

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



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The Presentation of Christ in the Temple Candlemas - 5th February 2017

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Festival Eucharist, Junior Church and Coffee

(Please see Order of Service)

Readings: can be found on pages 7/8

Introit: O nata lux *Thomas Tallis*

Settings: *Rutter / Mårten Jansson* Missa Brevis in E flat minor

Hymns: 408, Christ be our light, 157 [156, 206] 33 omit *

Anthem: When to the Temple Mary went *Eccard*

Organ Voluntary: Ceremonial March *Sumsion*

Please join us for refreshments after the Service

6.30pm Evensong

Hymns: 156, 494, 246, 362 **Psalm:** 122

Organ Voluntary: Mit Fried' und Freud' (BWV616) *J.S.Bach*

Welcome!

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

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 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 message from our new Rector:

A huge thank you to everyone for such a warm welcome to myself, Rachel, Sophie and Benjamin. Also another huge thank you to everyone who played their part in such a fabulous collation service and do afterwards. What a beginning I have been given!

It is my hope and prayer that the service marks for all of us the start of the next, exciting chapter in the building of God's Kingdom across our parishes and benefice. Thank you.

I look forward eagerly to getting to know you all and you knowing me, Rachel, Sophie and Benjamin.

Yours in Christ,

Steve

THANK YOU: to everyone throughout the Benefice who helped in so many different ways to make the Collation and Induction Service for our new Rector such a successful occasion. It all came together on the night! We really appreciated the support before, during and afterwards. What a team!

Linda and Joanna

A new appointment announced for the Revd Angela Plummer:

"The Revd Angela Plummer, Assistant Curate of Melbourne, Ticknall, Smisby and Stanton-by-Bridge, Diocese of Derby, has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of The Ascension, Kenton, Diocese of Newcastle. Revd Plummer hopes to take up her new appointment in the spring".

Congratulations go to Angela. We all wish her well as she prepares for her new appointment.

Melbourne Mothers' Union:

Our February meeting takes place this Tuesday (7th) in the Honner Room at 2pm when Alison Gregory will bring to life 'Heroines of the Old Testament'. Everyone is most welcome - members or not - please do feel free to come and join us.

Ruth Smith

Goodbye to Melbourne - a letter from David Thomas:

It is now three months since I said goodbye to the Melbourne group of churches, so maybe it is time to give an account of myself and tell you what I

have been doing. First, however, I would like to express my gratitude for the cheques and other leaving presents you gave me in October. At a time of financial stringency for individuals and organisations alike, and when dioceses invariably revise parish shares upwards, your generosity was tremendous. As you may expect, I will put some of the money towards books, and maybe the remainder towards a dog (could apt names include Mel, Smizz, Stan or Tick?). We'll have to see.

Through the autumn I have gradually been detaching myself from most of my academic ties. I will remain at Birmingham University for a few more years, while I bring a research project to its conclusion. In line with this I expect to travel to Birmingham regularly, and so I have no plans (at all!) to give up my red GTI. But I am already finding unexpected spaces in my day, and I am beginning to think of ways to fill them (hence the dog).

I have, in fact, been back to Derby on one occasion recently, at the end of November when I was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree by the University of Derby. The ceremony and attendant celebrations made up an experience not to be forgotten, though I expect that to most people at the ceremony I was no more than the supporting act to the swimmer Adam Peaty. He wore his two Olympic medals, and he gave a rousing speech that put my few words in the shade.

My life is beginning to fall into a pattern of some days each week in the Forest of Dean (with a quick trip up to Birmingham), where my house is taking on more the character of home than weekend retreat, and Wells, where I am rediscovering places I knew well many years ago. Since I live near the cathedral, I find myself regularly in the stupendous building, and I try to attend the daily services as often as I can. As yet, I have not thought of a formal attachment to any church (so my farewell service in Melbourne remains the last time I presided and preached), but when I meet the Bishop soon in order to introduce myself possibilities may be opened up.

There are some beautiful churches in Somerset, and I am sure there are welcoming congregations. But I doubt that our buildings here can stir the soul more deeply than the Melbourne churches, or any group can take a priest more warmly to themselves. My memories of twelve years in and around Melbourne will remain strong and cherished. If you come to Somerset please let me know, because I begin to yearn for a Derbyshire accent.

David Thomas

OurDiocese

A monthly snapshot of Church of England life around Derbyshire

Bishop Alastair writes...Getting in to Shape

We live in a world where many people place a high premium on 'getting into shape'. Dieting, training, exercise – there are plenty of paths and numerous advocates. The aim is to be fit for purpose – in body and mind: that is,

externally as we present to others, and internally in terms of mental wellbeing.

This important endeavour by individuals also applies to institutions – families, groups, businesses – even the Diocese of Derby!

As a Diocese we need to take seriously the challenge to be in good shape.

Externally, in our own ways of operating to offer worship and witness, we have to assess the effectiveness of our own efforts. In our current thinking we are considering an 80/40 dieting and exercise regime! That is, of the 120 full-time incumbency type posts that account for much of our budget and of our resource for public ministry, we are looking to earmark 80 to maintain the parochial system – which is the backbone of how we offer worship and witness in every community.

However we want to free up 40 of these core posts to be deployed in more imaginative and flexible ways, so as to offer ministry and mission in the networks and changing groups that contemporary people live within. It will be for each Deanery to look at possibilities. Some of the 40 posts may be kept to provide parochial ministry and mission, but it is our hope that most of them can be used to increase the range of our offer of the Gospel – to enable us to get into better shape.

But – none of this external reshaping will be blessed and fruitful unless we work equally hard to find the right diet and exercise for our inner lives – our sense of God's presence and power and our commitment to the way of Jesus Christ.

Lent provides a special opportunity for a renewal of spiritual discipline and training, in our own lives, and in our church groups too. I have produced a small book to encourage this vital aspect of our getting into shape. *The Challenge of Our Christian Calling*. It is designed to help us seek renewal in our inner lives, to better enable our public worship and witness to be more effective. It is available from the Cathedral Bookshop for £5 a copy – proceeds go to our Harvest Appeal. The book can be used by individuals or small groups.

We all need to renew our efforts to get into shape. Externally and internally. I hope that as we prepare for Lent, and then observe this holy season of shaping, we can think, pray and act radically, going an extra mile to enable God to bless our worship and witness anew, and to renew the inner sense of call and commission upon which the work of our Diocese depends.

† *Alastair*

(taken from Our Diocese on the Diocese of Derby website)

Fancy A Cuppa!

On Tuesday February 14th from 10.30am to 12 noon at the Senior Citizens' Centre. The speaker will be Gary Dunne (Manager) on "Sainsbury's Melbourne". £1 for tea/coffee and £1 for homemade cake. A warm welcome is extended to all!

Village Quiz:

The Village Quiz is running again every Friday until 17th March at 7.30pm. The venue will be the newly refurbished British Legion and this time the quiz profits will be going towards the support of Community Care. Don't forget to come and support your favourite teams and enjoy a good night out during these cold winter months. Last Friday St Michaels Players took to the stage (ask them to find out how they got on), and next week (February 10th) Four Tenors, Muffled Clangers and Surplice to Rechoirments will all be doing their bit for Community Care.

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Something for your diary and something a little different? After two successful tours to Bruges and Reims, I am putting together another friendship and hopefully a lot of fun, tour to Arras in Northern France. Leaving Melbourne by coach early Thursday morning followed by a Channel Tunnel crossing and to arrive in Arras at teatime. Friday a morning visit to a local wine producer, "Chateau des Arras" for a wine tour with tasting followed by lunch (included). Afternoon an opportunity to visit some of the many historical points of interest available in Arras, namely the Cathedral, The Bell Tower, The labyrinth of underground 'Boves', The Citadel and of course the many examples of Flemish/Spanish architecture unique to Arras. Saturday morning a chance for last minute shopping, perhaps the market? before departing for home early afternoon....

If you think you might be interested in this tour, please let me know before the end of February. Detailed itineraries are available upon request and I will be very pleased to discuss any questions.

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This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Monday:	9.30am	Morning Prayer at Ticknall Church
	2pm	Caring Hands in The Honner Room
Tuesday:	11am	Home Communion
	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
Wednesday:	12.30pm	Deanery Chapter Meeting at Hartshorne
	7.45pm	Choir Practice
Thursday:	9.15am	Holy Communion
Saturday:	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: Ruth Barkaway, 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, among them Sarah "Sally" Wooderson, Prim Heath, Hilda Cooper, and Peter Hedley Mansfield.

Next Week at Melbourne: 3 before Lent

8am **Holy Communion**

(Sidespersons: Karen Grewcock, John Tatam)

10.30am **Parish Communion & Coffee**

(Sidespersons: Griselda Kerr, Sheena Wilkins)

(Coffee: Katy Latchford, Maurice & Pam Starkey)

6.30pm **Choral Evensong**

(Sidespersons: Jo & John Glaze)

The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:

First Reading: *Hebrews 2.14-end*

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The Gospel Reading: *Luke 2.22-40*

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

