

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*



## Epiphany - 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2016

8am Holy Communion

10.30am United Benefice Communion, Sunday Crèche & Coffee, followed by Farewell Party for Mark and Helen in the Senior Citizens' Centre

Readings: can be found on pages 7/8

Introit: A New Year Carol *Benjamin Britten*

Settings: *Darke* in E / *Croce Missa Sexti toni*

Hymns: 50, 49, 373 [52, 274] Morning glory, starlit sky (page 8)

Anthem: Bethlehem Down *Peter Warlock*

Organ Voluntary: Postlude on 'Was lebet' *Christopher Tambling*

*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 NO Evensong tonight

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/  
Revd Canon David Thomas  
6.30pm – No Evensong  
**Smisby, Stanton and Ticknall:** At Melbourne



**Farewell to Mark and Helen:** There will be coffee as usual in church after the service today. This will be followed at **12.30pm** with drinks and nibbles in the **Senior Citizens' Centre**, next to the Blue Bell, on Church Street. Please join us to say goodbye to Mark and Helen if you can.

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

*Linda and Joanna*

### Melbourne Mothers' Union:

'A Celebration of Faith' is the theme for 2016 – the 140th anniversary of the founding of our worldwide movement. Come and join us on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 2 pm in the Honner Room for our service, brief AGM and outline of plans for this year, followed by Friendship, Fellowship and Festive Fare together. Everyone is very welcome!

### 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, Mothers' 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*

**Caring Hands:** The Caring Hands Group will meet together again on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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

## **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:** Sheena & Henry Wilkins

**Reader:** Maureen Anderson

### **10.30am United Benefice Communion, Sunday Crèche & Coffee, followed by Farewell Party for Mark and Helen in the Senior Citizens' Centre**

**Sidesmen:** Griselda Kerr, Annabel Needham

**Crucifer:** Paul Fletcher-Read

**Server:** Joy Hill

**Reader:** Clive Avery

**Intercessor:** Linda Latchford

**Sunday Crèche:** Rosemary King, Sarah Kington

**Coffee:** Sarah Kington, Cliff & Janet Warner

Coffee rota      Kate Landenberger      01283 200762

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

**6.30pm NO Evensong tonight**

## **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 for 3rd January from Audrey and Ted Sheldon.

## **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:** Angela has Friday as her day off. Please try to limit calls and emails on these days to issues that are urgent.

**The Sign of a Star By Bishop Alastair** (from Our Diocese): New Year begins with the Epiphany story of a journey into new experience and new perspective. The Wise Men meet the infant Christ and return home by another way. How does the new experience and the new perspective we receive from our encounter with Jesus work? How do we know the route of the journey such an encounter involves?

**Only Connect:** Our world is focussed upon relationships – their quality and their maintenance: for individual flourishing and for international peace. The reaction to every disturbance in relationship is therapeutic – what can we and others do to best remedy the dis-ease and establish harmony. In spiritual terms we work at our relationship with God. This is one lens through which we can examine the Epiphany story. People from a different culture are led by the star to encounter Jesus in Bethlehem. They offer their gifts to acknowledge relationship and are inspired by this worship to return home by a new way. Relationship made, blessed, direction giving. Here is a model for Christian living and much evangelism. We try to guide people to encounter Jesus and form a relationship, a bond through worship. It works well for many, and begins a journey of self-discipline.

**Disconnection Too:** But life, even Christian life, never runs smoothly. Temptation, failure, suffering, darkness, terror, remain part of the mix. Often our response is to seek closer relationship. But the story of the Epiphany has another lesson for us. The key was the star – distant, mysterious, beyond the bounds of human therapy. To acknowledge the star, just as the shepherds acknowledged the angels, or Jesus calls to His Father, is to acknowledge the distance between earth and the stars, between myself and others, between cultures, between experiences and perspectives that form the ingredients of relationships. When we trust the star, as we trust the Father, as we trust the Christ, we cannot simply assess, analyse and act in terms of relationship (therapy) – the distance and disconnect is too great. Rather, as we trust the star, the Father, the Christ, we need that element of watching, wondering, walking where we are called. Not the security of an apparently steady relationship – the spiritual template that so many find impossible and incredible. Instead, there is a call to the faithful following without knowing too much about the next steps; and owning that much is out of our own hands. An ‘unknowing’ that trusts the light to lead us in a kindly way, amidst the terrors of Herod – like persecution and violence, and the resulting migration crisis which engulfed the Holy Family.

Mission owns the richness of relationship with Jesus, but also the riskiness of having to wait, seek guidance, negotiate with the anti-Christ forces, and find a way through difficulties as well as blessings. Relationships can benefit from therapy, our own improved performance. But, there is need for more – spiritual relationship requires waiting for a simple gift of grace: A star silent but signalling to any small group of faithful seekers. Surely a richer model for

churches today. For a New Year may we give thanks for connection and relationship, but learn to look further, to the mystery of light in the darkness – sheer gift and grace, for new experiences and new perspectives.

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

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| <b>Monday:</b>    | 2pm    | Caring Hands in the Honner Room          |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | 2pm    | Mothers' Union – Honner Room             |
|                   | 7.25pm | Bellringing Practice                     |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | 7.45pm | Choir Practice                           |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | 9.15am | <b>Holy Communion</b>                    |
| <b>Saturday:</b>  | 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, and those whose anniversaries occur near this time, among them Harriet Burden, Ronald Moore (priest), Kath Kington, Audrey Moore, Bob Honner (priest) and Richard Morrison.

## **Next Week at Melbourne – Baptism of Christ**

8am **Holy Communion** (Sidesmen: Noreen & Tony Taylor)

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

(Sidesmen: Janet & Cliff Warner)

(Coffee: Mary Bolton, Terry & Avril Harrison)

6.30pm **Choral Evensong** (Sidesmen: Sheena & Henry Wilkins)

**Prayers for New Year and Epiphany:**

O Lord, as the years change, may we find rest in your eternal changelessness. Help us to meet this new year bravely, in the faith that, while life changes all

around us, you are always the same, guiding us with your wisdom and protecting us with your love: through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

*William Temple (1881-1944)*

Almighty God, you have revealed the incarnation of your Son by the bright shining of a star, which the wise men saw and offered costly gifts in adoration; let the star of your justice always shine in our hearts, that we may give as our treasure all that we are and all that we possess to your service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*Gelasian Sacramentary (8<sup>th</sup> C)*

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

### **The First Reading:** *Ephesians 3.1-12*

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

### **The Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 2.1-12*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: “And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.”’ Then Herod secretly called for the wise

men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

### **Recessional Hymn at 10.30am:**

Morning glory, starlit sky,  
soaring music, scholars' truth,  
flight of swallows, autumn leaves,  
memory's treasure, grace of youth:

Open are the gifts of God  
gifts of love to mind and sense;  
hidden is love's agony,  
love's endeavour, love's expense.

Love that gives, gives ever more,  
gives with zeal, with eager hands,  
spares not, keeps not, all outpours,  
ventures all, its all expends.

Drained is love in making full,  
bound in setting others free,  
poor in making many rich,  
weak in giving power to be.

Therefore he who shows us God  
helpless hangs upon the tree;  
and the nails and crown of thorns  
tell of what God's love must be.

Here is God: no monarch he,  
throned in easy state to reign;  
here is God, whose arms of love  
aching, spent, the world sustain.