

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 Fourth Sunday of Advent - 20th December 2015

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Communion, Baptism, Junior Church & Coffee

Readings: can be found on pages 10/11

Settings: *Willan* Kyrie/*Harris*

Gradual: Magnificat *plainchant* (page 11)

Hymns: 6, 11 v.5 men, v.6 women/children [181] 9

Anthems: O Sanctissima Maria *Paul Mealor*

Vigilate *Byrd*

Organ Voluntary: Es ist ein Ros entsprungen *Brahms*

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 Festival of Lessons and Carols
(Please see 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 – The Rector
10.30am – The Rector
6.30pm – The Rector
Smisby: 6pm – Revd Angela Plummer
Stanton: 6pm – Revd Sandra Chantry
Ticknall: 2.30pm – Canon David Edwards



Baptism today at 10.30am

Herbert Charles Stanley is being brought for baptism at the Eucharist today – a very warm welcome to him and to his family and friends. All of the words for the service can be found in the Order of Service.

Tonight at 6.30pm
Festival of Lessons and Carols
Mulled wine served afterwards
All are welcome!



In keeping with tradition the collection from tonight's Carol Service goes to the Padley Centre, and the Christingle Service collection goes to the Children's Society.

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 for Christmas: 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.

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 Tatam

Sidesmen: Noreen & Tony Taylor

Reader: Joe Laban

10.30am Parish Communion, Baptism, Junior Church & Coffee

Sidesmen: Griselda Kerr, Jenny Jackson

Crucifer: John Glaze

Server: Kate Landenberger

Reader: Frank Turner

Junior Church: Bronwen Truscott, Paul Fletcher-Read

Coffee: Mary Bolton, Terry & Avril Harrison

Coffee rota Kate Landenberger 01283 200762

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

6.30pm Festival of Lessons and Carols

Sidesmen: Ann Hammond

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.

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

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 23rd December at 7.00pm.

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

Advent 4 and final 'Mocktail' recipe..

Parish Passion

1 measure of passion fruit juice

1/2 measure orange juice

1/4 measure lemon or lime juice

2 measures soda water

1 dash Grenedine

...blend over ice and serve with orange slices

As Christmas is nearly here, and for those who are not driving!.. here are a few quick easy alcoholic cocktails..

Cosmopolitan

120ml Vodka

60ml Orange Liqueur (Cointreau)

60ml cranberry Juice

Juice 1 lime

Mix together in a shaker and serve in 2 chilled Martini Glasses

Gin Fizz

4 tablespoons (2 oz) gin

1 tablespoon (1/2 oz) lemon juice

1 teaspoon powdered sugar

3-4 oz club soda

lemon slice

Shake gin, lemon juice and powdered sugar in a cocktail shaker filled with ice. Strain into a glass filled with ice. Add club soda, and then garnish with lemon slice

Bellini

500ml Peach Puree

1 bottle Prosecco

Put the peach puree in a Champagne flute up to about 1/3 full and slowly top up with Prosecco.

White Russian

60ml Vodka

2 tbsp Kahlua

1 tbsp cream

Mix together and serve in a tumbler over ice

...Happy Christmas everyone!

Wendy Robinson

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

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve

5.30pm Christingle and Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Eucharist

Christmas Day

8am Eucharist

10.30am Family Eucharist

All are welcome!

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"

Melbourne Parish Church

On 11th November 2011, a 10kW array of 42 photovoltaic cells on the roof of this church began producing green energy from the sun. The electricity produced generates income for the church to offset the cost of the installation.

DATE	total energy generated	total income produced
Nov 2011-12	8,002	£3,234
Nov 2012-13	16,182	£6,690
Nov 2013-14	24,342	£10,229
March 2015	25,182	£10,595
June 2015	27,975	£11,826
August 2015	31,222	£13,265
November 2015	32,666	£13,905



Christmas Lunch on Jesus to provide 500 hampers in Derby and Calcutta

Christmas Lunch on Jesus will once again be providing hampers containing everything needed for a really enjoyable Christmas lunch. Recipients are referred by social services, churches and schools, and you can be involved by helping pack the hampers on December 22nd, and by

contributing towards the £30 cost of a hamper. We plan to provide hampers in Derby and Calcutta, and will contribute towards the costs at St. Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta. For more information, phone Lesley on 01332 360790 or visit www.servethecityderby.org.uk

Spiritual Accompaniment Course

April-June 2016

Deepening their relationship with God is the desire of many Christians and has emerged as a priority in the MAP process. The Diocesan Spirituality Group is delighted to be able to sponsor a course on spiritual accompaniment again in 2016. It is an experiential course for both lay and ordained, exploring the basics of listening, prayer, discernment and accompanying others in the Christian life.

The course runs on Saturday mornings from April 16th to June 18th 2016 and the last date for applications is 29th February 2016.

For more information and to apply, visit:

<http://www.derby.anglican.org/en/faith-and-life/spirituality-1.html>

or contact Eirene Palmer on 01773 742064

eirene.palmer@googlemail.com

A message from Vicky Murray:

Dear All,

As the year draws to a close it seems very fitting to say a huge thank you to you all. For your visits in hospital, your welcome back when I came, after over two months away, to Church on Palm Sunday and my being enabled to come on Easter Day.

Gradually I began as one member of the family put it to show signs of hope and I came out of hospital to a care package of four visits a day. I am much stronger now but my mobility is considerably impaired.

But I am going on trips and plan a holiday at a guest house in Grasmere. So life moves on and there is much to look forward to next year. Principally my 40 year old daughter's graduation in the summer and her elder son's graduation too. However the seating works out I shall be there with other members of the family to cheer them on. And then a BIG celebration.

Before I close I want to say a particular thank you to those who have given me lifts to Church. It saves on energy enormously as well as cementing friendships.

This seems a very inadequate Thank You but I assure you it comes from the heart, *Vicky Murray*

Prayers for Christmas time:

O God, our loving Father, help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus that we may share in the songs of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.

Robert Louis Stevenson, 1850-94

O God, we thank you for the message of peace that Christmas brings to our distracted world. Give peace among nations, peace in our land, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts, as we remember the birth at Bethlehem of the Prince of peace, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Worship Now*

The Clergy, Lay Readers, Churchwardens and their families join in wishing all gathered for worship at the Parish Church a very happy Christmas and every good wish for 2016.

Best wishes for a very happy Christmas from the Editor. The office will be closed from Wednesday 23rd December until 5th January inclusive. Thank you to all who have contributed to the Bulletin over the year. Please keep the articles coming!

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Tuesday:	11am	Funeral of Margaret Anne Williams at Ticknall
	12.30pm	Rector to Ticknall Lunch Club
	3pm	Home Communion
	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
	7.45pm	Dower House Carols
Wednesday:	7pm	Christingle Making
	7.45pm	Choir Practice
Thursday:	9.15am	Holy Communion
	5.30pm	Christingle and Crib Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Eucharist
Friday:	8am	Eucharist for Christmas Day
	10.30am	Family Eucharist for Christmas Day
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, 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, among them Margaret Anne Williams, and those whose anniversaries occur near this time, among them John Simms, Heather Cope, Marjorie Ashman and John Rowatt.

Next Week at Melbourne – St John, Apostle and Evangelist

8am Holy Communion

(Sidesmen: Sue Dore, Ann Rafferty)

10.30am United Benefice Communion and Sunday Crèche

(Sidesmen: Carolyn Tasker, Matthew Needham)

5.30pm Evensong at Smisby (No service here at Melbourne)

The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:

The First Reading: *Hebrews 10.5-10*

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,
'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,

but a body you have prepared for me;
in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God"
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).'

When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The Gospel Reading: *Luke 1.39-45*

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her

womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

Gradual at 10.30am:

The Magnificat (sung in plainchant by the choir)

During the singing of the Magnificat, please turn to face the gospel reader in the aisle.

My soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel : as he
promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

