

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*



## Epiphany Sunday – 8<sup>th</sup> January 2017

8am      **Holy Communion**

10.30am **Parish Communion and Coffee**

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

**Introit:** Epiphany Matin responsory *Palestrina*

**Settings:** *Rutter / Croce* Missa Sexti toni

**Hymns:** 52, 49, 50 [48, 51] 47

**Anthem:** Bethlehem Down *Peter Warlock*

**Organ Voluntary:** Postlude on 'Was lebet' *Christopher Tambling*

2pm      **Baptism**

6.30pm **Evensong**

**Hymns:** 47, 57, 40, 36

**Psalm:** 100

**Organ Voluntary:** Aria on 'What Child is this' *James Biery*

## Welcome!

Welcome and Happy New Year 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  
    *2pm* - Revd Angela Plummer  
    *6.30pm* - Revd Canon Tony Barnard

**Smisby:**                    *5.30pm* - Canon David Edwards

**Stanton:**                    *10.30am* - At Swarkestone

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

**Taking responsibility for Church life today:**

**8am**            **Holy Communion**

**Server:** Tom Mills

**Sidespersons:** Joe Laban, John Tatam

**Reader:** Paddy Laban

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

**Sidespersons:** Carolyn Tasker, Gordon Hughes

**Crucifer:** Paul Fletcher-Read

**Server:** Ros Bell

**Reader:** Pam Starkey

**Intercessor:** Sheena Wilkins

**Junior Church:** Bronwen Truscott, Martha Clements

**Coffee:** Mary Bolton, Cliff & Janet Warner

**2pm**            **Baptism of Jack Albert Ross**

**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.

## 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**

**A big thank you:** Many thanks to the Bulletin preparation team who week-in week-out over many years have faithfully come to fold and collate our bulletin for us. I am extremely grateful for all their willing help. The computer printer now does the job for us but without their past help it would have been an onerous task for the Secretary so many, many thanks to members of the team past and present. Thank you. *Kate Landeberger*

### **Bishop Jan, Bishop of Repton:**

Bishop Jan will be coming to take the 10.30am service at Melbourne on January 15<sup>th</sup>. She will be preaching on the theme of Generous Giving. This is timely because the budget for 2017 approved by the PCC in December predicts a deficit of approximately £11,000. This is due to a combination of a rise in the amount of Common Fund (previously called Parish Share) we are being asked to contribute and a reduction in our regular giving. We therefore have a challenge to face this year in order to maintain our activities and to fund any new initiatives. We would like to encourage as many as possible to come to the service on 15<sup>th</sup> to meet Bishop Jan and to share a glass of wine afterwards.

*Linda and Joanna on behalf of the PCC*

### **Our Diocese:** *A monthly snapshot of Church of England life around Derbyshire*

Bishop Jan writes...What can I give him, poor as I am? In most nativity plays, the three kings enter, stage left, a bit too early. They also feature somewhat prematurely on our Christmas cards. The wise men shouldn't really show up until January. They've seen the star and they know a new king has been born. But they are foreigners from distant lands and, camels or no camels, they have something of a trek to Bethlehem. We mark their arrival on 6th January – the feast of the Epiphany.

The wise men bring gifts. Their gifts are the finest gold, frankincense and myrrh. Their gifts are more luxurious and more expensive than those offered by the shepherds. But the shepherds have given their best lambs. All of them, rich or poor, have given the best they have to the new born king lying in a grubby manger.

We give gifts at Christmas in imitation of the wise men and the shepherd. We

give too in imitation of our most generous God, who held nothing back, but gave his own son to live among us and to die for us. This is how much he loves us – that he gave everything for us.

Those shepherds and wise men that first Christmas reflected the generosity of God in their gifts of the very best they had to offer. The challenge of the Epiphany is simple. What do we offer to God? Do we give him our very best – the first fruits of our time, energy, talents and money? Or do we give him what's left over – a quick visit on a Sunday; nothing in terms of helping out at church or volunteering in society; the loose change from our pocket in the collection plate?

We sing the words of the familiar carol each Christmas. “In the bleak mid-winter” is up there amongst our favourite carols, the mournful and haunting tune echoing something of the beauty of Christina Rossetti’s evocative poem. But it’s also one of the most challenging.

“What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb. If I were a wise man I would do my part. Yet what I can, I give him - give my heart.”

What might it mean for us to offer our hearts, ourselves, all that we are and all that we have, to God this new year?

*Bishop Jan*

### **Derby Churches Nightshelter 2016/17**

This winter’s Derby Churches Nightshelter started on 1<sup>st</sup> December. The objective is to meet the urgent need for safe overnight accommodation for Derby’s homeless. There are again seven church venues in or near the city centre which each open one night per week in rotation. Volunteers will provide a warm welcome and a substantial meal to up to 35 guests. Paid overnight staff then take over. Guests sleep in sleeping bags on mattresses on the church floor.

Guests can also attend a weekly support facility at Ozzy Road church. This is where guests can meet with various agencies and discuss options. The aim is for every guest to have an alternative option to returning to the streets when the nightshelter closes.

Last year there were 217 different guests in a nightshelter venue for one or more nights between December 2015 - March 2016. The gender split was 190 men and 27 women. There was an average of 25 guests each night, an increase from 21.5 the year before. A small group of guests stayed in the nightshelter for the duration but by the end of March only one of the guests was without an option and special arrangements were put in place for him.

Guests can be helped in a variety of ways. They may need to go back into accommodation they had problems with, or move into hostels, private rental or other agency accommodation. Some wanted to return to home cities or home countries and they were given assistance to do that. Some were helped to make contact with family members. Others were given help with ID and

other documentation for employment or benefits.

Addiction was again a common problem. There were more guests with pronounced mental health problems and more guests coming straight out of prison. There was an increase in the number of guests aged 18 -24.

In preparation for this year Derby City Mission arranged an extensive training programme for volunteers to make their support as effective as possible. Courses covered getting help for guests with addictions, drugs and alcohol awareness delivered by a GP and member of the police drug squad, suicide awareness (responding to conversations around suicidal tendencies or self-harming), mental health awareness run by a member of the NHS Mental Health Team and understanding homelessness and housing. Recognising the general duty of care to keep the guests safe there is first aid training and courses on fire safety and food hygiene.

There is also a valuable workshop, Sharing faith and listening skills, for those volunteers who are Christians to receive some training on how to share our faith without it being forced or heavy and how to listen to guests and how to offer prayer in a sensitive way.

**The seven venues this year are:** Sunday-Friends Meeting House, Monday-Cathedral, Tuesday-Hope Centre, Wednesday-Peartree Baptist Church, Thursday-Ashbourne Road Methodist and URC Church, Friday New Life Church, Saturday-Ozzy Road Baptist Church.

*David Brierley*

*Advance Notice!*

**A Date for Your Diaries**

Back by popular demand - once again the choir will present

**THE TRAVELLING PEOPLE**

An evening of laughter, supper & song

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2017

at Ticknall Village Hall

Tickets will be available in the New Year - book early to avoid disappointment! (Please see Romey Cunnington for more details)

**Padley "Good as New" Clothes Sale**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017 - 5pm to 8.30pm - Admission £10**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017 - 10am to 2pm - Admission Free**

**in the Atrium at Derby University**

**Clothes are being collected now!**

**Please look through your wardrobes for spare, good quality clothes and accessories. Clothes are being sorted and labelled now and can be stored.**

**Please deliver to 68 Rutland Street or contact Kerry Collier for collection and tickets on 01332 774480**

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

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

*Simon Collins, Director of Music*

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** Churches Together in Melbourne are holding a service on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 6pm at the Methodist Church to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. All are welcome to attend this service.

## This week in connection with Melbourne Church

<b>Monday:</b>	9.30am	Morning Prayer at Ticknall Church
	2pm	Caring Hands in The Honner Room
	7pm	School Governors Meeting
<b>Tuesday:</b>	2pm	Funeral of Philip William Jackson in church
	7.30pm	MAP Guide meeting in Littleover
	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9.45am	Social Committee meeting
	7.45pm	Choir Practice
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	7.30pm	Stanton PCC meeting
<b>Saturday:</b>	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, amongst them Philip William Jackson, and those whose anniversaries occur near this time.

## **Next Week at Melbourne: The Baptism of Christ**

8am **Holy Communion**

(Sidespersons: Sheena & Henry Wilkins)

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

(Sidespersons: Annabel Needham, Jenny Jackson)

(Coffee: Margaret Brackenbury, Terry & Avril Harrison)

6.30pm **Choral Evensong**

(Sidespersons: Ann Hammond )

## **The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:**

**First Reading:** Ephesians 3.1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles – for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the

Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

### **The Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 2.1-12*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel." '

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.