

The United Benefice of the parishes of Melbourne,
Smisby, Stanton by Bridge and Ticknall



The Bulletin

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Pentecost - 4th June 2017

8am **Holy Communion**

10.30am **Festival Eucharist and Coffee**

(Please see special Order of Service booklet)

Readings: Pages 7/8

Introit: If ye love me *Tallis*

Setting: *Darke* in E (Collegium Regale)

Hymns: 137, 348, 142 [138, Spirit of God, unseen as the wind] 431

Anthem: Breathe on me, Breath of God *Philip Wilby*

Organ Voluntary: Fantasia on Komm, heiliger Geist

(BWV651) *J.S.Bach*

Please stay for refreshments after the service if you are able

6.30pm **Choral Evensong**

Music for this service is on page 3

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 Steve Short
10.30am – Revd Steve Short
6.30pm – Dr Nick Gravestock

Smisby: 5.30pm – Revd Steve Short

Stanton: 11am – Canon David Edwards

Ticknall: 9.15am – Canon David Edwards

**Taking responsibility for Church life today:**

8am Holy Communion
Server: John Tatam
Sidespersons: Noreen & Tony Taylor
Reader: Karen Grewcock

10.30am Festival Eucharist and Coffee
Sidespersons: Jenny Jackson, Matthew Needham
Crucifer: John Tivey
Server: Kate Landenberger
Reader: Julie McLean
Intercessor: Graham Truscott
Coffee: Mary Bolton, Margaret Brackenbury, Sheena Wilkins

6.30pm Choral Evensong
Sidesperson: Paddy & Joe Laban

Sunday Teas: Serving: Sheena Wilkins and Elsie Probert.
Washing up: John Springthorpe

Grass Cutting 9th June: Maurice Starkey

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.



Go Wild activity day

9:30am – 2:30pm

Tomorrow

**At Melbourne Parish Church
for children of primary school age
only £3 – no need to book
bring a packed lunch**

**Bouncy castle Power tank,
Wild science Computer games,
Remote control car Kit bags Scooter racing**



For more details ring Rachel Coupe – 01332 416152

Choir on the road

A Sign-up list is now on the noticeboard for the Choir trip to Ripon on Saturday 10th June.

The Ripon Coach is £17 per seat and leaves at 9.00a.m.

(simon.e.collins@btinternet.com or 01543 258777) *Simon Collins, Director of Music*

Music for tonight's Choral Evensong:

Introit: O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit *Tallis*

Hymns: 139, 140, 367

Canticles: *Stopford* Truro Service

Anthem: Listen, sweet dove *Grayston Ives*

Organ Voluntary: Spirit (from 'Canticle of the Rose') *Alan Ridout*

Responses: *Ayleward*

Psalms: 67 & 133

Garden Fête:

Thank you to all who helped at the Garden Fête on Saturday 20th and especially to the stallholders who without exception got soaking wet! And to all who came to buy for braving the weather; next year we'll hold it in summer instead of winter. The approximate total is £875, which is amazing considering the conditions. Many thanks again. *The Social Committee*

Unclaimed raffle prizes: Yellow ticket no. 18; Yellow ticket 26. (Probably stallholders or setters up as they are early numbers). Please ring Ros Bell on 863139 to arrange delivery. Any unclaimed prizes will go into the MU Coffee Evening raffle. *Ros Bell*

Dower House Garden opening: the garden is open again over the weekend of **June 24th and 25th** from 10am to 5pm in aid of the National Garden Scheme charities - all charities supporting cancer care or research. I can hardly believe it is that time of year again - roses, roses and more roses. If you can come again, you will find some changes - there are always changes - and you can revisit old friends....Admission is £3.50 but £2.50 for anyone waving a church bulletin at the lady or man at the gate (and children and dogs on leads are free). There will be cakes, tea and coffee - and chairs to sit out on if it is sunny and the greenhouse and cottage to shelter in if it is pouring with rain. Your presence in the garden - with as many Melbourne friends as you can muster to bring along with you - will be greatly appreciated. We send all the money to charity so it IS worthwhile. Thank you as always, for the wonderful support of the parish. *Griselda Kerr*

Mothers' Union Coffee Evening

Tuesday 6th June at 7pm

£1 entry

Cakes, Bring & Buy, Raffle and Plants

**Please come and join us to help raise funds for the
Mothers' Union Overseas Fund**

Fancy A Cuppa!

Tuesday June 13th from 10.30am to 12 noon

at The Senior Citizens' Centre

Sharon Brown, Melbourne Festival Director will be speaking on

THE MELBOURNE FESTIVAL

Why have one?

Who benefits?

For the love of Lettuce

£1 for tea or coffee/ £1 for home-made cake

A warm welcome extended to all

Sunday Teas: The season is now proceeding at full pace. The last PCC meeting decided that the proceeds will be split 50/50 as usual between the church and charities, with the chosen charities being:

The Senior Citizens' Centre, Derby Hospitals' Charity, and at a more international level Christchurch Cathedral in New Zealand and Save The Children. So two local and two international.

The Sunday Teas Rota is now on the noticeboard at the back of church. If you could do a session later in the season, where there are still some gaps, please contact Carolyn Tasker on 864940.

Our Diocese

A monthly snapshot of Church of England life around Derbyshire

Bishop Alastair writes...

A vote in our democracy is expressed through making the mark of a cross. This is an important sign. To vote is to exercise an important responsibility. It is not simply a way of pointing to someone else to deal with the issues faced by our society.

More properly it marks an identification with that person – offering a sign of being connected with the candidate in a desire to pursue certain policies and values.

For a Christian the cross reminds us of a call to offer our very selves, whatever the cost, for the coming of the Kingdom – that is for the flourishing of others and the upholding of the values of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Voting, marking ourselves to be part of this political moment, through the sign of the cross, requires our prayerful consideration of how best to seek to be a responsible citizen, making a worthy witness towards the crafting of policies and priorities in our time. To vote is a privilege, an opportunity, a Christian responsibility and a witness.

Any who abstain need to ask themselves how they might recognize this calling in other ways.

In the 1740's while walking in his garden with his Chaplain, the then Bishop of Bristol, Joseph Butler famously remarked, in language characteristic of those times, "might not whole communities be seized with fits of insanity, as well as individuals"

Recent remarks by Prince William and Prince Harry have reminded us of the importance of taking seriously the challenges of what we call "mental health" - owning and facing the pressures and confusions that life can bring.

At a time of election, we need to remember that communities need mental wellbeing, as well as individuals, if flourishing is to be attained. Much of the rhetoric of electioneering is so sloganised and personalised that the mental health of our society is not properly addressed.

I hope that in our prayers, our conversations and our participation in the privilege of living in a democracy, each of us can consider the challenge of

how best to contribute to the wellbeing of our society through the values, perspectives and attitudes we examine and endorse.

Jesus chose to summarise His whole Gospel, especially in the Lord's Prayer, with the word "Kingdom": a deeply and provocatively political image. Kingdoms need citizens to fulfil their proper purposes.

Christians have an important opportunity in our General Election to contribute towards the coming of such blessings "on earth as it is in heaven"

The key is the sign of the cross.

† *Alastair*

Churches a 'significant' part of local communities in the East Midlands, new survey finds:

Nearly half (47%) of people in the East Midlands would consider the closure of their nearest church a significant loss to their local community, according to new research released today by specialist insurer Ecclesiastical.

In one of the largest ever surveys of people's attitudes towards the role and influence of churches in local communities, more than a third (34%) of adults from the East Midlands surveyed said that they would campaign to keep their nearest church from closing. Meanwhile, 32% of respondents from the region said they would provide financial support if their local church was in financial difficulty.

Ecclesiastical provides insurance for over 15,000 Anglican churches and commissioned the research to highlight the important role churches play in local communities outside of religious services and festivals.

Michael Angell, church operations director at Ecclesiastical, commented: "There have been many surveys conducted in the past founded on questions of church attendance and shifting attitudes to faith and religion. However, what we wanted to focus on was what people today actually think and feel about their local church and its place within their community.

"With the Department for Culture, Media and Sport currently considering the findings of its own survey as part of the English Churches and Cathedrals Sustainability Review, our research provides a timely insight into how relevant churches remain today."

Across the whole of the UK, Ecclesiastical's research revealed 51% of the British public back the role of churches. Meanwhile, 54% of people in the East Midlands feel their local church is part of the history of their community and more than a third (34%) of respondents said it is part of the fabric of their community.

Michael added: "We know from our own engagement with the church community up and down the country that the value and reach of churches' work is on a scale that would be almost impossible to replace. Churches provide a wide range of community services from holiday clubs and parish nursing to foodbanks and mother and toddler groups, provisions many people rely on day-to-day. This work often goes unnoticed but to the people that use these services it is invaluable." (*Taken from Our Diocese*)

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Monday:	2pm	Caring Hands
Tuesday:	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
Wednesday:	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, Vicky Murray 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 Anna Lawrence and Charles Marston.

Next Week at Melbourne: Trinity Sunday

8am **Holy Communion**

(Sidespersons: Sue Dore, Ann Rafferty)

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

(Sidespersons: Janet & Cliff Warner)

(Coffee: Griselda Kerr, Maurice & Pam Starkey)

6.30pm **Evensong**

(Sidespersons: Sheena & Henry Wilkins)

The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:

First Reading: *Acts 2.1-21*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind,

and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The Gospel Reading: *John 20.19-23*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'