

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



## The Bulletin

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### The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity - 22 October 2017

8am **Holy Communion**

10.30am **Parish Eucharist & Coffee**

**Readings:** pages 7/8

**Setting:** Gloria, Sanctus & Benedictus, Agnus Dei (insert)

**Hymns:** 345, 443, 467 [51] 431

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

2pm **Baptisms of Olivia Pickess and Iona Stanley**

6.30pm **Evensong**

**Hymns:** 463, 408, 414, 235

**Psalm:** 142

**Organ Voluntary:** March from Scipio *Handel*

**Welcome!**

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





**Christmas Bazaar**  
**Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**from 10am - 12 noon at**  
**Melbourne Assembly Rooms**

There will be lots of stalls:

**Children's Toys: Rachel Short**

**Refreshments: Mothers' Union**

**Cakes and Preserves: Maureen and Beth Anderson**

**Tombola: the Choir**

**Christmas and Crafts: Caring Hands**

**China, Ceramics and Glass (NO bric a brac: Kate Landenberger)**

**Produce: Sheena Wilkins and team**

**Books: Joanna Hocknell and Alison Gregory (paperbacks only)**

**Bling: TBC**

**Raffle: Terry & Avril Harrison**

**Guess the weight of the Cake: Margaret Brackenbury**

**RNLI: Stall with cards, diaries etc.**

**Game: Gordon Hughes, Graham Truscott**

**Quiz: Clive Avery**



If you have any items for the raffle, tombola or stalls, please bring them in to Church House (ring Kate on 862153 to arrange a time) or bring them to church with you or on the day.

If you could spare time to help on the stalls, please ring Carolyn Tasker (864940), Kate (862153) or Sheena (865053). We shall be setting

up from 9am on the day and will need help to clear up afterwards. More details to follow .....

**Caring Hands:**

Early on Monday morning (well, 9 a.m. seemed early), Margaret Brackenbury and I had an assignation with an unknown 'man with a van' in the car park at Breedon Nurseries. A lorry-driver by trade, he had been sent four years ago to Albania where he was stunned by the poverty and deprivation of the people he met - but he quickly fell in love with the people and the place. Since then, he has been travelling three or four times a year with Albaniaaid to deliver clothes, bedding, toys, shoe-boxes full of gifts for children, even furniture, bicycles etc. He was delighted with our two car-loads of beautiful

hand-knitted children's clothes and blankets, plus £130 worth of Primark knickers. We were elated to know that the results of our hard work were going to a destination where they were so urgently needed. The priest who is the contact in Albania is opening an orphanage which will care for abandoned children whose parents do not want them (mainly girls) or cannot afford to feed them. So now we have an incentive to 'keep calm and carry on knitting.' And that's not all - two large parcels of blankets and tiny hats have been sent to the centre which distributes them to premature baby units in this country and we continue to send consignments of 'traffic-light' hats for babies born in the Royal Derby Hospital.

*Alison Gregory*

### **Angels' Delight:**

This week we celebrated St. Luke's tide. Steve told the story of the Friendly Stranger (the Good Samaritan to you and me). Children did hand-printing and drew round their own hands to remind them that hands are very useful when we want to help people. There were pictures of ambulances to colour and at least one little girl went home with a beautiful cardboard box ambulance. Many thanks to all the helpers, especially those who used their hands to help with the clearing-up.

Has anyone got a doll, a doll's pram or a doll's bed which they no longer use? We could offer a good home. *Alison Gregory*

**On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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*

### **Concert in Church:**

Melbourne Male Voice Choir are hosting a joint concert in Church with the Junior School Choir on **Saturday 11th November, 7pm. Tickets are £2.50 or £5 for a family.** The Church already has links with the school with pupils visiting throughout the year, but this is an opportunity for parents to be included too. It would be wonderful if members of the congregation were also to attend in support, not just of the choirs, but our school links. Cliff Warner has tickets.

### **A Feast of Choral Music:**

Having battled traffic jams caused by the fair, and having struggled to find a parking space, what a delight it was to return to the calm of Melbourne Parish Church last Sunday afternoon for what was billed as “A Feast of Choral Music”. It certainly lived up to its billing! Sponsored by the Friends, it featured not only our old friends Cantabile and their conductor Philip King, but also B Natural, a choir (with their conductor Richard Jefferies and accompanist Clare Butteriss) from Sutton Coldfield, a far flung realm from which Brian Dollamore in his vote of thanks pointed out it was still possible to travel to Melbourne from without a visa (at least at the moment!).

The first half of the concert was devoted to a performance by the combined choirs of Fauré’s Requiem, sung in memory of a Cantabile choir member who died last month. With its rich soulful melodies, it does not express a fear of death but rather a faith in eternal rest, and its music remains in the mind long after the last note has faded away. The last time I heard this sublime and evocative piece, sung by the Melbourne Church choir, was on Remembrance Sunday in 2014 when it was my privilege to stand at the altar alongside the then Rector, Curate and David Thomas as we remembered the fallen in World War 1. Last Sunday’s performance, superbly accompanied by Tom Corfield

on the organ, was no less moving, and stirred many memories for me.

After interval refreshments, where it was so good for Jean and I to catch up with friends from times past, the second half of the concert, sung by each choir in separate sets, was more lively, yet still delicate and uplifting, ranging from works by Finzi and Rutter to Billy Joel. But the choirs combined forces again in the concert finale: Parry's "I was Glad", a setting of Psalm 122, much of which is a prayer for the peace of Jerusalem wherever "Jerusalem" is to be found. It provided reflective space for an audience surrounded by the serenity and peace of one of the finest Norman parish churches of England, but then sent us out with a spring in our steps to do battle again with the world outside, yet to be truly "glad that they had said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord".

*Alan Flintham*

### **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!**

### **Auction of Time and Treats:**

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October there will be an Auction of Time and Treats starting at 7.30pm (viewing from 7pm) at Melbourne British Legion. The auction is in aid of Community Care and catalogues are available from the Community Care Office or 01332 862430.

And finally .....

It was lovely to have Sandra back in the congregation with us at 9.15am on Thursday. We all wish you a speedy recovery Sandra.

## **This week in connection with Melbourne Church**

<b>Monday:</b>	2pm	Caring Hands
<b>Tuesday:</b>	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
<b>Wednesday:</b>	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, Sandra Chantry, 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 Alistair Christie and Beryl Blackburn, and those whose anniversaries occur near this time, among them Constance Morley.

### **Next Week at Melbourne: Bible Sunday**

8am **Holy Communion**

(Sidespersons: Sheena & Henry Wilkins)

10.30am **Benefice Eucharist and Coffee**

(Sidespersons: Carolyn Tasker, Pam Starkey)

(Coffee: Jane Cox, Margaret Brackenbury, Carolyn Tasker)

6.30pm **No Evensong in the Benefice (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)**

## **The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:**

**First Reading:** *1 Thessalonians 1.1-10*

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word

only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

**The Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 22.15-22*

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, ‘Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?’ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, ‘Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.’ And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, ‘Whose head is this, and whose title?’ They answered, ‘The emperor’s.’ Then he said to them, ‘Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’ When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

**Additional Collect:**

Faithful Lord,  
whose steadfast love never ceases  
and whose mercies never come to an end:  
grant us the grace to trust you  
and to receive the gifts of your love,  
new every morning,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Gloria** (Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, Tune: *Repton*)

1. All glory be to God on high,  
his peace on earth proclaim:  
to all his people tell abroad  
the grace and glory of the Lord,  
and bless his holy name.

2. In songs of thankfulness and praise  
our hearts their homage bring  
to worship him who reigns above  
almighty Father, Lord of love,  
our God and heavenly King.

3. O Christ, the Father's only Son,  
O Lamb enthroned on high,  
O Jesus, who for sinners died  
and reigns at God the Father's side,  
in mercy hear our cry.

4. Most high and holy is the Lord,  
most high his heavenly throne;  
where God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, ever One,  
in glory reigns alone.

**Sanctus & Benedictus** (Text: Michael Forster, Tune: *Slane*)

Holy Most Holy, all holy the Lord  
In power and wisdom forever adored  
The earth and the heavens are full of your love;  
Our joyful hosannas re-echo above.

Blessed most blessed, all blessed is he,  
Whose life makes us whole & whose death sets us free;  
Who comes in the name of the father of light?  
Let endless hosannas resound in the height.

**Agnus Dei** (Text: Martin A. Seltz, Tune: *Horsley*)

1. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin  
of all the world away,  
you suffered death our lives to save,  
have mercy now, we pray.

2. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin  
of all the world away,  
you set us free from guilt and grave,  
have mercy now, we pray.

3. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin  
of all the world away;  
eternal peace with God you made,  
give us your peace, we pray.

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