

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



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The Third Sunday of Advent – 11th December 2016

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Communion, Junior Church & Coffee

Readings: can be found on pages 6/7

Settings: *Willan* Kyrie/ *Harris*

Gradual Psalm: 146 vv. 5-end *plainchant* (page 7)

Hymns: 15, 7 [18, 5] 3

Anthem: Creator of the stars of night *Malcolm Archer*

Organ Voluntary: Fantasia in G minor (BWV542) *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: 6, 14, 12, 18

Psalm: 12

Organ Voluntary: Ave verum corpus *Mozart*

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 Tony Barnard
 6.30pm - Canon David Edwards
Smisby: *4.30pm* - Canon David Edwards
Stanton: *10.30am* - At Swarkestone
Ticknall: *9.15am* - Revd Angela Plummer

**Taking responsibility for Church life today:**

8am **Holy Communion**

Server: Karen Grewcock

Sidespersons: Joe Laban, John Tatam

Reader: Martha Clements

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

Sidespersons: Matthew Needham, Ken Gibson

Crucifer: Paul Fletcher-Read

Server: Jo Glaze

Reader: Maurice Starkey

Intercessor: Graham Truscott

Junior Church: Katy Latchford, Ruth Parkinson

Coffee: Jane Cox, Cliff & Janet Warner

6.30pm **Evensong**

Sidespersons: John Springthorpe

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. This week a donation has been received from Duncan Saunders in memory of his father, Norman Joseph Saunders.

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**

Relief Organists

I would like to thank Laurence Rogers and Henry Wilkins for playing the Organ today at the 10.30am and 6.30pm services respectively. I count myself as very fortunate that, when I'm absent, I can leave both the Choir and the Organ in such capable hands and also that their willing contributions to our church's musical life are much appreciated. Laurence was my predecessor here for 27 years and Henry, a former Churchwarden, is now regular organist at Melbourne Catholic Church on alternate Sunday mornings.

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 23rd December from 10.30am.

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.

Sheena Wilkins

Christingle Preparation:

We shall be meeting on Friday 23rd December at 2pm in the Honner Room. As the saying goes "many hands make light work" we look forward to seeing as many people as possible. If you can spare an hour, please join us.

Christine Franks

MESSY CHURCH EXPERIENCE CHRISTMAS:

We had a wonderful Messy Church session on Saturday 3rd. We numbered 12 adults with 14 children plus 10 helpers. Hopefully you saw stations around church last Sunday representing:

The Preparation - preparing our hearts as well as our homes

The Announcement - the angel visits Mary

The Promises - the birth of Jesus is foretold

The Journey - Mary & Joseph travel to Bethlehem

The Message - the angels appear to the shepherds

The Gift - God's gift of Jesus is given to the world.

We closed with our Messy Church grace before enjoying a picnic in Church House.

Grateful thanks to everyone who put in time & effort to make this a successful event.

Linda Latchford

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

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

Toybox Christmas Birth Certificate Appeal:

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A big thank you to all of you from Melbourne Parish Church, Melbourne Mothers Union and St George's Church Ticknall. A magnificent sum of £595.00 has been sent to Toybox. This means that they can start the research to identify almost over 18 street children and provide them with a birth certificate and a future. A full list of contributors will be held by the Treasurer of Melbourne PCC for church records. If anyone needs a receipt for their contribution please let me know and it can be provided.

Again, many thanks for this superb effort.

Revd Margaret Jacques

Mothers' Union Advent Service: The annual Mothers' Union Advent service was held on Tuesday, December 6th – St. Nicholas' Day.. Nicholas was born in Turkey in the 4th century, a wealthy man who later became Archbishop of Myra. He showed great concern for the poor and vulnerable and the story was told of how he secretly provided dowries for three sisters who might otherwise have been sold into slavery. The benevolent red-coated gentleman who wriggles down our chimneys on Christmas Eve follows the example of the saint although some of his trappings originate from Northern Europe and some from the USA. We were also told of work to combat the gender violence and exploitation rife in our own country in our own time. Prayers written on Christmas stockings were read and then hung on a Christmas tree. A collection was taken for the Mothers' Union Relief fund which is used to help people caught up in emergencies worldwide. *Alison Gregory*

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 or on the door. For more information see Rachel Reid or 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:

Today 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

Monday:	9.30am	Morning Prayer at Ticknall Church
	2pm	Caring Hands in The Honner Room
Tuesday:	9.25am	School Assemblies at Melbourne Infant & Junior Schools
	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
Wednesday:	7.45pm	Choir Practice
Thursday:	9.15am	Holy Communion
	11.30am	Home Communion

Saturday: 9am Bulletin production team in Church House
 10.30am Churches Together Mince Pie Giveaway in
 Melbourne Village Centre
 12noon Wedding Preparation
 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 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 including Ray Stockley.

Next Week at Melbourne: The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8am **Holy Communion** (Sidespersons: Sue Dore, Ann Rafferty)

10.30am **Parish Communion & Coffee**

(Sidespersons: Griselda Kerr, Victoria Hancock)

(Coffee: Mary Bolton, Terry & Avril Harrison)

6.30pm **Festival of Lessons and Carols followed by mulled wine and**

mince pies

(Sidespersons: Paddy & Joe Laban)

The Readings at 8am and 10.30am

First Reading: *James 5.7-10*

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 11.2-11*

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Gradual Psalm: *Psalm 146.5-end(plainchant, sung by the Choir)*

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

Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is *
who keepeth his promise for ever.

Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong *
who feedeth the hungry.

The Lord looseth men out of prison *
the Lord giveth sight to the blind.

The Lord helpeth them that are fallen *
the Lord careth for the righteous.

The Lord careth for the strangers; he defendeth the fatherless and
widow * as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.

The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore *
and throughout all generations.

Christmas Services at Melbourne Parish Church



Sunday 18th December

6.30pm

Festival of lessons and carols

(followed by mulled wine and mince pies)

Christmas Eve

5.30pm Christingle Service

11.30pm Midnight Eucharist

Christmas Day

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Family Eucharist

All are welcome!

