

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



The Bulletin

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The Baptism of Christ - 10th January 2016

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Communion, Junior Church & Coffee

Readings: can be found on page 8

Introit: Tomorrow shall be my dancing day *English traditional*
arr. Iliff

Settings: *Rutter / Eleanor Daley* Missa Brevis No. 4

Hymns: 137, 58, 55 v.3 Women/Children, v.4 Men [425, 347] 57

Anthem: The Three Kings *Cornelius arr. Atkins*

Organ Voluntary: Hornpipe from 'Water Music' *Handel*

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 Choral Evensong

(Please see page 3 for details of tonight's music)

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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Rector

Vacancy

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	The Revd Canon David Thomas	552730
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	Linda Latchford	862307
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St Michael's Players	Tom Mills	863535
Handbells	Pam Starkey	694633
Bright Lights	Rachel Coupe	864842
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Friends Treasurer	Romey Cunnington	863379
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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 Angela Plummer
Smisby: 5.30pm – Canon David Edwards
Stanton: At Swarkestone
Ticknall: 9.15am – Revd Canon David Thomas



A thank you message from Mark and Helen:

Mark and Helen thank everyone in the four parishes for their kindness, welcome and hospitality throughout our time with you. These past four years have been very happy indeed. Thank you for the generous gifts from the churches; we're not sure what we shall use them for, but I know there will be many things we need for the new house, and Helen is keen to enlarge her hat collection! Thank you for the wonderful send-off we had on 3rd January, and for all the cards, good wishes and kind words we received. We take with us so many happy memories of our years in Derbyshire. Special thanks go to the churchwardens and staff team - it has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with you.

Mark and Helen

Mark and Helen's Farewell:

Thank you to everybody who contributed to last Sunday's service and farewell for Mark and Helen. It was lovely to see so many people from all four churches involved in lots of different ways.

We presented a cheque for £1,000 to Mark and Helen from Melbourne Church as a result of your generous contributions. No doubt it will be put to excellent use in their new home.

Our thanks also to those of you who have offered support during the vacancy. Let's hope you don't live to regret it! We are, of course, sincerely grateful.

Linda and Joanna

Music for tonight's Choral Evensong:

Introit: A New Year Carol *Robert Ruutel*

Hymns: 48, 58, 52

Canticles: *Lumsden* Magnificat on plainsong tone 1 / *Holst* Nunc Dimittis

Anthem: Here is the little door *Herbert Howells*

Organ Voluntary: Gigue on 'Stuttgart' *David Schelat*

Responses: *Shepherd*

Psalm: 46

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: Noreen & Tony Taylor

Reader: Ron Kenning

10.30am Parish Communion, Junior Church & Coffee

Sidesmen: Janet & Cliff Warner

Crucifer: Brian Dollamore

Server: Kate Landenberger

Reader: Michael Cook

Intercessor: Joanna Hocknell

Junior Church: Bronwen Truscott, Mary Bolton

Coffee: Mary Bolton, Pam & Maurice Starkey

Coffee rota **Kate Landenberger** 01283 200762

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

6.30pm Choral Evensong

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 has been a donation this week from Janet Parsons and family for January 5th.

Daily Prayer in church

Tuesday & Wednesday **Morning Prayer** 9.15 am

Tuesday to Thursday **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.

COP21 – what does it mean for Melbourne ?

At last “the great and the good”, the national governments of 195 nations agreed to do something about the existential threat to the human species that is human-induced climate change. It sounds at first as if it ought to be a moment for celebration. Haven’t the world’s leaders decided to slow down global warming ? Aren’t they going to commit their economies to eliminating fossil fuels ? Isn’t everything going to be hunky-dory for (that ghastly and untruthful phrase) “our children and grandchildren” ?



To many of those who bother to try to understand the science, read the communiqués and commentaries and analyse the political rhetoric, it is difficult to be that optimistic. One of the great drivers of the COP21 agreement was that the effects of climate change are increasingly undeniable and affecting “people like us” NOW. Nations from the Arctic to the Pacific and low-lying countries like Bangladesh spoke with more or less one voice and others had to listen. Awareness is dawning that even here in relatively “safe” Europe, events like the floods in Britain are no longer 1 in 250 year happenings: increasingly common, such occurrences are symptomatic of ever more violent weather caused by greater energy in the global atmospheric system.

So what is to do ? What will happen next ? COP21 does seem to send out a signal to those who will listen. It may help some governments, businesses and other organisations feel more confident about making the necessary changes to deliver low-carbon lifestyles, but for many the challenges are still relatively easily pushed out of mind. Climate Change campaigners will have their work cut out holding the politicians, businesses and societies more generally to the Paris-agreed words. Nothing is legally binding on anyone.

In the meantime the destruction, legal and illegal, goes on. This year Indonesia’s burning of species-and-oxygen-rich rainforests has chucked up more carbon than the whole of industrialised Germany; the Arctic ice is at its thinnest and youngest ever and arctic methane is now being released ; droughts and floods hit food production and lead to political chaos in places like North Africa, Syria and its neighbours – and refugee crises. But the single worst fact ? Globally 2015 was the hottest year on record and 2016 will be hotter. Easy to despair !

However, seeing the indicators, knowing that the only way to be “safe” is to change our carbon-consuming habits and to build resilience into our local communities gives us opportunity here! The Melbourne Area Transition group and its pioneering Whistlewood Common Project (of which the church is a member) aim to be small beacons of hope– and actually rather enjoyable ! Join us! To play your part, follow us on Facebook and the websites www.melbournetransition.org and www.whistlewoodcommon.org *Graham Truscott*

**Derby Cathedral 2016
In Good Faith**

**A series of conversations to explore overlappings and differences
in Christian
and Muslim theology.**

Two experienced theologians in discussion – with a chance for
those gathered to join in.

Here is a chance to work on a key area of interest for our society as
we try to build trust and cohesion.

*With Professor David Thomas, Professor of Christianity and Islam,
Birmingham University, Canon Theologian,
Derby Cathedral and The Revd Dr Simon Taylor, Canon Chancellor, Derby
Cathedral*

In the Cathedral Café (opposite the Cathedral's main entrance)

January 13th: Notions of 'God'

January 20th: 'Humanity' in the two faiths

February 3rd: 'Salvation'

at 7.30pm

All very welcome!

Melbourne Mothers' Union: At the meeting last Tuesday, a short service on the theme of Epiphany and the Holy Innocents was followed by the AGM. 2016 is the 140th anniversary of the founding of the Mothers' Union by Mary Sumner, who would be astounded that the movement now has over 4 million members worldwide. 'A Celebration of Faith' is the theme for 2016, to be reflected in our branch programme in support of family life. Mrs Ros Bell reported on the activities in the branch throughout the year and Mrs Jocie Banks gave the Treasurer's Report which showed that in 2015 the branch has raised and donated over £535 to MU work, mostly overseas. The officers and committee were re-elected with the addition of Mrs Alison Gregory who has recently moved to Melbourne and transferred her membership from Lincolnshire. After the formalities the fifteen members present enjoyed festive fare provided by committee members. The next meeting is on Tuesday February 2 when the speaker is Mrs Jo Glaze on 'The Derby Soup Run'.

MU Lunch: The next Mothers' Union lunch is at the John Thompson on Tuesday January 26th at 12.15pm. If anyone needs a lift, please contact Erica Stewart on 865444.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: There will be a united service at Melbourne Baptist Church at 6pm on January 24th to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. All are very welcome! There will be no Evensong here that Sunday.

Christmas Quiz: And the winner is Wendy Robinson. Congratulations!!
The Village Quiz: begins on January 15th with all profits going to the Rainbows charity. Do come and support this great village event.

Children's Society: Christine Franks has taken over as Co-ordinator. If you would like a collecting box, please let her know. (865404)

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Monday:	9.30am	Morning Prayer at Ticknall Church
	2pm	Caring Hands in the Honner Room
	2pm	Melbourne Junior School visit to church
	4pm	Wedding rehearsal at Melbourne
Tuesday:	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
Wednesday:	2pm	Home Communion
	7pm	Messy Church planning meeting Honner Room
	7.45pm	Choir Practice
Thursday:	9.15am	Holy Communion
	7.30pm	Stanton PCC
	7.30pm	12 Bell Practice
Saturday:	9am	Bulletin production team in Church House
	2pm	Wedding at Melbourne
	3.30pm	Bell ringing followed by District Bellringers Service & AGM
	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, Kit Emery, 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 Rex Hallifield.

Next Week at Melbourne – Epiphany 2

8am **Holy Communion** (Sidesmen: Joan Pass, John Tatam)

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

(Sidesmen: Helen Bond, Ken Gibson)

(Coffee: Margaret Brackenbury, Terry & Avril Harrison)

6.30pm **Evensong** (Sidesman: John Springthorpe)

From January's Prayer page:

God of grace and glory, you call us with your voice of flame to be your people, faithful and courageous. As your beloved Son embraced his mission in the waters of baptism, inspire us with the fire of your Spirit to join in his transforming work. We ask this in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen. *Revised Common Lectionary*

The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:

The First Reading: *Acts 8.14-17*

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel Reading: *St Luke 3.15-17, 21-22*

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.' Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'