

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



The Bulletin

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The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity - 15 October 2017

8am **Holy Communion**

10.30am **Parish Eucharist, Junior Church & Coffee**

Readings: pages 7/8

Setting: *Cæsar* St Mary's

Hymns: 232, 77, 311 [282, 305] Church of God (insert)

Anthem: O sacrum convivium *Tallis*

Organ Voluntary: *Toccata Dubois*

Please join us for refreshments after the Service if you are able

6.30pm **Evensong**

Hymns: 150, 64, 357, 245

Psalm: 139 vv.1-11

Organ Voluntary: March from 'Occasional Overture' Handel

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 – Canon David Edwards

Smisby: 4.30pm – Revd Steve Short

Stanton: 11am – Canon David Edwards

Ticknall: 10.30am – Mrs Mary Hirst

**Taking responsibility for Church life today:**

8am Holy Communion

Server: Joy Hill

Sidespersons: Avril & Terry Harrison

Reader: John Springthorpe

10.30am Parish Eucharist, Junior Church and Coffee

Sidespersons: Jenny Jackson, Victoria Hancock

Crucifer: Allan Jacques

Server: Ros Bell

Reader: Paul Chadwick

Intercessor: Joanna Hocknell

Junior Church: Bronwen Truscott, Mary Bolton

Coffee: Sarah Kington, Janet Warner, Kate Landenberger

6.30pm Evensong

Sidesperson: John Springthorpe

***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.*

*Old £1 coins will no longer be legal tender after **today**. Please make sure they are not used on the collection plate or the church will lose your contributions. You might still be able to cash them in at the bank for a time. Many thanks for your co-operation.*

This afternoon

A Feast of Choral Music **Melbourne Parish Church**

We're looking forward to another visit from South Derbyshire Choir, *Cantabile* on Sunday afternoon, 15th October. *Cantabile* have given many concerts in our church, and this time they are joining forces with Sutton Coldfield Choir *B Natural*.

The first half of the programme will be a performance of the very lovely Fauré's *Requiem*. Each choir will sing three pieces in the second half, ending with Parry's rousing anthem *I was glad*.

The conductors are Philip King and Richard Jeffries, and the organist is Tom Corfield.

We hope you'll join us for this feast of choral music. The programme starts at 3-30pm; there will be interval drinks; and the concert ends at 5-15pm.

Tickets are £8 (children £3), and are available at the door.

On Saturday 4th November, Professor Janet Spencer will speak to the Friends either side of a buffet lunch at The Dower House. We will gather at 12 noon for a 45 minute talk followed by lunch 1.00 - 1.45pm concluding with a further 45 minutes talk and discussion, the event finishing at 2.30pm. With a maximum of 30 people, there are a small number of tickets remaining, each at £20 including lunch. Please email griseldakerr@btinternet.com should you wish to see if there is a ticket available..

'The Survival of Church Architecture'

In the 21st century our cathedrals and churches have never been better cared for. In this talk I will take us back to earlier times to ask questions about how attitudes to our medieval heritage have changed over the centuries. Why was it, for example, that by the end of the 18th century, many great buildings such as St Alban's Abbey, and Rochester and Hereford cathedrals were on the point of collapse and our beloved small parish churches were falling to ruin, described in such desperate terms by one vicar, as 'the church being overrun by dissent, the crumbling stone carried away by the cart-load for road-mending and the font in a field used as a cattle trough'. Some restoration was carried out in the 1700s, but what inspired the architect James Wyatt in the course of his reparations at Lichfield and Canterbury to sweep away much decorative work and demolish 14th and 15th century chantry chapels as 'excrecences'?

How did change happen and what was the context for the great revival movement that took place in the 19th century, leading to much rebuilding and restoration, not all of it the most sensitive kind. George Gilbert Scott worked at our own Norman church and we should be thankful that when funds were short he was constrained to do only what was necessary to keep the structure sound, unlike his work at the ancient St Alban's Abbey where,

as one contemporary observer noted, it stood 'transformed as a complete specimen of 19th century work'.

What of our own attitudes in the 20th and 21st century? We may shed tears throughout over some of the disasters, demolition and loss from previous ages, but we will hope to end on a positive note for the future survival of our magnificent church architecture.

Prof. Janet Spencer

Melbourne Angels:

There have been quite a few references to angels in recent bulletins - St Michael and All Angels in patronal festivals at Melbourne and Stanton, and some delightful small angels gathering on alternate Wednesdays. However it's a not very well-kept secret that there are many angels around here. You won't find golden feathers or sparkling haloes, but if you are going through a difficult time, these angels appear with cards, phone calls, help with trips to the hospital, prayers, domestic help, beautiful flowers, hands to hold, shoulders to cry on and just so much love, support and care. Thank you with all our hearts.

Ruth, Bob (and Jim of course)

Chorus Amici - in Concert.

This latest event hosted by the Friends turned out to be no ordinary concert. It was worthy of the finest concert halls or cathedrals in the land and stands out in my memory as one of those rare occasions when every minute was filled with something special. The "choir of friends" charmed us, thrilled us, entertained us, astonished us.

Their programme presented an eclectic international repertoire from Palestrina (1525-94) to Eriks Esenvalds (b.1977). Falling into a first half of sacred music, followed by secular items after the interval, most of the pieces and composers were unfamiliar to most of us. Far from being a weakness, this offered us a journey of musical discovery, brimming with fresh new sounds. There was an elegant poignancy about the harmonies of Scandinavian composers particularly represented in the programme reflecting the international travels of the choir. Performances were unanimously superb; the beautiful blend of tone, the astonishing range of dynamics, the authenticity of the changing moods, the energy and commitment of all twenty eight singers. There were numerous solo lines confirming a huge store of talent within.

The nub of the success of this choir, drawn from a wide geographical area, undoubtedly stems from the personality and skills of its conductor, Chris Mallinson. At the outset he declared his mission that "concerts of classical music should be unstuffy affairs". His jovial introductions to the pieces certainly achieved that, but his outstanding achievement was in the integrity of the performances and the sheer beauty of the sound created. Overall this was a very special choir creating a very special occasion.

Laurence Rogers

HARVEST 2017:

Thank yous:

Our thanks go to all the flower, fruit and veg arrangers for making our church look so lovely on Harvest Sunday. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated, talented people to make the church look its best on these occasions. Many thanks to all who helped to sort the fruit, veg, toiletries, cans and boxes of goods that were collected by Padley last Monday. With the helpers it was all done very quickly and efficiently.

Finally, many thanks to the Choir for providing us with bread and beer after Choral Evensong. Beautiful music, good company, and lovely food.

A fitting end to our Harvest festivities. Thanks again. *Kate Landenberger*

A message from Sandra Chantry:

Dear everyone... thank you for all your prayers, kind thoughts and good wishes. I'm feeling somewhat better now, but not quite myself yet, the Medics have said it's going to take at least a month before I shall get to that point and there's to be no rushing things... Ha, as if I could, most of the time all I want to do is close my eyes and go to sleep! Brain is working pretty slowly and head is pretty achey, all due I'm told to a nasty head injury which has left a pretty hefty dose of concussion.

Today, daughter Ruth has taken me out for my first dose of fresh air which was absolutely lovely, even if we did nearly get blown off Beacon Hill... it certainly blew away some of the accumulated cobwebs.

Many thanks especially to the 'Eight-o'clockers', I'll try not to put you through that again... Since I was aware of nothing from starting the Collect till midday when my daughter arrived in my cubicle at casualty, I'm not sure who did what on my behalf, but whoever you are, I'm most grateful for all your kind and expert care and attention.

Looking forward to being with you again as soon as is possible and with much love, *Sandra*

Angels' Delight:

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday October 18th from 9-11am**. Last time Steve led a song and story slot on the theme of creation and the children made 'plates of food' which we have displayed on the south aisle wall, and apple prints which you can see on the pillars. We are grateful for all the wonderful gifts of high quality toys and puzzles; we now have to solve a storage problem! Parents make a voluntary contribution which more than covers the cost of snacks and goes towards buying craft materials. Thank you for your support – these are your 'angels' too, so please feel free to pop in some time to see them in action. If you can help on the day, please let Alison, Steve, Rachel or Linda Latchford know.

Alison Gregory

Organ and Harpsichord Event Thursday 19th October at 7.30pm

Parishioners and friends are invited to join Laurence Rogers who is hosting a musical evening in Melbourne church on Thursday. A number of organists will be gathering to play the chamber organ and a harpsichord as well as the main organ. Much of the programme will feature smaller scale pieces as befits the more intimate instruments. This will be a great opportunity to hear the beautiful James Davis organ (c.1810). All are welcome.

Probus trip to York:

We leave from Castle Square on Monday 11th December at 9am and should be back at about 6.30pm. York will have its Christmas Markets and should have a great atmosphere. Places are available at £16 each from John Williams on 863854 or from me on 862013.

St Michael's Players Present:

STAR WARDS - A Space Oddity

2nd, 3rd and 4th November 2017

At Melbourne Assembly Rooms

Doors open 6.45pm. Curtain up 7.30pm

Licensed bar. Tickets £10, from Forteys!

Church Choir on the road:

Next Sunday, 22nd October, our Choir will have both the privilege and pleasure of returning to Lichfield Cathedral, in one of our adjacent dioceses, following an invitation received last time we sang there. We are singing the Eucharist at 11am and Evensong at 3pm during their own choir's Half-term. Thank you for the enquiries about future trips, I will publicise the dates for our 2018 Cathedral visits in the Bulletin shortly.

Simon Collins, Director of Music

You are invited to Whistlewood's AGM which will be held on Wednesday 18th October at 7pm at Melbourne Senior Citizen's Centre, Church Street, Melbourne, DE73 8EJ

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Monday:	2pm	Caring Hands
Tuesday:	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
Wednesday:	9am -11am	Angels' Delight
	7.45pm	Choir Practice
Thursday:	9.15am	Holy Communion
	7.30pm	Organ and Harpsichord event 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 Hubbard, Roo Hubbard, Madge Limbert, Wendie Moore, Ruth Smith, Erica Stewart 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 June Christabel Pollard, and those whose anniversaries occur near this time, among them Alfred Gunn, Mabel Brame, Alfred Hair, Peter Rudder and Jean Greenwood.

Next Week at Melbourne: 19th Sunday after Trinity

8am **Holy Communion**

(Sidespersons: Noreen & Tony Taylor)

10.30am **Parish Eucharist and Coffee**

(Sidespersons: Griselda Kerr, Matthew Needham)

(Coffee: Kate Landenberger, Sheena Wilkins,

Margaret Murray-Leslie)

6.30pm **Evensong**

(Sidesperson: Ann Hammond)

The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:

First Reading: *Philippians 4.1-9*

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with

thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 22.1-14*

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Additional Collect:

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Recessional Hymn at 10.30am:

1 Church of God, elect and glorious,
holy nation, chosen race;
called as God's own special people,
royal priests and heirs of grace:
know the purpose of your calling,
show to all his mighty deeds;
tell of love which knows no limits,
grace which meets all human needs.

2 God has called you out of darkness
into his most marvellous light;
brought his truth to life within you,
turned your blindness into sight.
Let your light so shine around you
that God's name is glorified;
and all find fresh hope and purpose
in Christ Jesus crucified.

3 Once you were an alien people,
strangers to God's heart of love;
but he brought you home in mercy,
citizens of heaven above.
Let his love flow out to others,
let them feel a Father's care;
that they too may know his welcome
and his countless blessings share.

4 Church of God, elect and holy,
be the people he intends;
strong in faith and swift to answer
each command your master sends:
royal priests, fulfil your calling
through your sacrifice and prayer;
give your lives in joyful service
sing his praise, his love declare.

(tune: LuxEoi)

James E Seddon (1915 - 1983) from 1 Peter 2

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