

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



The Bulletin

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St John, Apostle and Evangelist - 27th December 2015

8am Holy Communion

10.30am United Benefice Communion and Sunday Crèche

Readings: can be found on pages 3/4

Introit: Up! Good Christen folk *Piae Cantiones 1582 harm.*

Woodward

Setting: *Bourne* Melbourne Service

Hymns: 33 vv.1,4, & 7, 203 omit *, 39 [21], 26 omit v.4

Anthem: In the bleak mid-winter *Harold Darke*

Organ Voluntary: Chorale Prelude on 'In Dulci Jubilo' (BWV 729)

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.

5.30pm Evensong at Smisby (No Evensong here)

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.

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
Smisby: 5.30pm – Canon David Edwards
Stanton & Ticknall: – At Melbourne



Ruby Wedding: 'Cliff and Janet Warner are celebrating their ruby wedding anniversary today. Several of you were here in Church 40 years ago, either in the choir or as family friends! Everyone is invited to share in their celebrations with a glass of wine after the service this morning.'
[Congratulations from us all!]

The church at Christmas: How lovely to have the flowers back in church for this joyful season. Many thanks to all our wonderful arrangers, headed up by Sheena. The church looks absolutely stunning. Thank You!

Festival of lessons and carols: Many thanks to Simon Collins and the Choir for a lovely service last Sunday night. The church was full to listen to the wonderful music and readings, followed by mulled wine. The collection goes to the Padley Centre in 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: David Dore

Sidesmen: Sue Dore, Ann Rafferty

Reader: David Redding

10.30am United Benefice Communion and Sunday Crèche

Sidesmen: Carolyn Tasker, Matthew Needham

Crucifer: John Glaze

Server: Jo Glaze

Reader: Roger Kington

Intercessions: Brian Dollamore

Sunday Crèche: Kate Landenberger, Isobel Hall

5.30pm Evensong at Smisby (no service here)

Daily Prayer in church

Tuesday & Wednesday **Morning Prayer** 9.15 am

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

Next Week at Melbourne – Epiphany

8am **Holy Communion** (Sidesmen: Sheena & Henry Wilkins)

10.30am **United Benefice Communion, Sunday Crèche and Coffee**

(Sidesmen: Griselda Kerr, Annabel Needham)

(Coffee: Sarah Kington, Cliff & Janet Warner)

6.30pm **NO Evensong**

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Tuesday: 7.25pm Bellringing Practice

Thursday: 9.15am **Holy Communion**

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 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 Florence Caroline Paget, Danny Blinco, Joseph Laban and Gladys Marston.

The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:

The First Reading: *1 John 1*

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen

it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us – we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

The Gospel Reading: *John 21.19-25*

(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.' Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, 'Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?' When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, 'Lord, what about him?' Jesus said to him, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!' So the rumour spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?' This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

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.