

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



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The Fifth Sunday of Lent - 2nd April 2017

Passion Sunday

10.30am **United Benefice Communion and Junior Church
followed by a Farewell Party for the
Revd Angela Plummer**

(Please see Order of Service)

Readings: can be found on pages 7/8

Settings: *Willan Kyrie/Harris*

Gradual Psalm: 130 *plainchant (sung by the Choir)*

Hymns: Lift high the Cross, Be still, 439 [Brother, Sister, 94]
To God be the glory

Anthem: *Call to Wisdom Will Todd*

Organ Voluntary: *Litanies Jehan Alain*

Please join us for Angela's Farewell Party in Church after the Service

6.30pm **Passiontide Sequence**
Seasonal Music and readings *(Please see Order of Service)*

Welcome!

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

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Melbourne: 10.30am - Revd Angela Plummer /
Revd Steve Short
6.30pm - Revd Steve Short

**Taking responsibility for Church life today:**

**10.30am United Benefice Communion and Junior Church
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Revd Angela Plummer**

Sidespersons: Griselda Kerr, Margaret Murray-Leslie

Crucifer: Sarah Kington

Server: Paul Fletcher-Read

Reader: Sarah Kington

Intercessor: Brian Dollamore

Junior Church: Katy Latchford, Ruth Parkinson

6.30pm Passiontide Sequence

Sidespersons: Paddy & Joe Laban

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

Messy Church: Children from Melbourne Infant School will be coming to church for **EXPERIENCE EASTER** on the morning of Tuesday April 4th. Together we will be exploring the Easter story, travelling around the church to experience the Last Supper through to the joy and celebration of Easter Day. Might there even be some chocolate?!!

On Saturday April 8th we look forward to welcoming Messy Church families at 4pm as we repeat this journey.

We will be delighted to welcome members of our Sunday congregations to explore this with us and/or to offer help particularly on Tuesday morning.

Do please have a word if you are interested in coming along to help.

Linda Latchford

Lent Course:

'Receiving Christ in five different ways'.

Join us for the final part of the Lent Course this coming Wednesday.

Session 5: 'Christ in you, the hope of glory' (Colossians 1.27). This is the last session of the Lent season. Everyone is very welcome. *Steve Short*



Tonight at 6.30pm
A Passiontide Sequence of Music and Readings
All are welcome!

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*

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*

Easter Flowers:

The church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday 15th April from 10am. Volunteers are always welcome. If you could spare any foliage from your garden for the decorations that would be gratefully received. If you would like to make a donation for flowers rather than lilies, please give your donation to Margaret Murray-Leslie or Sheena Wilkins. Thank you

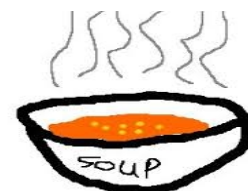
Electoral Roll:

The Annual update of the Church Electoral Roll will take place during early April: 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

Melbourne Mothers' Union: The next meeting is on Tuesday 4 April at 2.00 pm in the Honner Room. It will be our Lent Service and Reflections led by Canon David Edwards, and everyone is most welcome. *Ruth Smith*

Lent Lunches: Please join us for the final Lent Lunch of this year on **Wednesday April 5th** at 12.15pm until 1.30pm. Price £3 for pensioners and £3.50 for others. Help us to raise funds for **CALCUTTA CATHEDRAL RELIEF SERVICE.**



Angela's new address: From tomorrow Angela's new address will be:

The Vicarage

35 Creighton Avenue,

Kenton

Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 4UN

Tel: 0191 285 7803

God speed Angela! We all wish you a happy landing in Newcastle.

CHURCH SUNDAY TEAS:

Just a gentle reminder that Sunday Teas will start again this year on Easter Monday April 17th. Carolyn Tasker will again be sorting the rota, and if you can help either with cake making or helping on the day, this will be much appreciated. Further details will be given next week and Carolyn will be contacting all those who have been kind enough to help in the past.

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.

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

The A Word:

It's unlikely to have escaped your notice that the heating in church has been off for the last four Sundays. Although we're facing a deficit this year of over £10,000, it's not been switched off just for reasons of economy.

At a funeral in mid-February, steam was noticed coming out from the grating nearest the vestry door shortly after the boiler was switched on. Our own examination and then one by our usual boiler servicing company confirmed that there was a leak in the flue; hence the boiler was switched off on March 3rd. At that last examination, a closure plate beneath the manhole cover in the vestry was suspected of being..... **asbestos**. Analysis confirmed this and so 'the job was stopped' until it was removed properly.

Those of you passing by the south door last Tuesday will have noticed much activity, by an accredited asbestos removal company, at a fairly considerable expense. The asbestos has now been removed, but we have not yet received the official clearance.

When we've got that, we can start to sort out the original problem. Watch this space.

Steve Webster

Quarter Peal for Angela: There will be a quarter peal at Melbourne on Sunday 2nd April at 5pm as a farewell to Angela. This will include ringers from both Melbourne and Ticknall.

Nigel Coupe

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.

John Tatam

Fancy A Cuppa!

The next session is on Tuesday April 11th from 10.30am to 12noon in the Senior Citizens' Centre. 'Sight Support Derbyshire - How they can help you'. £1 for tea/coffee - £1 for homemade cake. A warm welcome extended to all!

And finally ... this year's APCM will be on Thursday 27th April at 7pm in the Honner Room. Please put the date in your diary. Everyone is welcome!

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Monday:	2pm	Caring Hands
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
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 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, and those whose anniversaries occur near this time, among them Alan Lott.

Next Week at Melbourne: Palm Sunday

8am **Holy Communion** (Sidespersons: Sheena & Henry Wilkins)

10.30am **Parish Communion and Coffee**

(Sidespersons: Pam Starkey, Ros Bell)

(Coffee: Katy Latchford, Cliff & Janet Warner)

6.30pm **Evensong**

(Sidesperson: Victoria Hancock)

The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:

First Reading: *Romans 8.6-11*

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Gospel Reading: *John 11.1-45*

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will

be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

United Benefice of Melbourne, Smisby, Stanton-by-Bridge and Ticknall

Services in Holy Week and Easter Day

Monday of Holy Week - Holy Eucharist, 7pm at Ticknall

Tuesday of Holy Week - Holy Eucharist, 7pm at Smisby

Wednesday of Holy Week - Holy Eucharist, 7pm at Melbourne

The Triduum (The Great Three Days)

Maundy Thursday

9.15am Holy Eucharist at Melbourne

7.30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper - Stanton



Good Friday

2pm The Liturgy of Good Friday-Melbourne

Easter Eve

8pm Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter - Melbourne

Easter Day

8am Holy Eucharist - Melbourne

9am Parish Eucharist - Smisby

9.15am Parish Eucharist - Ticknall

10.30am All Age Eucharist - Melbourne

11am Parish Eucharist - Stanton

6.30pm Choral Evensong - Melbourne

