

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



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The Third Sunday Before Lent - 12th February 2017

8am **Holy Communion**

10.30am **Parish Communion and Coffee**

Readings: can be found on pages 6/7

Setting: *Cæsar* St Mary's Mass

Gradual Psalm: 119 vv.1-8 (page 8)

Hymns: 390, The Kingdom of God (page 7) [273, 341] 494

Anthem: Ave verum corpus *Byrd*

Organ Voluntary: Postlude on Gibbons' Song 22 *Stanford*

Please join us for refreshments after the Service

6.30pm **Choral Evensong**

(Please see page 2 for tonight's music)

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 Angela Plummer
 10.30am - Revd Margaret Jacques
 6.30pm - Revd Steve Short

Smisby: 5.30pm - Canon David Edwards

Stanton: 10.30am - At Swarkestone

Ticknall: 9.15am - Revd Steve Short

**Taking responsibility for Church life today:**

8am Holy Communion

Server: Karen Grewcock

Sidespersons: John Tatam

Reader: Paddy Laban

10.30am Parish Communion and Coffee

Sidespersons: Griselda Kerr, Sheena Wilkins

Crucifer: John Tivey

Server: Ros Bell

Reader: Frances Fagan

Intercessor: Linda Latchford

Coffee: Katy Latchford, Maurice & Pam Starkey

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Sidespersons: Jo & John Glaze

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

Music for tonight's Choral Evensong:

Introit: A Prayer of King Henry VI *Henry Ley*

Responses: *Ayleward* **Canticles:** *Howells Collegium Regale / Sumsion in A*

Hymns: 466, 54, 252 **Psalm:** 13

Anthem: Jubilate Deo (Collegium Regale) *Howells*

Organ Voluntary: Postlude in D minor *Stanford*

I Like What I See

The Father knocks on my door
seeking a home for his son.

'Rent is cheap', I say.

'I don't want to rent, I want to buy,' says God

'I'm not sure I want to sell, but you might come and look around.'

'I think I will', says God.

'I might let you have a room or two.' -

'I like it', says God. 'I'll take the two.'

'I might decide to give you more someday.'

'I can wait' says God.

'I'd like to give you more, but it's a bit difficult;

I need some space for me.'

'I know', says God, 'but I can wait; I like what I see.'

'Maybe I can let you have another room. I really don't need that much.' -

'Thanks', says God. 'I'll take it. I like what I see.'

'I'd like to give you the whole house, but I'm not sure.'

'Think on it' says God: 'I won't put you out. Your house would be mine, and my Son would live in it, but you would have more space than you had before.'

'I don't understand that at all.'

'I know', says God, 'but I can't tell you about it.'

'You have to discover it for yourself, and that can only happen if you let me have the whole house.'

'A bit risky', I say.

'Yes', says God, 'but try me.'

'I'm not sure; I'll let you know.'

'I can wait', says God. 'I like what I see.'

[A short meditation used by Steve in his first sermon at Melbourne]

Collation Photos:

There are photos of the Collation of Revd Steve Short on the church website.

Do take a look. www.melbourneparishchurch.co.uk.

Nigel Coupe

Padley vouchers: Apologies if this is old news to many of you, but did you know that you can buy £1 vouchers from the Padley shop on Saddlegate that you can then give to the homeless and struggling so that they can exchange them for a hot meal and drink in the warm at the Padley centre? A very worthy cause!

Gordon Hughes

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.

Winter opening of the Dower House Garden: Next Saturday and Sunday There will be some snowdrops and hellebores and hopefully the daphne will be out as well as witch hazel, winter aconites and crocuses. Admission is £3 but £2.50 for anyone bringing the bulletin along. There will be coffee and tea in the greenhouse and a fire in the cottage to warm the hands and toes. Supporters will be extremely welcome.

Griselda Kerr

Mothers' Union Report:

Members of the Mothers' Union met on Tuesday afternoon and our first challenge was a Quiz - "Women in the Bible" set by our speaker, Mrs Alison Gregory. We must congratulate Glennis, who impressed us all with her knowledge of the Old Testament!

Alison then gave a most interesting talk, based on 5 women and a little girl, some of the heroines to be found in the Old Testament, all women of great courage and Alison compared them with heroines of the French Resistance in WW2. Shiprah and Puah were midwives from Israel, practising in Egypt who were ordered to kill all Israeli boys at birth and they were clever enough to disobey this edict by saying that Israeli mothers delivered babies by themselves, without the assistance of a midwife. This leads us to the story of Moses in the bullrushes. Naomi was a woman living in a foreign land because of the famine in Bethlehem. She sadly lost her two sons and her husband but had 2 daughters in law, Ruth and Orpah. She urged them to return to their families, but Ruth begged Naomi to let her stay with her and take the dangerous journey back to Bethlehem. Ruth worked in the cornfields, gleaning and there met Boaz, a relative of Naomi. They married and had a son, who became an ancestor of David. Naomi and Ruth were women who showed love, loyalty and quiet courage and of course one could admire Naomi as being an ideal mother-in-law! We were then told the story of Esther, a beautiful young Jewish girl who, after being coerced into entering a beauty contest, became the wife of King Xerxes. Her guardian, Mordecai, saved the King's life because he told him of an assassination plot. After these events the king honoured Haman (we all had to hiss and boo this villain of the plot), elevating him by giving him a seat of honour higher than

all the other nobles. Mordecai refused to honour him and Haman got his revenge by plotting to kill all the Jews. Esther was brave enough to inform the king - it was unlawful for a queen to speak to her husband in this way - and thus the Jews were saved. Alison gave us Edmund Burke's famous quotation "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing". The last story was of Naaman's little slave girl who played an important part in curing him of leprosy.

These were women of courage and resourcefulness, a good role model for all of us, and Alison's stories gave us much food for thought *Ann Nicholls*

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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. Itineraries are available upon request and I will be very pleased to discuss any questions.

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WORLD WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER: FRIDAY 3rd MARCH at 2pm

This year over 5000 services will be held around Britain on the Theme 'Am I being unfair to you?' Around the world we will be joined by Christians using different languages and dialects in this shared act of worship. The focus will be on the Philippines and it is our turn to host this ecumenical service here in Melbourne. Everyone is welcome to come along to this service, which will be followed by refreshments, so please pop the date in your diary and share in this ecumenical celebration.

Ros Bell

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Monday:	2pm	Caring Hands in The Honner Room
Tuesday:	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
Wednesday:	7.30pm	Smisby PCC
	7.45pm	Choir Practice

Thursday: 9.15am Holy Communion
Friday: 2pm Funeral of Elaine Barker in church
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, John Hubbard, 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, among them Elaine Barker, and those whose anniversaries occur near this time, among them George William Brame, Alice Worthington and Linda White.

Next Week at Melbourne: 2 before Lent

8am Holy Communion (Sidespersons: Karen Grewcock, John Tatam)

10.30am Parish Communion & Coffee

(Sidespersons: Margaret Murray-Leslie, Pam Starkey)

(Coffee: Kate Landenberger, Cliff & Janet Warner)

6.30pm Evensong (Sidespersons: Paddy & Joe Laban)

The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:

First Reading: *1 Corinthians 3.1-9*

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, 'I belong to Paul', and another, 'I belong to Apollos', are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one

who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 5.21-37*

'You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not murder"; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgement." But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, "You fool", you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

'It was also said, "Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce." But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord." But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be "Yes, Yes" or "No, No"; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

Offertory Hymn at 10.30am:

1 The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy;
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

Contd overleaf

2 The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,
and hope is awakened instead of despair.

3 The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

4 God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;
the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all. (*Tune: Paderborn*)

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Gradual Psalm at 10.30am: *Psalm: 119 vv.1-8*

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



- 1 Blessed are those whose | way is | pure:
who | walk in • the | law of • the | Lord.
- 2 Blessed are those who | keep his | testimonies:
and | seek him | with their | whole heart.
- 3 Those who | do no | wickedness:
but | walk in | his | ways.
- 4 You O | Lord have | charged:
that we should | dili-gently | keep • your com- | mandments.
- 5 O that my ways were | made • so di- | rect:
that | I might | keep your | statutes.
- 6 Then should I | not be • put to | shame:
because I have re- | gard for | all • your com | mandments.
- 7 I will thank you with an | unfeign'd | heart:
when I have | learned your | righteous | judgements.
- 8 I will | keep your | statutes:
O for- | sake me | not | utterly.