

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



The Bulletin

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The Second Sunday of Advent - 6th December 2015

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Communion, Junior Church & Coffee

Readings: can be found on pages 7/8

Settings: *Willan Kyrie/Harris*

Gradual : *Benedictus plainchant* (page 8)

Hymns: 12, 11 v.5 men, v.6 women/children [17, 1] 15

Anthems: E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come *Paul Manz*

O radiant dawn *James MacMillan*

Organ Voluntary: Herr Christ, der einig' Gottes Sohn (BWV601)

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 Evensong with the Bellingers

Hymns: On separate sheet

Psalm: 75

Organ Voluntary: Herr Christ, der einig' Gottes Sohn *Sweelinck*

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 Canon David Thomas
10.30am – The Rector/Canon David Edwards
6.30pm – Revd Angela Plummer

Smisby: 5.30pm – The Rector

Stanton: 11am – Dr Nick Gravestock

Ticknall: 9.15am – Dr Nick Gravestock



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.

COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE

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



Dower House Carols: The Parish Choir have very kindly agreed to sing carols at The Dower House on Tuesday 22nd December 7.45pm – 9.15pm. Tickets are on sale now at £10 each and are limited to a maximum of 30 people. Please contact Griselda by email or telephone if you would like to have a ticket (01332 864756 or griseldakerr@btinternet.com). This year all proceeds will be donated to Melbourne Community Care. Please note that unlike in previous years, mulled wine and mince pies can only be served in the dining room and hall, not in the drawing room. *Griselda Kerr*

Preparation: The church will be decorated for Christmas on the morning of 23rd December. Please can you help? Can you spare some greenery from your garden? Could you give a donation towards the cost of the flowers? Help on the day is always appreciated. Many hands make light work whether arranging, tidying up or making a hot drink! Please contact Sheena Wilkins (865053) or the Wardens.

Churches Together Christmas Cards: are now ready for distribution. Please can you help? If so, please see Sheena, Edna or the Wardens after the service.

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: Joan Pass, Terry Harrison

Reader: Paddy Laban

10.30am Parish Communion, Junior Church & Coffee

Sidesmen: Annabel Needham, Ken Gibson

Crucifer: John Tivey

Server: Kate Landenberger

Reader: Pam Starkey

Intercessions: Graham Truscott

Junior Church: Lisa Gilchrist, Ruth Parkinson

Coffee: Maggie Kershaw, Annabel Needham, Steph Hughes

Coffee rota **Kate Landenberger** 01283 200762

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

6.30pm Evensong with the Bellingers

Sidesmen: Sheena & Henry Wilkins

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 Michael Saunders for 1st December in memory of his father Norman Joseph Saunders.

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.



LAST DAY TODAY - 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 **TODAY**. 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.

Advent 2. Non Alcoholic 'Mocktail No2, very easy to make...

'Angela's Delight'

3oz Pineapple Juice

2oz Cream of Coconut (found in tins or cartons in any supermarket)

Ice cubes

Blend ingredients with the ice cubes until smooth if you have a liquidiser, or chilled and thoroughly blended if not. Serve in Tumblers and garnish with a pineapple wedge, whipped cream (optional) and a cherry

Wendy Robinson

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

Our Diocese: Bishop Alastair writes...Presents and Presence

Gifts Galore: A distinctive feature of the way we celebrate Christmas is the giving of gifts. As society has become more materialistic, and driven by an increasing desire for 'growth' (economic, social, personal) - our gifts have multiplied in number and expanded in range. The challenge of finding the right thing for a particular person. Of course we want to please the recipients of our giving, and to spend our money well (good investment!). These criteria are important to givers and receivers. An expression of the greater perfection we try to act out at Christmas. Along with the provision of favourite foods and special treats.

From Presents to Presence: But what is really happening in the giving and receiving of gifts? An acknowledgement of a valued relationship. An expression of love and affection. An ownership of obligation or duty. In each

or any of these transactions, the core is the giver making themselves present in the life of the receiver – as an act of grace (freely offered) and as a sign of connection not taken for granted, but enhanced by being expressed generously. Presents make present the giver into the life of the receiver – for good, with grace.

Presence as Present to Us: And this is the good news of the birth of Jesus Christ. A gift to Mary and Joseph in the stable. A gift of a chorus of glad tidings and peacefulness to shepherds in their ordinary lives. A gift of authority, welfare and organised worship to Wise Men from the high civilisation of the East.

A gift to each of us if we will acknowledge the presence of God in the presentation to us of this life. A gift bringing real goodness and grace into ordinary lives, into the structures and rituals we need to hold us together and help us to make sense of our deep instinct to find peace on earth, goodwill among people, and a sign of that Glory which gathers all these fundamental human conditions into the hope of heaven.

Hark – Herald Angels Sing: I am sure that each of us will choose the presents we give with great care. To show our love and affection to family and friends, and to make ourselves present to them in goodness and grace. May we take time to allow our Father, to give His gift to us – a Son, a person who can be present in our lives - a Saviour bringing and enabling goodness, grace and glory. Hark the Herald Angels Sing, Glory to our new born King.

Sitwell Singers Christmas concert:

The Sitwell Singers will present their annual Christmas concerts on Saturday 12th December at St Alkmunds Church, Duffield at 4pm and Monday 14th December at St John's Church, Bridge Street at 7:30pm. Featuring our customary blend of traditional carols and contemporary arrangements, there really is something for everyone! Mince pies will be available during the interval.

Tickets £10 available from our website www.sitwellsingers.org.uk, from Foulds music shop or from our ticket secretary on 01332 662519. For more details see Rachel Reid or Clive Avery.

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Monday:	2pm	Caring Hands in the Honner Room
Tuesday:	10am	Funeral of David Harris
	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
Wednesday:	3pm	Home Communion
	6.30pm	Community Carol Service – drinks from 6pm
	7.45pm	Choir Practice
Thursday:	9.15am	Holy Communion
	1.30pm	Carol Service at Calke Church

Friday:	3pm	Home Communion
Saturday:	9am	Bulletin production team in Church House
	5pm	Bellringers Carols (Ticknall)
	Sat/Sun	Christmas Tree Festival at Ticknall
	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 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, and those whose anniversaries occur near this time, among them Dennis Twells.

Next Week at Melbourne – 3rd Sunday of Advent

8am **Holy Communion**

(Sidesmen: Sheena & Henry Wilkins)

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

(Sidesmen: Victoria Hancock, Frances Fagan)

(Coffee: Jane Cox, Cliff & Janet Warner)

6.30pm **Evensong**

(Sidesmen: Jo & John Glaze)

The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:

The First Reading: *Philippians 1.3-11*

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more

with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The Gospel Reading: *Luke 3.1-6*

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." '

Gradual at 10.30am: *Luke 1. 68-79 (plainchant, sung by the Choir)*

The Benedictus

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel : for he hath visited and redeemed his people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us: in the house of his servant David;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets : which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies : and from the hand of all that hate us.

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers : and to remember his holy Covenant;

To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham : that he would give us;

That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies : might serve him without fear;

In holiness and righteousness before him : all the days of our life.

And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest : for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people : for the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God : whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death : and to guide our feet into the way of peace.