

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



The Bulletin

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Bible Sunday - 29th October 2017

8am Holy Communion

10.30am **Benefice Eucharist & Coffee**

Readings: pages 6/7

Setting: *Cæsar* St Mary's

Communion Psalm: 96 vv. 1-9 (pages 7/8)

Hymns: 473 omit vv. 4&5, 272, Hail, Redeemer (page 8)[17] 438

Anthem: O Sing Joyfully *Adrian Batten*

Organ Voluntary: Hornpipe (Water Music) *Handel*

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

6.30pm **No Evening services in the Benefice tonight.**

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Welcome!

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

Across the Benefice Today

Melbourne: 8am – Revd Michael Rogers
10.30am – Revd Michael Rogers
6.30pm – **No Evensong**
Smisby: 5.30pm – At Melbourne
Stanton: 11am – At Melbourne
Ticknall: 9.15am – At Melbourne



Taking responsibility for Church life today:

8am Holy Communion

Server: John Tatam

Sidespersons: Sheena & Henry Wilkins

Reader: John Heydon

10.30am Benefice Eucharist and Coffee

Sidespersons: Carolyn Tasker, Pam Starkey

Crucifer: Sarah Kington

Server: Paul Fletcher-Read

Reader: Carolyn Tasker

Intercessor: Margaret Brackenbury

Coffee: Jane Cox, Margaret Brackenbury, Carolyn Tasker

6.30pm No Evensong tonight

Faure's Requiem Mass

**Melbourne Parish Church Choir
presents a liturgical performance of
"Requiem Mass" by
Gabriel Fauré**

on

**Wednesday 8th November
at 7.45pm**

in the Parish Church





Christmas Bazaar

Saturday November 18th
from 10am - 12 noon at
Melbourne Assembly Rooms

There will be lots of stalls:

Children's Toys: Rachel Short

Junior Church activities: Lisa Gilchrist

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 please) Kate Landenberger,
Victoria Hancock

Produce: Sheena Wilkins and team

Books: Joanna Hocknell and Alison Gregory (paperbacks only)

Bling: Bronwen Truscott

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

Social, Promotional and Gifts: Elsie Elliott,
Ena Hunt

Plants: Janet Warner and Team



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 to MARS 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 (we've managed to fill in some of the gaps but could still do with more helpers please)

Angels' Delight:

The next Angels' Delight session will be 1st November from 9am - 11am. 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*

Diary of a "Retired" Priest!

Saturday 21st October I was up at the crack of dawn to join a group of Bell ringers on a ringing tour of Birmingham by rail, organised by the Melbourne Tower. Having managed to inadvertently split the group up on different trains at Lichfield T.V. we did eventually find each other at Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield. The 8 heavy-weight bells were duly rung by the ringers and I had a very in-depth conversation with the person who let us in about the ins and outs of women in engineering. (I used to be a Consultant Buyer for Building and Civil Engineering and he was a time served Engineer in the plastics industry).

Moving on, we hopped back on the train to Erdington Abbey, a spectacular Pugin Abbey of Roman Catholic persuasion. 8 bells were duly rung; the tower swayed ominously apparently because they had cut a door opening into a supporting wall! Meanwhile I finished up with a pastoral conversation with the tower captain about dementia.

Back on the train we headed to Birmingham New Street and went for lunch at a pub which had been a Bank, opposite Birmingham Cathedral. This fortified us for the walk to St Paul's, a Georgian building and the Parish church of the Jewellery Quarter. St Paul's has a fairly new ring of 10 bells and is the teaching tower for Birmingham Diocesan Bell Ringers, however the church is in vacancy. The building and people are in an appallingly sorry state having been completely run down over the last 5 years at no fault of the congregation. A long conversation with the tower captain about the possibilities of the desired project to rejuvenate the place and get it on its feet again led to his asking me if I would be prepared to apply for the vacant role of Rector. Needless to say, I declined his offer emphasising that I was now retired. (Although had I been younger I might have jumped at the chance to do a challenging and creative city centre ministry along with dealing with the necessary building issues.)

On we went to St. Chad's, the Roman Catholic Cathedral of Birmingham and again a spectacular Pugin building. 8 bells rang out here and I spent time in one of my favourite occupations, mooching around the bookshop. I came home happily clutching a CD which includes the folk version of "Ground" from the Sunrise Mass; a song I had been looking for for some time.

By this time it was 4.30pm. Some of the group went off on the train to Selly Oak to complete the day by ringing the 8 bells there. Allan and I left the main group to catch a train back because I had a service to put together for the next morning. Thank you to Christian and Jenny for organising all of this.

Sunday 22nd October. In order for Revd Steve to preside at Ticknall and Stanton, I had the privilege and delight to preside at the 10.30am Sung Eucharist at Melbourne. But then I found that I had been abandoned by the Melbourne choir who were booked to sing at Lichfield Cathedral at 11am and 3pm. That left me and Ticknall organist John Rooks, who was admirably

filling in for Simon, to give a lead to the congregational singing. (Simon owes me a cream cake dropping me into that one!) Then at the door I had an apologetic conversation with two visitors who had come to the Melbourne service especially because they had heard that we had such a good choir and had, unfortunately, got landed with me instead!

After the service Allan and I went off to the National Arboretum for some lunch and for me to do some research and talk to the staff of the Passchendaele (3rd Battle of Ypres) Exhibition. The village of Passchendaele eventually fell to the allies 100 years ago this November and that will be commemorated at this year's Remembrance Service which I'm taking at Ticknall.

That visit led very nicely to worshipping at Choral Evensong at Lichfield Cathedral and to hear our choir sing. The acoustics at Lichfield are excellent and the choir responded magnificently taking that excellence to a new level. I was particularly moved by the Anthem chosen for the day, Sanders "Jubilate Deo". In speaking to the Cathedral clergy at the end it was lovely to hear them speak so enthusiastically and positively about our choir's contribution.

So ends the weekend of a "Retired" Priest - and then it's off to Arras and back with Wendy and Co. before Sunday 29th. Phew! *Revd. Margaret*

On Saturday 4th November: Last Call: 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..

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.

<p>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!</p>
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Probus trip to York: Monday 11th December: Leaving from Castle Square at 9am, back at about 6.30pm. Tickets £6 available at £16 each from John Williams on 863854 or from Terry Harrison on 862013.

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Monday:	2pm	Caring Hands
Tuesday:	10am	Funeral of Alistair Christie in Church
	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
Wednesday:	9am - 11am	Angels' Delight
	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, and those whose anniversaries occur near this time, among them Elsie Bradshaw.

Next Week at Melbourne: All Saints and All Souls

8am **Holy Communion** (Sidespersons: Sue Dore, Ann Rafferty)

10.30am **Parish Eucharist For All Saints, Junior Church & Coffee**

(Sidespersons: Sheena Wilkins, Ken Gibson)

(Coffee: Griselda Kerr, Annabel Needham, Steph Hughes)

6.30pm **All Souls Service** (Sidespersons: Paddy & Joe 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: *Matthew 24.30-35*

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see “the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven” with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. ‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Additional Collect:

Merciful God,
 teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
 that trusting in your word
 and obeying your will
 we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Communion Psalm at 10.30am: *Psalm 96. 1-9*



- 1 Sing to the | Lord a • new | song; *
 sing to the | Lord | all the | earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and | bless his | name; *
 tell out his sal- | vation • from | day to | day.

Continued overleaf

- 3 Declare his glory a- | mong the | nations *
and his | wonders a- | mong all | peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and | greatly • to be | praised; *
he is | more • to be | feared than | all gods.
- 5 For all the gods of the | nations • are but | idols; *
it is the | Lord who | made the | heavens.
- 6 Honour and | majesty • are be- | fore him; *
power and | splendour • are | in his | sanctuary.
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord you | families • of the | peoples; *
ascribe to the | Lord | honour and | strength.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honour | due to • his | name; *
bring | offerings • and | come in-to his | courts.
- 9 O worship the Lord in the | beauty of | holiness; *
let the | whole earth | tremble be- | fore him.

Offertory Hymn at 10.30am:

1. Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine,
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.
Angels, saints and nations sing
"Praised be Jesus Christ, our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary."

3. King most holy, King of truth,
Guide the lowly, guide the youth;
Christ thou King of glory bright
Be to us eternal light.
Angels, saints etc.

5. Eucharistic King, what love
Draws thee daily from above.
Clad in signs of bread and wine;
Feed us, lead us, keep us thine.
Angels, saints etc.

2. King whose name creation thrills,
Rule our minds, our hearts, our wills,
Till in peace each nation rings
With thy praises, King of Kings.
Angels, saints etc.

4. Shepherd-King, o'er mountains
steep,
Homeward bring the wandering
sheep;
Shelter in one royal fold
States and kingdoms, new and old.
Angels, saints etc.

(tune: King Divine)

Fr. Patrick Brennan (1877 - 1952)

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