

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 Second Sunday of Advent – 4<sup>th</sup> December 2016

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Communion, Junior Church & Coffee

**Readings:** can be found on pages 7/8

**Settings:** *Willan* Kyrie/ *Harris*

**Gradual Psalm:** 72 vv.1-8 *plainchant* (page 8)

**Hymns:** 12, 11 v.5 men, v.6 women/children [17, 6] 10

**Anthems:** The record of John *Orlando Gibbons*

People look east *Besançon Carol* arr. *Martin Shaw*

**Organ Voluntary:** Herr Christ, der einig' Gottes Sohn

(BWV601) *J.S.Bach*

*Refreshments are available after this service. Please join us at the back of church if you have time to stay*

6.30pm **Evensong**

Hymns: 1, 5, 9, 10

Psalm: 11

Organ Voluntary: Herr Christ, der einig' Gottes Sohn *Sweelinck*

### Welcome!

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

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## Across the Benefice today

**Melbourne:** 8am - Revd Sandra Chantry  
10.30am - Revd Margaret Jacques  
6.30pm - Canon David Edwards

**Smisby:** 5.30pm - Revd Angela Plummer

**Stanton:** 11am - Revd Angela Plummer

**Ticknall:** 9.15am - Revd Angela Plummer



## Taking responsibility for Church life today:

**8am Holy Communion**

**Server:** Tom Mills

**Sidespersons:** Joan Pass, Tony Taylor

**Reader:** Rosemary Jackson

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

**Sidespersons:** Katy Latchford, David Smith

**Crucifer:** Sarah Kington

**Server:** Kate Landenberger

**Reader:** Kate Landenberger

**Intercessor:** Linda Latchford

**Junior Church:** Lisa Gilchrist, Rachel Hill

**Coffee:** Katy Latchford, Annabel Needham, Steph Hughes

**6.30pm Evensong**

**Sidespersons:** Sheena & Henry Wilkins

**Coffee rota** Kate Landenberger 01283 200762

**Readers' rota** Janet Warner 01283701542 ([janet@warner8.freeserve.co.uk](mailto: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.

## Flowers at Christmas:

Thank you to everyone who contributes so generously to the flowers in church. Christmas will soon be here and once again it would be good to make the church look beautiful for this great festival. If you could donate towards the cost of the flowers, contribute greenery from your garden, an essential, or help with the decoration please contact Sheena Wilkins on 865053 or Margaret Murray-Leslie. The church will be decorated on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December from 10.30am.

### 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**

## Mince pies:

Churches Together are doing the great mince pie give away on **Saturday 17th December from 10.30am in the Market Place**. Three or four volunteers are needed and between us we need 50 mince pies (bought or home made). It is a fun occasion and takes about an hour. Please contact Sheena Wilkins (865053) if you can help.

Mince pies are also needed for the refreshments after the Carol Service. Small bite sized would be good, again home made or bought. Please contact a member of the social committee if you can help with this. Thank you.

**The Children's Society – Box Collection:** Thank you to all who have returned their boxes; there are still quite a lot to be returned. Please bring them to Church as soon as possible. Many thanks for your continued support of a most worthy cause. *Christine Franks*

## First Lesson Reading at 8am:

We are just entering our new church year and If anyone would like to participate in the 8am Lesson Reading rota please contact

[karengrewcock@btinternet.com](mailto:karengrewcock@btinternet.com)

The “8o'clockers” extend to everyone a warm welcome.

**[Sidespersons and servers are also needed for the 8am and 10.30am rota. If you would like to help, please ask the Wardens for more details or get in touch with Kate at the office - 862153]**

### **Dower House Carols:**

The Choir has kindly agreed to sing carols at The Dower House on Wednesday 21st December 2016. The Choir will arrive at 7.45pm. The evening will conclude at 9pm following the serving of mulled wine and mince pies. All proceeds will go to support Melbourne Community Care in their work for our parish. Tickets, at £10 each are available from Griselda either in person after church or by email to [griseldakerr@btinternet.com](mailto:griseldakerr@btinternet.com)

### **Toy Box Christmas Appeal :- Birth Certificates for Street Children in Guatemala**

Many thanks to those of you who have contributed towards the Birth Certificate Appeal. So far I have received £262.00 and that is enough money to pay for another eight children to be registered and given Birth Certificates. This will enable these eight children to technically exist:- to have rights, to have medical treatment, to take school exams, marry and be buried in a proper grave. It also helps prevent them from disappearing off the radar and into a world of sexual abuse and human trafficking. I will be sending your contributions to Toy box at the beginning of December when they will be used in the Alta Verapaz region of Guatemala. A Birth Certificate is a piece of paper for Christmas that these children dream of because it makes them exist.

Thanks again,

*Revd Margaret Jacques*

**Mothers' Union Advent Service  
Celebrating the Feast of Saint Nicholas**

**Tuesday December 6th**

**2pm in the church.**

**Refreshments afterwards in the Honner Room**

**ALL WELCOME**

### **Concert for Macmillan:**

Local choir A Choired Taste will be performing a Christmas concert at MARS on Friday and Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December. The proceeds from Friday 9<sup>th</sup> will be donated to Macmillan.

Tickets £10 (concessions) are available from Forteys and Karen Grewcock [karengrewcock@btinternet.com](mailto:karengrewcock@btinternet.com) 07770 967616. Thank you for your support.

### **Fundraising event for Melbourne Senior Citizens' Centre**

Come and make a fabric Christmas Wreath on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 7pm to 9.30pm in the Senior Citizens' Centre. The cost is £15 to include materials. You may bring your own sewing machine, but there are 2 for use. To book please ring Jane on 07896178140 or [jellybeecreations@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jellybeecreations@hotmail.co.uk)

### **Items of Furniture:**

The following items are surplus to requirement in the Rectory. If anyone would like to make a small donation for any of these please see the wardens and arrange to view them.

Cube unit in the dining room

Chair in the master bedroom, Bookcase in the master bedroom

Headboard in the smallest bedroom

Shelf unit in the bathroom

Washing machine, Dishwasher, Table and chairs in the kitchen

Thank you,

*Linda and Joanna*

### **Christmas with the Sitwells:**

The Sitwell Singers perform their annual Christmas concert on Monday 12th December 7.30pm at St John's church, Bridge Street, Derby. Featuring music by Chilcott, Sweelinck and Gjeillo amongst others, this will be an evening to get you in the mood for the festive season. There will also be the chance to join in some traditional carols.

Tickets £10 available online at [www.sitwellsingers.org.uk](http://www.sitwellsingers.org.uk) or on the door. For more information see Rachel Reid or Clive Avery.

### **The Choir Quiz:**

We obviously made the clues too easy as there were 3 completely correct answers. We considered making the joint winners enter a "sing-off" to determine who should get the prize but in the end we took pity on them (and the congregation) and put all the winning entries into a hat. The lucky winner of the generous bottle of Prosecco is Ann Nicholls.

The answers, in numerical order, were:

1. Winchester
2. Southwark
3. Exeter
4. Hereford
5. Windsor
6. York
7. The back of St Michaels House, Melbourne
8. Durham
9. Norwich

The setters apologise for a slight error in question 3 in that Plymouth, also in Devon, does have a cathedral. However, it is a Roman Catholic establishment and we haven't sung there. Truro does have an Anglican cathedral but is definitely NOT in Devon! Thank you to everyone who entered. *Clive Avery*

### **Cake containers:**

Paddy Laban sent two beautiful (as usual!) cakes along to the Autumn Fair but the containers cannot be found. They both have white bases, with Paddy's name on the underside, and transparent clip on tops. Has anybody seen them please?  
*Linda Latchford*

### **Christmas Tree festival at St George's Ticknall:**

December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> from 10.30am to 5.30pm. Everyone very welcome. Refreshments on both days. Christmas wreaths, preserves and cakes for sale.

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

<b>Monday:</b>	12noon	Caring Hands Christmas lunch at Melbourne Tea Rooms
<b>Tuesday:</b>	2pm	Mothers' Union Advent Service in church
	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
<b>Wednesday:</b>	7.45pm	Choir Practice
<b>Thursday:</b>	9.15am	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	2pm	Funeral of Edith Gertrude Fox in church
<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: 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, among them Edith Gertrude Fox and Celia Marjorie Swainson, and those whose anniversaries occur near this time including Dennis Twells, Betty Roddan, Barbara Mary Ransome and Arthur Robey.

## **Next Week at Melbourne: Third Sunday of Advent**

8am **Holy Communion** (Sidespersons: Joe Laban, John Tatam)

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

(Sidespersons: Matthew Needham, Ken Gibson)

(Coffee: Jane Cox, Cliff & Janet Warner)

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

# The Readings at 8am and 10.30am

## **The First Reading:** *Romans 15.4-13*

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

‘Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,  
and sing praises to your name’;

and again he says,

‘Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people’;

and again,

‘Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise him’;

and again Isaiah says,

‘The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him the Gentiles shall hope.’

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## **The Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 3.1-12*

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.” ’

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along



the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

### **Gradual Psalm:** *Psalm 72.1-8 (plainchant, sung by the Choir)*

*Please turn to face the Gospel Reader in the aisle during the singing of the Psalm*

Give the King thy judgements, O God \*

and thy righteousness unto the King's son.

Then shall he judge thy people according unto right \*  
and defend the poor.

The mountains also shall bring peace \*  
and the little hills righteousness unto the people.

He shall keep the simple folk by their right \*  
defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong doer.

They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth \*  
from one generation to another.

He shall come down like the rain into a fleece of wool \*  
even as the drops that water the earth.

In his time shall the righteous flourish \*  
yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.

His dominion shall be also from the one sea to the other \*  
and from the flood unto the world's end.