

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



The Bulletin

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Remembrance Sunday – 13th November 2016

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Remembrance Service in Church followed by an Act of Remembrance outside at the War Memorial
(Please see Order of Service)

Readings: can be found on page 11

Hymns: 490, I vow to thee (p. 12), O valiant hearts (p. 12), 499

Anthems: For the fallen *Douglas Guest*

Psalm 23 *Hylton Stewart*

Organ Voluntary: “St. Anne” Fugue in E flat (BWV552) *J.S.Bach*

6.30pm Said Evensong

Welcome!

Welcome to all worshipping here today with a special welcome to those who are visitors or newcomers.

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Directory: There is a full directory with phone numbers available by the notice board at the back of Church should you need one.

Across the Benefice today

Melbourne: 8am - Revd Angela Plummer
10.30am - Revd Angela Plummer
6.30pm - Dr Nick Gravestock

Smisby: 5.30pm - Canon David Edwards

Stanton: 10.30am - At Swarkestone

Ticknall: 10.45am - Revd Margaret Jacques



Taking responsibility for Church life today:

8am Holy Communion

Server: David Dore

Sidespersons: Sue Dore, Ann Rafferty

Reader: Christine Franks

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Sidespersons: Carolyn Tasker

Crucifer: John Tivey

Readers: Janet Spencer, Frank Turner

Intercessor: Graham Truscott

6.30pm Said Evensong

Coffee rota Kate Landenberger 01283 200762

Readers' rota Janet Warner 01283701542 (janet@warner8.freeserve.co.uk)

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. There has been a donation for tower lighting this week, from Janet Parsons and family, for 13th November in memory of her Mum, Audrey Moore's 90th birthday.

Daily Prayer in church

Tuesday & Wednesday **Morning Prayer** 9.15 am

Tuesday **Evening Prayer** 5.00 pm (BCP)

Please note that for the time being, during the vacancy, Evening Prayer will take place on Tuesday evenings only. As is customary this will commence at 5pm in the Lady Chapel.

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**



AUTUMN FAIR 2016
SATURDAY 19th NOVEMBER
from 10am to 12 noon
at the **ASSEMBLY ROOMS**

We are now collecting bric-a-brac, paperback books, tombola and raffle prizes and goods to sell on other stalls. Please remember to have a clear-out at home; goods can be stored in Church House or brought in on the day, or you can bring things to church. Contact Kate (862153) or any member of the Social Committee or after a service. If you could help set up or clear away or man a stall, we would also be pleased to hear from you. Set-up will be from 9am. Please try to help on this very important fundraising day for the church. Many thanks.

Stalls include:

Cakes and Preserves: Maureen and Beth Anderson

Books: Linda Latchford and Alison Gregory

Bric-a-brac: Kate Landenberger and Victoria Hancock

Raffle: Terry and Avril Harrison

Bling: Bronwen Truscott

Christmas Game: Gordon Hughes, Graham Truscott

Produce: Sheena Wilkins & team

Weight of Cake: Margaret Brackenbury

Tombola:

Christmas Crafts: Erica Stewart and team

Junior Church Activities: Lisa Gilchrist

Gifts and Promotional: Elsie Elliot and Ena Hunt

Refreshments: Mothers' Union team

Quiz:

If you don't see your name written anywhere above, and would like to help, perhaps with the tombola or quiz, please volunteer for something. We'd be so grateful. *The Social Committee: Linda Latchford, Joanna Hocknell (nos*

under 'Contact Us') Carolyn Tasker (864940), Jen Smallwood, Sheena Wilkins (865053), Christine Franks, Janet Warner and Kate Landenberger

CAKE BAKERS NEEDED:

It is that time of the year again. The Autumn Fair is on the horizon and one of the bestselling items at the event are cakes and we never have too many. If you can bake a cake for the stall or even two it would be absolutely great, or as some people do if you would like to pay for a cake to be baked on your behalf and donated to the stall this is also possible just get in touch.

Cakes can be brought to the Assembly Rooms on Saturday 19th November before 10am wrapped and ready for sale. I know what excellent cake bakers we have in the congregation so please use your talents for this very worthy cause: Melbourne Church. *Maureen Anderson - Tel 863901*

Email: maureen.anderson1953@yahoo.co.uk

Collation of Revd Steve Short:

Revd Steve Short will be collated as Rector of this Benefice on **Tuesday 31st January 2017 at 7.30pm in Melbourne Parish Church** by the Bishop of Repton and inducted by the Archdeacon of Derby.

There will be more information to follow, meanwhile do make a note of the date. We hope as many people as possible will attend from across the Benefice.

Linda and Joanna

Mothers' Union: The next MU lunch is on November 29th at 12.15pm at the John Thompson Inn in Ingleby. Friends are welcome to join us. If anyone needs a lift, please contact Erica Stewart on 865444.

The Battle of the Somme Commemoration: Every November, on the anniversary of the 1918 Armistice, the country remembers all those people who died in past conflicts. This November the country will also commemorate the centenary of the end of one battle from one of these past conflicts, the Battle of the Somme.

In any consideration of the Great War, the Somme, (perhaps along with the battle of Passchendaele), is usually the first thing that comes to mind, mainly because of the casualties and the mud. For many people this battle represents the primary image of this period of our history. However, beyond the stark facts that on the first day the British suffered catastrophic losses with nearly 20,000 dead and another 40,000 wounded, and that during the twenty weeks duration of the battle 1,300,000 men of Britain, France and Germany were either killed or wounded, it has to be remembered that these battles were fought largely by civilian soldiers. These men had previously done ordinary jobs and led ordinary lives. The backbone of the army at this time were not conscripts but the volunteers of Kitchener's `New Army` and this was the

first time that they had been tested in a major action. These were men such as Joseph Wallis, a skilled worker in the shoe trade, who, in August 1915 went to Melbourne Market Place to hear Sir H.H. Raphael making a special appeal for recruits to his newly formed Arts and Crafts battalion. Joseph, along with several other Melbourne craftsmen, was impressed enough to volunteer. He joined in early September and was killed almost exactly a year later, or rather he was wounded and disappeared into the Somme mud, on what was, for the history books, a militarily significant day - the occasion of the first ever appearance of tanks on a battlefield. It was certainly a significant day for his family back in Ashby Road.

At a distance in time of 100 years, it is difficult to have a real appreciation of their ordeal without having walked in their footsteps across muddy fields and trenches, having stood in a multitude of cemeteries, or having seen the debris and the scars which still mark the now largely restored rolling green landscape.

The small exhibition which is in the Church over the Remembrance period includes details of the twelve men of Melbourne and Ticknall who died in the many battles that made up the Somme Offensive. It attempts to show that the names carved in stone or written on scrolls, represent real lives of young men from various walks of life and levels of society. May we always honour their sacrifice. Let us also remember the other men of the villages who were also involved in these battles. Many of these men carried the physical and mental scars for the rest of their lives.

Adrian Earp

[We are very grateful to Adrian for his work in preparing the exhibition. He is a member of Melbourne Historical Research Group and presented a most interesting talk to The Friends two years ago. His book "In Memoriam", which is the result of his years of research is available, price £15, from MHRG or Adrian direct on 10335 343203/adrian.earp@btinternet.com]

Commemoration of the Battle of the Somme - July 1st to November 18th 1916:
The Royal British Legion is holding a service in Melbourne Parish Church at **7 pm on Friday 18th November 2016** to commemorate the ending of one of the bloodiest battles of the Great War. This was a battle that lasted for 141 days and many lives were sacrificed; it has been described as one of the most devastating battles in modern military history. Canon David Edwards will lead the worship, there will be readings about people who went from Melbourne to serve in the conflict, and music will be provided by the Melbourne Town Band. Everyone is invited to attend this commemoration and to remember those whose lives were changed by the conflict.

David Edwards

The Children's Society – Box Collection:

I have now received a letter requesting the boxes be returned for counting. Please bring them to Church (or drop them off to me at the Honner Room on Monday afternoons between 2pm and 3.30pm) as soon as possible. Many thanks for your continued support of a most worthy cause. *Christine Franks*

TOYBOX

CHANGING THE WORLD FOR STREET CHILDREN IN LATIN AMERICA. CHRISTMAS BIRTH CERTIFICATE APPEAL.

At Christmas would you do something extraordinary – would you contribute towards registering a Street Child and give them a Birth Certificate.

In Guatemala there are 700,000 Street Children who don't have a Birth Certificate. As a result they have no official identity – they are simply known as XXX children. They have no name and don't officially exist.

Toybox is a small British Charity established in 1992 devoted solely to helping these children.

During Advent we often hear the Gospel story of the Birth Pangs as the wars and turmoil of the past die away and the Kingdom of God comes onto the horizon – For these Street Children the birth pangs of their mothers lead to their birth and then abandonment to a life on the streets with no hope. Without a Birth Certificate these children cannot see a doctor, sit an exam, get a job, earn an income, or get married. They are prey to human trafficking, and they finish up in a mass grave marked simply XXX.

Toybox are asking us to help get a child a Birth Certificate this Christmas as the best Christmas present they could have because it opens so many doors for them. So far they have been able to get Birth Certificates for over 1,500 children in the last 2 years.

It costs £32 each to do the research to establish who each of these children are and get that child registered with a Guatemalan Birth Certificate. In the past myself and the folks I know have provided 7 birth certificates so far. This Christmas I'm going to sponsor one Certificate again. If you would like to contribute in a small way to provide more then please put your donation, however, small, in an envelope marked "Birth Certificate" and put it through the door at 63 Jubilee Close Melbourne and I'll send them on. (cheques made payable to "Toybox" please.) Thank you. *Revd. Margaret Jacques*

The Fashion Show:

The Fashion Show scheduled for Friday 25th November has been postponed. An event is planned for Spring 2017. Thank you for your continued support, *Karen Grewcock*

Penelope Hall:

Congratulations to Charlotte and Mike Hall on the birth of Penelope Jane Judith, a sister for Mariella, on 1st November. We send our love and best wishes to them all. *Linda Latchford*

Endings and Beginnings: (From Our Diocese, November Edition)

An End

November ends with a beginning. On Sunday 27th November we mark the start of the church's new liturgical year with the season of Advent. A season which is about beginning to prepare for the gift of God in Christ at Christmas.

A Beginning

In an important way the Christian faith challenges us to recognise that beginnings and endings are not the opposite poles of a long journey – but moments where new life arises in the midst of what is 'old' or already established.

A Connection

Hence the importance of the dark night of the soul. Day ends with darker hours. The light fades. The inevitable process of nature. Yet, at midnight, still in the darkness, a new day begins. Signs of dawn come slowly. This repetition and rhythm gives us a clue to what is inevitable in the spiritual life too. Key turning points often come in the darkness.

A Temptation

We can be blessed with light, hope love, faith – and we can invent all kinds of ways of trying to preserve such experience. This has always been the main business of religion! In fact this sense or experience is not fully ours to grasp or control. It comes as the gift of God in creation – into our souls, set in the midst of creation.

A Renewing

The gift is ever renewed, rekindled, recharged. The process will not be as mechanical as the 24 hour process of day and night and a new day. But the process will unfold in each of our lives, in each of our communities. Advent is a season in church life which boldly recognises this reality, and seeks to take it seriously. Owning the importance of darkness and new light if we are to grow in our appreciation of what we have been given by our Heavenly Father. The Advent collect asks for grace to cast away the works of darkness.

A Preparation

In this sense Advent is the season of serious preparation before the spectacular new dawn, once again, of the blazing light offered into the world in Jesus Christ. Advent is when we need to sense the shift at midnight – in the darkness, yet the beginning of the journey to the dawn. We need to pay special attention to where we are in this rhythm and repetition of God's call. We need courage to rest in darkness to better equip us to receive the gift of new light. This will take different forms for different disciples. Longer time in silent prayer; extra attention to some aspect of the darknesses of suffering (our own or others); serious study of the great biblical texts about preparation and prophecy to challenge complacency and too well established habits of thought or behaviour.

End as Beginning

“The end is where we start from”, wrote T.S. Eliot. Perhaps each of us might use some of November to be better prepared by the end of the month to being open to receiving a new beginning. We are too easily seduced by the rhetoric of wellbeing. For the Christian Advent should be a season in which we show a willingness to engage with darkness and all that pulls us away from wholeness. To commit ourselves anew to the miracle of the midnight hour.

The light of Christ-mas will then be so much more helpful and transformative. † Alistair



The Wendy Walk 2016: opted for a home fixture rather than European pastures as has become the norm in recent times. A splendid turnout of 25 stout souls – including many new faces – dodged a potential weather bullet to enjoy the last of the autumn sunshine in a short 2hr/3-4mile meander in and around the environs of Hartington in the glorious Peak District. After refreshment at the ‘chuck wagon’ adjacent to the local duckpond, the walk started in the village and carried on along the banks of the River

Dove - before heading uphill at Wolfscote Dale. We achieved the high ground without loss or thankfully the need for the services of the Derbyshire Air Ambulance. Instead the most difficult decisions of the day involved which cheese/wine to acquire at the famous Hartington Cheese Shop. Meanwhile the ladies were fighting over the extensive fur headband selection at a local clothing emporium. Finally we were persuaded into exploring the welcoming ambience of the Charles Cotton Hotel where an excellent supper was served to the intrepid survivors in a convivial atmosphere and welcoming surroundings and thoroughly enjoyed by one and all. Here’s to the next walk.....

Currently the plan next year is to once more return to Europe via coach/Channel Tunnel – having re-negotiated terms with the French of course! – and the word on the street is that a visit to Arras in the Pas de Calais region of northern France is currently at the concept stage. Alternative suggestions are always welcome and wherever we go we would be delighted to see as many of you as possible to support any new adventure and will look forward to welcoming you all aboard again in 2017. *John & Wendy Robinson*

Friends News:

We are pleased to report on some recent successful initiatives to increase the membership of The Friends of Melbourne Parish Church and, thereby, the amount of funding available to us to help protect and improve this wonderful building. We began by placing a small table strategically in the middle of the

aisle during the Melbourne Festival and talking to people as they looked around the building. This not only served to engage a number of visitors, who were genuinely pleased to be approached for a chat, but also recruited eleven new members. We are committed to continuing our efforts to recruit new individual and family members.

In addition, we have been approaching local businesses and asking them to recognise the growing importance of tourism to the town (for which our Norman Church bears considerable responsibility) and how they can help, through membership, to support the preservation and enhancement of what is one of Melbourne's major attractions. Membership can take the form of Business Membership at £25 per annum or Corporate Sponsorship at £250 per annum. I am pleased to report that a number of businesses have already signed up as Business Members with others in the pipeline – watch out for the stickers in shop windows soon.

If anyone reading this is interested in joining The Friends, please pick up a leaflet at the back of the church or call the numbers below. And if you are already a member, perhaps you could encourage friends and family to join too? *Gordon Hughes (07837 592 596) and Roger Kington (01332 865885)*

Future Choir trips.....

Thanks to all those of you who supported our trips in 2016. The choir values greatly the company and support of the congregation and other friends on these occasions. Future dates are listed below.

Dates for 2017

- Saturday 8th April: Coach trip to Ely Cathedral
- Saturday 29th April: Coach trip to Southwark Cathedral, London
- Bank Holiday Mon, 29th May: Coach trip to Hereford Cathedral
 - Saturday 10th June: Coach trip to Ripon Cathedral
 - 29th and 30th July: Weekend at Liverpool Anglican Cathedral
(we also plan to run this as a coach day trip on Saturday 29th July)

These 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!

(Enquiries: 01543 258777, simon.e.collins@btinternet.com or after services).

Simon Collins, Director of Music

Dean Of Wells: Wells Cathedral have sent Derby Cathedral a batch of tickets for the Dean's installation at Wells on 20 November. If anyone from Melbourne wishes to attend the service, please let Linda or Joanna know and we can arrange for tickets to be sent to you.

Probus Club trip to York:

The Probus Club of Melbourne has now finalised plans for the Christmas Fair trip to York. The coach will leave Castle Square at 9am on Thursday 8th December and should return by 6.30pm. Seats are available at a price of £15 each from Terry Harrison, phone 862013 or from John Williams phone 863854.

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Monday:	2pm	Caring Hands in The Honner Room
Tuesday:	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
Wednesday:	7.45pm	Choir 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: Edna Brame, Anne Brazier, John Glaze, Roo Hubbard, Madge Limbert, Wendie Moore and Helen Salih. 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 including Clifford Elliott, Harold Timmins and David Harris.

Next Week at Melbourne: Christ the King

8am **Holy Communion**

(Sidespersons: Sheena & Henry Wilkins)

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

(Sidespersons: Griselda Kerr, Gordon Hughes)

(Coffee: Mary Bolton, Maurice & Pam Starkey)

2pm **Baptism**

6.30pm **Evensong**

(Sidesperson: Victoria Hancock)

The Readings at 8am and 10.30am

The First Reading: *2 Thessalonians 3.6-13*

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The Gospel Reading: *Luke 21.5-19*

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

2nd Hymn at 10.30am:

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:
the love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
we may not count her armies, we may not see her king;
her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
and soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
and her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

3rd Hymn at 10.30am:

1. O valiant hearts who to your glory came
through dust of conflict and through battle flame;
tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
your memory hallowed in the land you loved.

2. Proudly you gathered, rank on rank, to war
as who had heard God's message from afar;
all you had hoped for, all you had, you gave,
to save mankind - yourselves you scorned to save.

3. Splendid you passed, the great surrender made;
into the light that nevermore shall fade;
deep your contentment in that blest abode,
who wait the last clear trumpet-call of God.

4. Long years ago, as earth lay dark and still,
rose a loud cry upon a lonely hill,
while in the frailty of our human clay,
Christ, our Redeemer, passed the self-same way.

5. O risen Lord, O Shepherd of our dead,
whose cross has bought them and whose staff has led,
in glorious hope their proud and sorrowing land
commits her children to thy gracious hand.