

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



Candlemas - 31st January 2016

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

8am Holy Communion

10.30am United Benefice Communion, Junior Church & Coffee
(Please see special Order of Service)

Readings: can be found on pages 10-12

Introit: When to the Temple Mary went *Eccard*

Setting: *Darke* in F

Hymns: 234, Christ be our light (page 12), 157 [156, 500] 33 omit *

Anthem: Hodie beata virgo *Byrd*

Organ Voluntary: Mit Fried' und Freud' (BWV616) *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 United Benefice Evensong at Smisby. No service here 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 – Revd Canon David Thomas
10.30am – Revd Angela Plummer/
Canon David Edwards
6.30pm – *No service tonight*

Smisby: 5.30pm – Revd Angela Plummer

Stanton: 11am – *No service today*

Ticknall: 9.15am – *No service today*



Ash Wednesday 2016:

There will be two services on Ash Wednesday, 10th February - Said Holy Communion at 9.15am here at Melbourne, and 7.30pm Sung Eucharist at St. George's, Ticknall with joint choirs (both services will include The Imposition of Ashes).

PALM CROSSES - Please return old Palm Crosses to church so they can be burnt for Ash Wednesday. Many thanks, *Angela*

Ash Wednesday: Please see the notice at the back of church if you can offer/need a lift for the 7.30pm Sung Eucharist at Ticknall. Many thanks,
Kate Landenberger

Reports for the 2016 APCM:

It is now time for all who write reports for their church groups/organisations to put pen to paper and submit their reports in order for Nigel Coupe to get the APCM Report collated.

Please let me have your report at melbourneparishchurch@gmail.com as soon as possible, and not later than **today** so that I can forward them to him.

Many thanks,

Kate Landenberger

Melbourne Mothers' Union:

February's meeting is next Tuesday 2nd February at 2.00 pm in the Honner Room. Mrs Jo Glaze will be speaking about the Soup Run for the homeless in Derby for which she is a volunteer helper. Everyone is most welcome to come to this meeting.

Ruth Smith

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: Margaret Sharp

10.30am United Benefice Communion, Junior Church & Coffee

Sidesmen: Victoria Hancock

Crucifer: John Tivey

Server: Paul Fletcher-Read

Reader: Janet Spencer

Intercessor: Ros Bell

Junior Church: Bronwen Truscott, Rachel Hill

Coffee: Jane Cox, Sheena Wilkins, Margaret Murray-Leslie

Coffee rota **Kate Landenberger** 01283 200762

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

5.30pm United Benefice Evensong at Smisby. No Evensong here 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.

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.

LENT 2016

10th February, Ash Wednesday

9.15am -Eucharist at Melbourne

7.30pm Sung Eucharist at Ticknall

both services include the Imposition of Ashes

LENT LUNCHES

17th February, 24th February, 2nd March, 9th March and 16th March

LENT GROUP

"To be a Pilgrim"

Explorations and Conversations about what it means

for us today to make our own Christian journey

Mondays at 7pm

15th February at Melbourne

22nd February at Stanton-by-Bridge

29th February at Smisby

7th March at Ticknall

Each session will conclude

with a short service of Compline

Lent Course 2016

'Lenten Conversations - To be a pilgrim'

'There's no discouragement, shall make them once relent, their first avowed intent, to be a pilgrim' wrote the 17th century Christian preacher John Bunyan in his book *The Pilgrim's Progress*.

The Christian life has sometimes been likened to a pilgrimage or journey. You can be alone or with others; you might stop on route to eat and sleep, there are maps to be consulted and new places to see. Perhaps you will meet new people or learn something new about those who are familiar to you. Journeys can be scary, adventurous or fun.

You may make your Christian journey alone or with companions, sometimes stopping along the way for refreshment and rest. Perhaps you will study the scriptures or pray together; maybe the journey will lead to changes of direction in your faith and life. Like the pilgrimages of long ago the journey can teach you new things about yourself and about others; and the Christian journey can be just as scary, adventurous and fun as any other.

The Lenten Conversations will happen on four Monday evenings starting at

7.00 p.m. and will be led by members of the ministry team. They will conclude with a short service of Compline, a form of worship that the mediaeval pilgrims would be familiar with as they trudged the roads on their way to Rome, Jerusalem and other places of Christian pilgrimage and healing.

15th February	Melbourne
22nd February	Stanton
29th February	Smisby
7th March.	Ticknall

Canon David K. Edwards

Lent Lunches:

Please make a date to come to our Lent Lunches this year - February 17th, February 24th, 2nd March, 9th March and 16th March. The Lunches will cost £3 for pensioners and £3.50 for others, all profits going to Calcutta Cathedral Relief Services. We will be serving from 12.30pm to 1.30pm in the Honner Room. If you could offer a soup for one or more sessions, please contact Margaret Brackenbury in church or on 864853.



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) at 7.30pm
February 3rd: 'Salvation'
All very welcome!

Future Choir trips.....

The choral road continues with the following now confirmed:

2016

- Bank Holiday Mon, 2nd May: Coach trip to Bristol Cathedral
- Bank Holiday Mon, 30th May: Coach trip to Lincoln Cathedral
- 20th and 21st August: Weekend at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle
(we also plan to run this as a coach day trip on Saturday 20th August)
 - Saturday 29th October: Coach trip to Chester Cathedral

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- Saturday 8th April: Coach trip to Ely Cathedral
- Bank Holiday Mon, 29th May: Coach trip to Hereford Cathedral
- 29th and 30th July: Weekend at Liverpool Anglican Cathedral

These day trips are increasingly popular and I do encourage you to come along if you are yet to experience one. They are relaxing days "doing your own thing" and Choral Evensong to enjoy before the journey back home.

All this, door-to-door, in the company of people you know!

Sign-up lists in due course.

(Enquiries: 01543 258777, simon.e.collins@btinternet.com or after services).*Simon Collins, Director of Music*

Lenten Music

Lent is now only ten days away and I'm seeking volunteers to play some instrumental music before the 10.30a.m. service each week.

This has become a much-valued part of marking this particular season and this year I do encourage you to take part. The music can be with or without accompaniment on any instrument - previous participants and new faces equally welcome!

If you wish to volunteer or discuss it further, please contact me:
Tel: 01543 258777, simon.e.collins@btinternet.com or after a service.

Simon Collins, Director of Music

Winter Garden Open:

The Dower House garden is opening on 27th and 28th February, 10am to 3pm, in aid of the National Garden Scheme. I hope it will look quite crisp and pleasing - a lot of work has been done around the garden and there should be quite a few snowdrops and other winter flowers but who knows what the weather will throw at us! Although officially admission is £3.50 (and children are free) I would like to suggest that anyone living in the Parish only pays £2.00 admission because most people have been to the garden so many times and it will be very kind of you to give it your support. So please just bring your bulletin to admit you and your family at a reduced rate (or tell the gate!). There will be tea and cakes in the (heated) greenhouse for anyone brave enough to come. Thank you so much,

Griselda Kerr

Advance Notice and Save the Date: Professor David Thomas will give a lecture in Melbourne Parish Church on Wednesday April 13th at 7pm entitled **British or Muslim: Community Living or Parallel Lives?** As Professor of Christianity and Islam and also Professor of Inter Religious Relations at the University of Birmingham there is surely no-one better placed to discuss this bold and highly relevant subject. The evening will fall into three parts - his talk, then questions from the pews, then time for less public questions with drinks and canapés at the back of church. It is hoped to bring people from the much wider community in Derbyshire into the church to hear him speak, but this is advance notice for all of us locally before it is publicised more widely. It will be free to Friends of the Parish Church whilst those living in the Parish who are not Friends are asked to pay £3 as a contribution to the cost of the refreshments. Tickets at £5 a head will be on sale to the wider community from the end of February. Tickets are obviously limited to the number who can be fitted comfortably into the church so if you would like to secure a ticket before they go on public sale, please write (or drop a note into Church) to Griselda Kerr with your contribution - or if you are a Friend, email her at griseldakerr@btinternet.com.

FANCY A CUPPA!

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 9th

from 10.30am - 11.45am,

featuring Kate Dumelow on 'Helping to Eradicate Polio in India'.

£1 for tea/coffee - £1 for homemade cake

A warm welcome extended to all!

Photographic Exhibition at Derby Cathedral: There will be a photographic exhibition of the work of the Church across the world, entitled "Love in Action", for one week only. It will be opened by the Rev Richard Reade, our local Diocesan Us. Representative, immediately after Evensong, which is at 6.00 pm on Sunday 14 February. *Tony Barnard*

The old year has passed and the new year lies open before us.....

Spiritual Accompaniment Course

April-June 2016

Are you looking for new direction in your spiritual life? Have you ever felt a calling to walk alongside others on their spiritual journey?

Derby Diocese is delighted to offer a sponsored course on spiritual accompaniment for 2016. Aimed at anyone, lay or ordained, who feels they have the gifts or calling to accompany others, this experiential course will explore the key facets of accompaniment, including listening, prayer, discernment and accompanying others in their Christian walk.

The course will run on Saturday mornings starting on April 16th through to June 18th 2016. The last date for applications is 29th February 2016.

To find out more about the course or to apply, visit:

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

or contact Eirene Palmer on 01773 742064, or at eirene.palmer@googlemail.com

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Monday:	12noon	Chapter meeting
	2pm	Caring Hands in The Honner Room
	7pm	Wedding Preparation
Tuesday:	2pm	Melbourne Mothers' Union in The Honner Room
	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
Wednesday:	7.30pm	Smisby PCC
	7.45pm	Choir Practice
Thursday:	9.15am	Holy Communion
	7pm	Baptism Preparation
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, Alison Emery, 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 Jeffrey "Bill" Wooderson and Prim Heath.

Next Week at Melbourne – The Sunday next before Lent

8am **Holy Communion**

(Sidesmen: Sheena & Henry Wilkins)

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

(Sidesmen: Ken Gibson, Katy Latchford)

(Coffee: Maggie Kershaw, Annabel Needham,

Kate Landenberger)

6.30pm **Evensong**

(Sidesmen: Jo & John Glaze)

A prayer for Candlemas:

Lord, we praise you for the quiet strength of Joseph, the prophetic insight of Simeon, the self-dedication of Anna, and the courage of Mary as she faced the truth that a sword would pierce her heart. Make us bearers of your light which lightens the world, and help us like Simeon, to live for you and to depart in peace. Amen

The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:

The First Reading: *Hebrews 2.14-end*

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to

make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The Gospel Reading: *St Luke 2.22-40*

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they

returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Gradual Hymn at 10.30am:

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others,

shared until all are fed.

Christ, be our light!

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us.

Make us your living voice.

Christ, be our light!

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless,

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others,

walls made of living stone.

Christ, be our light!

5. Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another,

making your kingdom come.

Christ, be our light!

