

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



# The Bulletin

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## The Third Sunday of Advent - 13<sup>th</sup> 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 Psalm: 146 vv. 5-end *plainchant* (page 8)

Hymns: 3, 7 [18, 5] 10

Anthems: Creator of the stars of night *Malcolm Archer*

People look east *Besançon Carol arr. Martin Shaw*

Organ Voluntary: Praeludium in E minor *Arnold M. Brunckhorst*

*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

Hymns: 6, 14, 18, 12

Psalm: 50 vv. 1-6

Organ Voluntary: Dead March in Saul *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 Sandra Chantry  
10.30am – Revd Angela Plummer  
6.30pm – Revd Canon David Thomas

**Smisby:** 2pm – The Rector  
4.30pm – Revd Angela Plummer  
/Canon David Edwards

**Stanton:** 11am – At Swarkestone

**Ticknall:** 9.15am – The Rector



**Dower House Carols:** The Parish Choir have very kindly agreed to sing carols at The Dower House on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Crucifer today:** Ted Osbond is our Crucifer this morning at 10.30am. You are all invited to enjoy wine and mince pies this morning at the end of the 10.30am service. Ted is kindly providing these refreshments to celebrate his 80th birthday today. Happy Birthday Ted!

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

**Christingles:** Volunteers would be welcome to assemble Christingles in Church House on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.00pm.

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

## **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:** John Tivey

**Sidesmen:** Sheena & Henry Wilkins

**Reader:** Brenda Bryant

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

**Sidesmen:** Victoria Hancock, Frances Fagan

**Crucifer:** Ted Osbond

**Server:** Joy Hill

**Reader:** Laurence Rogers

**Intercessions:** Sheena Wilkins

**Junior Church:** Katy Latchford, Maggie Kershaw

**Coffee:** Katy Latchford, Cliff & Janet Warner

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### **6.30pm 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. There is a donation this week from Jenny Jackson.

## **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.

**Farewell to Mark and Helen:** Everyone is warmly invited to join us for Mark's final celebration of the Eucharist at Melbourne for **10.30am on January 3rd**. There will be coffee as usual in church after the service. This will be followed at **12.30pm** with drinks and nibbles in the **Senior Citizens' Centre**, next to the Blue Bell, on Church Street. We would be very grateful for **finger food contributions** which can be left at the Centre between 10am and 10.15am on the day, before the service, or from 12noon to 12.15pm afterwards.

There will be a presentation to Mark and Helen from the four churches at 12.30pm.  
*Linda and Joanna*

**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 19<sup>th</sup> from 10am in Market Place. If anyone would like to volunteer with this task, or if you can offer some mince pies, please speak to the Wardens.

### **Advent three and No3 Mocktail...**

'The Thomas *Tickle*' or Orange & Cranberry Spritz

500ml smooth orange juice

500ml smooth cranberry juice

400ml sparkling elderflower drink (available most supermarkets)

Mix together orange juice and cranberry juice in a large jug. Slowly pour in the sparkling elderflower drink, as it will fizz up. Mix together and serve in tall glasses with ice.  
*Wendy Robinson*

**Christmas Tree Festival:** There is still time to see Ticknall's Christmas Tree Festival today from 10.30am till 4.30pm. There are over sixteen trees on the theme of The Nativity. There will hot food: soups and Turkey baps plus drinks available.

### **Sitwell Singers Christmas concert:**

The Sitwell Singers are giving their second Christmas concert on 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](http://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.

**Caring Hands:** "The Caring Hands Group will be taking a break over the Christmas period, and will meet together again on Monday 4th January 2016. If anyone would like to come along and join us in the New Year, we meet on most Monday's (except Bank Holidays) 2-3.30pm in the Honner Room, for any information please contact Angela on 863592"

**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. It is heartening to know that, when I'm absent, I can leave both the Choir and the Organ in such capable hands knowing 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*

### **Church Website:**

At this time of year I look to do an update to the website, and would ask that all those who have material on the website (choir, mother's union, junior church etc.) review the content and let me have any updates, including new photos (some are several years old now). Please can I ask other people to perhaps check the website and let me know if you find any broken links or something that does not seem right. As I have some holidays over Christmas, this is an ideal time for me to make the updates, ready for the start of the new year. The church website is our "window" to the world, so it is important that it is fresh and up to date. Thank you,

*Nigel Coupe*

### **Melbourne Mothers' Union:**

We were joined by ladies from Melbourne's other churches at the beginning of December to celebrate the season of Advent. Revd Sandra Chantry led a meditative service on 'Expectation, Anticipation and Preparation' for the coming of Christ and Advent hymns were sung with gusto accompanied by Henry Wilkins. At this time of the year, we pray with the global movement for action against violence towards women and girls (VAWG) and our prayers were left afterwards on doves of hope and peace for others to add their prayers and concern. This service gave a welcome break from all the busyness of this time to think about the true meaning behind it all.

Our next meeting on Tuesday January 5th is our branch AGM when we look towards the next year and enjoy festive fare together.

*Ruth Smith*

## **This week in connection with Melbourne Church**

<b>Monday:</b>	9.30am	Morning Prayer at Ticknall
	12.30pm	Caring Hands Christmas Lunch at Melbourne Tea Rooms
<b>Tuesday:</b>	2.30pm	Home Communion
	7pm	WI Carol Service at Ticknall
	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
<b>Wednesday:</b>	7.45pm	Choir Practice
<b>Thursday:</b>	9.15am	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	1.45pm	Home Communion
	6.30pm	Curate to Wedding Rehearsal at Smisby Church
	7.30pm	PCC Budget Meeting

**Saturday:** 9am Bulletin production team in Church House  
1pm Wedding at Smisby 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 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 Ray Stockley and Audrey Clifford.

## **Next Week at Melbourne – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

8am **Holy Communion**

(Sidesmen: Noreen & Tony Taylor)

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

(Sidesmen: Griselda Kerr, Jenny Jackson)

(Coffee: Mary Bolton, Terry & Avril Harrison)

6.30pm **Festival of Lessons and Carols**

(Sidesmen: Ann Hammond)

## **The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:**

**The First Reading:** *Philippians 4.4-7*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**The Gospel Reading:** *Luke 3.7-18*

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our

ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

## **Gradual Psalm at 10.30am:** *Psalm 146.5-end*

*(plainchant, sung by the Choir)*

Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is \*  
who keepeth his promise for ever.

Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong \*  
who feedeth the hungry.

The Lord looseth men out of prison \*  
the Lord giveth sight to the blind.

The Lord helpeth them that are fallen \*  
the Lord careth for the righteous.

The Lord careth for the strangers; he defendeth the fatherless and widow \*  
as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.

The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore \*  
and throughout all generations.

***Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm***  
***Festival of Lessons and Carols***  
***Mulled wine served afterwards***  
***All are welcome!***

