Sidesmen: Joan Pass, Terry Harrison)

10.30am Parish Communion, Junior Church & Coffee

(Sidesmen: Annabel Needham, Ken Gibson)

(Coffee: Maggie Kershaw, Annabel Needham,

Kate Landenberger)

6.30pm Evensong with the Bellringers

(Sidesman: Sheena & Henry Wilkins)

The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:

The First Reading: *1 Thessalonians 3.9-13*

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Gospel Reading: *Luke 21.25-36*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' Then he told them a

parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Gradual Psalm at 10.30am: *Psalm 25.1-9 (plainchant, sung by the Choir)*

(Please turn to face the Gospel Reader in the aisle during the singing of the Psalm)

Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee *

O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.

For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed *

but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.

Shew me thy ways, O Lord *

and teach me thy paths.

Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me *

for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my hope all the day long.

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies *

and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.

O remember not the sins and offences of my youth *

but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

Gracious and righteous is the Lord *

therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement *

and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth *

unto such as keep his covenant, and his testimonies.

A prayer for Advent Sunday:

Keep us, O Lord, while we tarry on this earth, in a serious seeking after thee, and in an affectionate walking with thee, every day of our lives; and when thou comest, we may be found not hiding our talent, nor yet asleep with our lamp unfurnished, but waiting and longing for our Lord, our glorious King, for ever and ever. Amen

Richard Baxter, 1615-91