

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



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The Fourth Sunday of Lent - 26th March 2017

Mothering Sunday

8am **Holy Communion**
Readings: can be found on page 8

10.30am **All Age Eucharist and Coffee**
(Please see Order of Service)
Settings: *Willan* Kyrie / *Harris*
Hymns: Our Father God, 186, 185 [297, 161] 413
Intercessions: Make me a channel of your peace
Flower distribution: There is no rose *John Joubert*
Anthem: Ave Maria *Philip Stopford*
Organ Voluntary: Grand March from 'Aida' *Verdi*

Please join us for refreshments after the Service

6.30pm **Evensong**
Hymns: 251, 445, 82, 439 **Psalm:** 31 vv.1-9
Organ Voluntary: Ich ruf' zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ (BWV639)
J.S.Bach

Welcome!

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

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Melbourne: *8am* – Revd Angela Plummer
 10.30am – Revd Steve Short
 6.30pm – Revd Steve Short

Smisby: *4.30pm* – Canon David Edwards

Stanton: *11am* – Revd Angela Plummer

Ticknall: *10.30am* – Mrs Mary Hirst

**Taking responsibility for Church life today:****8am Holy Communion****Server:** Karen Grewcock**Sidespersons:** Noreen & Tony Taylor**Reader:** Margaret Sharp**10.30am All Age Eucharist and Coffee****Sidespersons:** Victoria Hancock, Gordon Hughes**Crucifer:** John Tivey**Server:** Ros Bell**Reader:** Lisa Gilchrist**Intercessor:** Graham Truscott**Coffee:** Sarah Kington, Margaret Brackenbury,

Kate Landenberger

6.30pm Evensong**Sidespersons:** Sheena & Henry Wilkins**Coffee rota Kate Landenberger 01283 200762****Readers' rota Janet Warner 01283701542(janet@warner8.freeseve.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.

Sunday worship across our benefice – a few thoughts looking forward

In just over a week's time, as we know, we shall lose our wonderful curate, Angela. I join with so many in giving thanks to God for the ministry that he has entrusted to Angela as well as the way in which she has enacted and undertaken this ministry.

Losing our stipendiary curate means that we will be left with only one stipendiary priest. This will, fairly rapidly, present our parish and our benefice with some immediate challenges and opportunities especially where our Sunday worship provision is concerned.

The rota that I have inherited is 'staffed' by a very fine ministry team of retired clergy and readers. Historically, though, the rota also stems from a time in the not-so-distant-past when the incumbent could also call upon the services of two non-stipendiary clergy as well as curate and ministry team.

Sadly, today, this is no longer the case. As well as being the situation in which we find ourselves, it is also a new opportunity to think creatively about what we need and are able to provide into the future.

In the first instance, the 8 benefice wardens will meet together to review and to look forward, making some initial plans to pass onto our benefice PCCs for due consideration. In this immediate period up to the wardens meeting in a few week's time and following, I am very keen indeed to hear from everyone regarding your thoughts and your suggestions for how, as a benefice, we proceed together. Please do get in touch with myself, our wardens, or with a member of the PCC.

Once we arrive at a way forward together – a new rota, it is my feeling that we try this for a six-month period after which everyone in our benefice congregations will be consulted by questionnaire.

In all of our thinking together, it is paramount that all we do is soaked in and surrounded by prayer and reflection, listening for God's wisdom. Perhaps we might also reflect together on these words from the Acts of the Apostles '*All the believers were together and had everything in common.*' Acts 2.44-45

Steve

Revd Angela Plummer:

Angela's final service with us as our Assistant Curate is to be a Benefice Eucharist here in Melbourne on Sunday 2nd April at 10.30am. We all look to gather around Angela and give her the best possible send off.

Following the service there will be a party for Angela to cheer her on her way. Offers of finger food or bottles will be gratefully received. A list will be up on the noticeboard at the back of church.

Angela's Induction - booking a bus?:

A number of people have asked about travelling to Kenton for Angela's Licensing Service to be inducted as Priest in Charge on Wednesday 3rd May. Please would you let the Wardens know if you would like to book a place or sign up on the noticeboard (cost and viability depends on numbers). *Linda*

A Lent Course:

'Receiving Christ in five different ways'.

Session 1: Receiving Christ: as children of God

Session 2: Receiving Christ: in the stranger and the needy

Session 3: Receiving Christ: in Holy Communion

Session 4: Receiving Christ: through prayer and fellowship

Session 5: 'Christ in you, the hope of glory' (Colossians 1.27)

Each session consists of a CD track featuring contributions by leading Christian Thinkers such as Bishop Nick Baines, the Bishop of Leeds. There is also a course booklet for each participant which helps with our discussions of the course material. The York Courses are very accessible and give great teaching. Everyone is very warmly invited.

The sessions will run from 10.30am until midday on the Wednesdays of Lent (8, 15, 22, 29 March and 5 April) in St Michael's House, then running into the Lent Lunches for those who wish to stay. To register interest, please contact the Rector on 864741 or email rector@melbourneparishchurch.co.uk.

Steve Short

Easter Lilies: Lilies are an ancient symbol of resurrection; we decorate the church with them at Easter. If you would like to donate a lily in memory of a loved one, the price will be £3 per lily as last year. Please could you give the money and the name/names of those you wish to be remembered to Sheena Wilkins (865053) or Margaret Murray-Leslie (862921) or the Wardens. Thank you, *Sheena and Margaret*

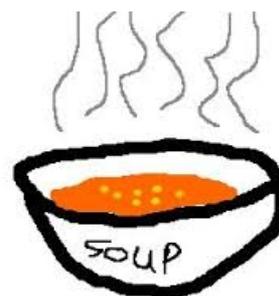
Electoral Roll:

The Annual update of the Church Electoral Roll will take place during early April: during late March everyone is encouraged to have a look at the Roll posted on the notice board and tell me if additional names need to be included and whether the details held are accurate. If appropriate, please fill in an Electoral Roll form and give to me or a Church warden, before Sunday, 9th April.

Cliff Warner, Electoral Roll Officer

Lent Lunches:

Lent Lunches continue next **Wednesday (March 29th)** at 12.15pm until 1.30pm and then continue through every Wednesday up to 5th April. Price £3 for pensioners and £3.50 for others. Please come along and help us to raise funds for CALCUTTA CATHEDRAL RELIEF SERVICE. Offers of soup or other help to Sheena Wilkins please.



The Choral Road 2017.....

takes Melbourne Parish Church Choir to the following places:

- Saturday 8th April: Coach trip to Ely Cathedral
- Saturday 29th April: Coach trip to Southwark Cathedral
- Bank Holiday Mon, 29th May: Coach trip to Hereford Cathedral
- Saturday 10th June: Coach trip to Ripon Cathedral
- 29th and 30th July: Weekend at Liverpool Anglican Cathedral
(*we are running this as a coach day trip on Saturday 29th July*)

In addition, the Choir will be singing 11.00 Eucharist and 3.30 Evensong at Lichfield Cathedral on Sunday 22nd October.

These trips are increasingly popular and I do encourage you to come along if you are yet to experience one. They are relaxing days “doing your own thing” and Choral Evensong to enjoy before the journey back home.

All this, door-to-door, in the company of people you know!

Sign-up notices are now up for the trips to Ely and to Southwark.

We value greatly the support of the congregation and other friends on our trips and are looking forward to singing at these Cathedrals, both of which are return visits after invitations received last time.

The Ely Coach is £17 per seat and leaves at 8.45a.m.

The Southwark Coach is £20 per seat and leaves at 7.45a.m.

Special price: £33 for both trips, if paid by 2nd April.

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

Simon Collins, Director of Music

Churches Together In Melbourne:

The Big Fair Trade Breakfast will be held on 1st April from 10am to 12 noon in the Wesley Hall, Potter Street to support Fair Trade and Stop the Traffik. Everyone is very welcome!

About Stop the Traffik: Over a third of the cocoa that makes the world's chocolate comes from the Ivory Coast, Africa. It's highly likely that the beans that make your favourite chocolate bar come from here.

Cocoa harvesting is backbreaking and hazardous work. The harvesters have to go into the bush to access the cocoa trees that grow the precious cocoa pods. Wielding dangerous machetes, they cut down the pods and crack them open. The cocoa beans are then extracted, dried and bagged for sale. The shocking reality is that much of this work is done by children.

Despite improvements in the chocolate industry, human trafficking remains an ongoing and deep seated problem. Due to the hidden and illegal nature of human trafficking, gathering statistics on the scale of the problem is difficult. Estimates of child labour on cocoa farms in the Cote D'Ivoire and Ghana from organisations such as the International Cocoa Initiative (ICI), UNICEF and Tulan University vary from 300,000 to 1 million from 2007-2013. We know that a portion of these children have been trafficked.

Thousands of boys as young as 10 yrs old, from the Cote D'Ivoire and neighbouring countries, are trafficked to pick and harvest these beans. Their freedom is taken and they are forced to work long hours on the cocoa plantations without receiving any money for their work. They are beaten and work in dangerous conditions.

Abdul's story: CNN reported in January 2012 that Chocolate's billion-dollar industry starts with workers like Abdul. He squats with a gang of a dozen harvesters on an Ivory Coast farm. Abdul holds the yellow cocoa pod lengthwise and gives it two quick cracks, snapping it open to reveal milky white cocoa beans. He dumps the beans on a growing pile. He told CNN he didn't get paid for the work but just got a pile of food, an occasional tip from the owner and the torn clothes on his back.

Abdul is 10 years old, a three-year veteran of the job. He has never tasted chocolate!

To find out more: visit <http://www.stopthetraffik.org/campaign/chocolate>

Passion Sunday

A Passiontide Sequence of Music and Readings

2nd April at 6.30pm

Derby Book Festival Taster Event:

I thought people might like to know about the Derby Book Festival Taster Event in the Melbourne Assembly Rooms on 20 April 2017, 6.30 – 7.30pm (doors open 6.15pm). The event is free but ticketed with wine and 'nibbles' served on arrival. Tickets are available from Melbourne Assembly Rooms, Melbourne Library and Fortey's.

This event will introduce people to the programme for the third Derby Book Festival, which takes place from 9 – 17 June 2017 in venues across Derby. This year's programme includes Sebastian Faulks, Alan Johnson MP, Matthew Parris, Alison Weir, Salley Vickers, Reverend Richard Coles, Sarah Perry, Joanna Cannon and many more still to be announced.

The Taster Event will feature crime novelist Stephen Booth and local author Martin Pearce. Stephen Booth is best known for his hugely popular Cooper and Fry crime novels which are set in the Peak District. Martin Pearce has recently written *Spymaster*, a well-reviewed biography of his uncle, Sir

Maurice Oldfield who was a Derbyshire farmer's son who rose to the highest rank in MI6. Both Stephen and Maurice will do short readings from their books. The Festival programme is published on 11 April when tickets go on sale for all events. Full details about the Festival can be found on its website www.derbybookfestival.co.uk.

I can probably give you more information if you need it. *Griselda Kerr*

Village Quiz: Results

The Grand Final held on Friday 17th was won convincingly by Community Care, very popular winners! The trophy is now sitting in their shop window. Well done to the team. This year the quiz raised over £1300 for Community Care - a fantastic sum. Well done to the winners, organisers and all the people who attended week by week. See you in 2018.

Probus Club trip to Oxford:

The Probus Club of Melbourne has now finalised plans for their spring trip to Oxford. The coach will leave Castle Square at 9am on Tuesday 9th May and should return by 6.30pm. Seats are available at £15 each. Contact Terry Harrison, phone 862013: Maurice Starkey, phone 694633: or John Williams, phone 863854 to reserve a seat or for further information. *John Tatam*

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Monday:	12 noon	Caring Hands Lunch at Melbourne Tea Rooms
Tuesday:	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
Wednesday:	10.30am	Lent Course in St Michael's House
	12.15pm	Lent Lunch
	7.45pm	Choir Practice
Thursday:	9.15am	Holy Communion
Friday:	11am	Funeral of Ted Osbond in church
Saturday:	1.30pm	Wedding of Paul Mason and Helen Tivey
	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 Hubbard, Roo Hubbard, Madge Limbert, Wendie Moore and Margaret Stockley. 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 Ted Osbond, and those whose anniversaries occur near this time, among them Harry Stewart, Joan Twells, Alice Honner, Suzette Cooper and Geoffrey Ogden Holt.

Next Week at Melbourne: Passion Sunday (Lent 5)

- 10.30am **United Benefice Eucharist followed by Farewell Party for Revd Angela Plummer in church, Junior Church and Coffee**
(Sidespersons: Margaret Murray-Leslie, Griselda Kerr)
(Coffee: No coffee this week)
- 6.30pm **Passiontide Sequence of Music and Readings**
(Sidespersons: Joe and Paddy Laban)

The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:

First Reading: *Colossians 3.12-17*

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Gospel Reading: *John 19.25-27*

And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.