

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 Sunday Next before Lent - 7th February 2016

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Communion, Junior Church & Coffee

Readings: can be found on pages 10/11

Settings: *Rutter/Rogers/Pulkingham*

Gradual Psalm: 99 (page 11)

Hymns: 256, 410 [389, 176] 177

Anthem: *Christe Jesu, pastor bone John Taverner*

Organ Voluntary: *Intrada Grayston Ives*

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 Evensong

Hymns: 178, 242, 176, 377

Psalm: 89 vv.5-13

Organ Voluntary: *March from Occasional Oratorio Handel*

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 Sandra Chantry
10.30am – Revd Angela Plummer
6.30pm – Revd Canon David Thomas

Smisby: 5.30pm – Revd Angela Plummer

Stanton: 11am – Canon David Edwards

Ticknall: 9.15am – Canon David Edwards



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

Advance Notice: St Michael's Players will be giving a performance of 'Were you there when they crucified my Lord' by Sarah Klassen on Sunday March 20th (Palm Sunday) as part of Evensong that day. The Players have not given a performance in church for a number of years; it would be good to come and support them. More details soon

Lenten Music: Lent is now only three days away and I'm seeking volunteers to play some instrumental music before the 10.30am 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

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: Joe Laban

10.30am Parish Communion, Junior Church & Coffee

Sidesmen: Ken Gibson, Katy Latchford

Crucifer: Sarah Kington

Server: Graham Truscott

Reader: Maggie Kershaw

Intercessor: Graham Truscott

Junior Church: Lisa Gilchrist, Paul Fletcher-Read

Coffee: Maggie Kershaw, Annabel Needham, Kate Landenberger

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

6.30pm Evensong

Sidesmen: Jo & John Glaze

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 Rectory letterbox. This week there was a donation from Vicky Murray for her birthday on 12th February.

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:

Lent Lunches this year begin on February 17th, then continue on 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.

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*

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

FANCY A CUPPA! At the **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!

Looking Outward By Archdeacon Christopher:

Iris Murdoch is remembered now as a novelist rather than a philosopher. For many years, however, she taught and wrote philosophy. It was often against the prevailing current of mainstream academic philosophy but connected with older traditions of wisdom and enquiry, and gave them new life and direction.

In her book, *The Sovereignty of Good* (1970), Murdoch has a fascinating reflection on the relationship between prayer, art, and morality: Prayer is properly not petition, but simply an attention to God which is a form of love. With it goes the idea of grace, of a supernatural assistance to human endeavour which overcomes empirical limitations of personality... The chief enemy of excellence in morality (and also in art) is personal fantasy: the tissue of self-aggrandizing and consoling wishes and dreams which prevent one from seeing what there is outside one... We cease to be in order to attend to the existence of something else, a natural object, a person in need. We can see in mediocre art, where it is perhaps more clearly seen than in mediocre conduct, the intrusion of fantasy, the assertion of self, the dimming of any reflection of the real world.

Paying attention to what is outside one. In a recent letter to the Guardian another keen observer of our society, Frank Field MP, wrote that, 'Voters' loyalties move out from their loved ones, getting progressively weaker as they view their community, our nation and then the world.'

If we lose the capacity to look beyond ourselves and pay attention to what we find there, that is not just a social and political matter; it is a spiritual crisis, for we lose contact with the God who is always beyond us, drawing us forward out of our comfortable certainties.

February begins with Candlemas. A candle gives light and warmth, but it does so by losing itself; it is consumed by the flame. 'We cease to be in order to attend to the existence of something else', writes Iris Murdoch. That could be a fruitful theme to ponder this Lent.

Christopher Cunliffe (Taken from Our Diocese)

Happy Birthday to Mothers' Union!

This year will see Mothers' Union mark 140 years of faithful Christian outreach to families of all faiths and none.

Since 1876, when Mary Sumner first brought together parents in her own parish to build their confidence in bringing up their children, we have grown to an organisation of over four million women - and men - in over 80

countries of the world.

Why celebrate 140 years, rather than wait for 150? In the Old Testament of the Bible, in the first book of Samuel, there is the story of Samuel marking an unlooked for victory against the mighty Philistines by erecting a stone between Mizpah and Shen, naming it "Ebenezer" meaning "stone of help" as a permanent reminder of the leading and guidance of God "Thus far has the Lord helped us".

Over the past 140 years, Mothers' Union has faced, and will continue to face, many challenges. Family life is under increasing pressure and the call on our resources is higher than ever. But we can look at how we are meeting these challenges and say, like Samuel, "Thus far has the Lord helped us."

This year over 500,000 people will benefit from Mothers' Union's support for family life. Many more will know the support of our membership without any tally being taken – because not only our programme work but in their daily lives our members support families in prayer, in voicing their support for policy changes and in their practical support.

There has never been a more challenging, or more exciting time to be part of Mothers' Union. Our hope is to train more members to help more families; to encourage greater outreach across those countries and communities where family life is under greatest threat. To do this we need your help.

Please support Mothers' Union in bringing positive change to family life through its work worldwide

To find out how you can help Mothers' Union mark 140 years of faith in action contact our Supporter Care line on 020 7227 0620 or email communications@mothersunion.org

You can also contact the Derby branch of the Mothers' Union by emailing: mothersunion@derby.anglican.org

Fiona Thomas Mothers' Union Communications Manager

Modern Slavery - a challenge for Lent:

Can we give up slavery for Lent? A strange question maybe, but many parts of everyday life can involve slaves in the goods that we use. Why not spend some time over these 40 days looking at how we can ensure our lifestyle is not dependent upon slaves?

You can download a challenge sheet from our website, www.derby.anglican.org, which offers suggestions for beginning to give up slavery this Lent. Each week you are asked to read or listen to a story; talk with others about it; and act to change your habits.

Did you know apparently it takes 40 days to change a habit? As you make your way through this time of Lent think about what habit(s) you might want to change permanently. We will also be sharing the weekly challenges on our facebook page, why not like our page and share your progress on the challenge?

(from Our Diocese)

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Monday:	9.30am	Morning Prayer at Ticknall Church
	2pm	Caring Hands in The Honner Room
	10am-5pm	Curate Training day in Derby
Tuesday:	10-4pm	Clergy Quiet Day in Chesterfield
	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
Wednesday:	9.15am	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes
	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes at St. Georges' Ticknall
Thursday:	9.15am	Holy Communion
	7.30pm	12 Bell Practice
Saturday:	9am	Bulletin production team in Church House
	1.30pm	Baptism Preparation Visit
	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 Sarah "Sally" Wooderson, Hilda Cooper and Peter Hedley Mansfield.

Next Week at Melbourne – The First Sunday in Lent

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

10.30am **Parish Communion, Sunday Crèche & Coffee**

(Sidesmen: Sheena Wilkins, Matthew Needham)

(Coffee: Katy Latchford, Terry & Avril Harrison)

2pm **Baptism**

6.30pm **Choral Evensong** (Sidesman: Ann Hammond)

From the February prayer page:

Lord, teach me to be generous: teach me to serve thee as thou deservest: to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to seek reward, save that of knowing that I do thy will.

St. Ignatius of Loyola

The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:

The First Reading: *2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2*

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The Gospel Reading: *St Luke 9.28-36*

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah' – not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered

the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Gradual Psalm at 10.30am:

Psalm 99

- 1 The Lord is King * let the | peoples | tremble;
he is enthroned above the | cherubim | let the earth | shake.
- 2 The Lord is | great in | Zion:
and | high a- | bove all | peoples.
- 3 Let them praise your name which is | great and | awesome;
the | Lord our | God is | holy.
- 4 Mighty King who loves justice * you have es- | tablished | equity;
you have executed | justice and | righteousness in | Jacob.
- 5 Exalt the | Lord our | God;
bow down before his | footstool for | he is | holy.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests *
and Samuel among those who | call up-on his | name;
they | called up-on the | Lord • and he | answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the | pillar of | cloud;
they kept his | testimonies • and the | law • that he | gave them.
- 8 You answered them O | Lord our | God;
you were a God who forgave them and | pardoned | them for • their
of- | fences.
- 9 Exalt the Lord our God * and worship him upon his | holy | hill;
for the | Lord our | God is | holy.