

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



## The Bulletin

*A weekly publication for the Parish of Melbourne*



### Advent Sunday - 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Eucharist, Junior Church & Coffee

(Please see Order of Service)

**Readings:** pages 7/8

**Settings:** *Willan* Kyrie/Harris **Gradual Psalm:** 80 vv.1-7 plainchant

**Hymns:** As Order of Service

**Anthems:** The Advent Prose *Rorate Cæli Mode i*

Rejoice in the Lord always 16th Century anon.

**Organ Voluntary:** Wachet Auf! J.S. Bach

2pm Baptism of Joseph Sutton

6.30pm The Advent Carol Service

(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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8am – Revd Steve Short

10.30am – Bishop Jack Nicholls/Revd Steve Short

2pm – Revd Steve Short

6.30pm – Revd Steve Short/Fr Neil Roberts

**Smisby:**

5.30pm – Revd Canon Tony Barnard

**Stanton:**

11am – Dr Nick Gravestock

**Ticknall:**

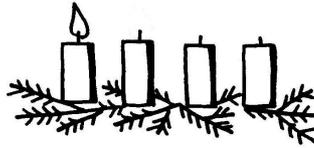
9.15am – Dr Nick Gravestock

**Taking responsibility for Church life today:****8am****Holy Communion****Server:** Tom Mills**Sidespersons:** Joan Pass, Joy Hill**Reader:** Ann Nicholls**10.30am****Parish Eucharist, Junior Church & Coffee****Sidespersons:** Sheena Wilkins, David Smith**Crucifer:** Paul Fletcher-Read**Server:** Kate Landenberger**Reader:** Rachel Vernon**Intercessor:** Ros Bell**Junior Church:** Bronwen Truscott, Mary Bolton**Coffee:** Griselda Kerr, Annabel Needham, Steph Hughes**2pm****Baptism of Joseph Sutton****6.30pm****The Advent Carol Service****Sidesperson:** Victoria Hancock

*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. This week there was a donation in memory of Norman Saunders for the 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Today at 10.30am:** We are very pleased to welcome Bishop Jack Nicholls, former Bishop of Sheffield, here with us at the 10.30am Advent Sunday service. He will be presiding and preaching.

## ADVENT CAROL SERVICE



**Tonight at 6.30pm**  
**Readings, hymns and choral music**  
**All are very welcome**

### **Christmas Flowers:**

We are in Advent but look to Christmas and making the church beautiful for the great Festival. The flower arrangers will be grateful for donations towards the cost of flowers. We also appreciate offers of foliage from your gardens. Thank you, *Margaret Murray-Leslie (862921) and Sheena Wilkins (865053)*

### **Angels' Delight:**

The next session for this term is on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 9am – 11am**. The team will then be taking a well-earned break before the new term begins in January. New term dates will be issued shortly.

### **Food Hygiene Course:**

In January I will be running a food hygiene course which is very useful for anyone providing refreshments as part of the church's outreach activities. The law requires food handlers to be trained in hygiene commensurate with the level of the task in hand, which believe it or not includes serving squash and biscuits in a non - domestic setting. To cover a range of requirements the course will be Level 2 - so called Foundation Level. The course is certificated and is part of the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health portfolio. I'm not one for interrupting a Sunday but due to room availability and a number of participants who work in the week the course dates are Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018 beginning at noon. The course typically takes about 4 to 5 hours to complete and includes a multi-choice exam – but I'll be sure to prepare you sufficiently for the test! The venue is the Senior Citizens' Centre beginning at noon and concluding by late afternoon/early evening. Cost will be approx.. £18.50 which covers the cost of registration, exam and course materials.

Please get in contact by the end of November if you'd like to join the course via [karengrewcock@btinternet.com](mailto:karengrewcock@btinternet.com).

*Karen Grewcock*

## **Grand Church Clean Up:**

*It's that time again!*

In order for the church to look at its best for Christmas we would like to have a "Big Clean" on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30. Please put the date in your diaries and come and help if you can.

Thank you from the PCC.

(PS Joanna cannot be there but knows that under Cliff's direction you will all do a splendid job!)

## **It is getting to that time of year again....**

The Choir have very kindly agreed to sing carols at The Dower House on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December from 5.30 - 7.00pm.

All proceeds will go to Melbourne Community Care: tickets will be £12 a head to include the usual mulled wine and minced pies. Cheques should be made out to Melbourne Community Care. There are only about 28 tickets available so we are limiting people to 2 tickets per applicant to enable all our usual supporters to come - please !

Please contact [griseldakerr@btinternet.com](mailto:griseldakerr@btinternet.com) to procure a ticket.

## **Churches Together in Melbourne: The Great Mince Pie Give away**

We shall be taking part in the Great Mince Pie Giveaway again at 10.30am Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Along with all the Melbourne Churches, our contribution to this joint event is to supply 50 mince pies and give them away to the shoppers and shop assistants. If you are able to provide some mince pies please let Sheena Wilkins or Revd. Margaret know how many, and also who will be bringing them to the Market Place Bus-stop at 10.15am on the morning of 16<sup>th</sup> December. They can be collected by Sheena or Margaret earlier if you make arrangements with them. Practical help on the morning would also be greatly appreciated. Many thanks for your generosity. Sheena Wilkins (01332 865053), Revd. Margaret (01332 865842).

**Achoir'd Taste: 'Follow that Star' Christmas Concerts will take place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December with Derby High School and Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December, a Charity Event for Melbourne Community Care, at the Melbourne Assembly Rooms. Doors open at 6.45pm/ Starts 7.30pm. Tickets at £10 on sale from Fortey's.**

## **Christmas Lunch on Jesus:**

Christmas Lunch on Jesus will once again be providing hampers containing everything needed for a really enjoyable Christmas lunch. Recipients are referred by social services, churches and schools. You can be involved by helping to pack the hampers on Friday 22 December or by contributing towards the £30 cost of a hamper. For more information contact St Peter's in the City on 01332 360790 or visit [www.servethecity.org.uk](http://www.servethecity.org.uk)

### **Celebrating Advent:**

As usual at this time of year Melbourne Mothers' Union are hosting an Advent Service on their meeting day. This is an ecumenical service to which invitations have gone out to various groups connected to the Churches and Chapels in our locality. It goes without saying that we welcome all members of our own congregation to come and join us. It is an opportunity to reflect on the true meaning of Advent at a time when we are being bombarded from all directions by the commercialisation of Christmas. So may I invite you all to take a break away from the Christmas preparations and join us on Tuesday 5th December at 2pm. The service will be led by our Rector, Steve Short and will be followed by refreshments.

*Ros Bell*

### **CTIM Christmas Cards:**

Cards are now ready for distribution around the village. Please can you help with delivery to the streets we cover. Thank you, *Sheena Wilkins*

### **Christmas Quiz:**

Copies of the Quiz are still available if anyone feels they are missing out on the fun. From Clive Avery after the 10:30am service for the next couple of weeks, or even by e-mail if you wish, from [clive.r.avery@btinternet.com](mailto:clive.r.avery@btinternet.com). Also please don't forget to put your name and contact details on your completed sheet, even if Clive did forget to put a box to write it in!

*Clive Avery"*

### **Christmas Cards for sale:**

**Melbourne Historical Research Group has produced a new Christmas card, featuring Melbourne Parish Church, complete with pepper pots, surrounded by snow. It is priced at £1 per card or 5 for £4 and is blank for your own message. Please contact Jean Grimley on 01332 863385 to view or purchase.** *Jean Grimley*

### **Mothers' Union:**

#### **16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence (GBV)**

Each year between 25 November and 10 December the Mothers' Union supports the above campaign by organising and taking part in vigils, and speaking out to bring about change. GBV is any act of violence or abuse which is directed at someone because of their gender, and most commonly affects women and girls. Below are some questions intended to raise awareness of this world-wide problem.

1 How many women globally will experience some form of GBV in their lifetime? At least:

a] 1 in 250

b] 1 in 17

c] 1 in 3

- 2 How many women alive today were married as children?  
 a) 200 million      b) 350 million      c) 700 million
- 3 What proportion of the 4.5 million people worldwide who are victims of forced sexual exploitation are women?  
 a) 51%      b) 73%      c) 98%
- 4 In England and Wales women are killed by a current partner or former partner at the rate of:  
 a) 7 a year      b) 7 every 3 months      c) 7 a month
- 5 Across the world women aged 15-44 are most likely to die or be maimed through  
 a) malaria    b) cancer    c) war    d) male violence
- 6 Girls across the world are sexually assaulted on their way to school at the rate of:  
 a) 100.000 a year      b) 6.5 million a year      c) 60 million a year.
- 7 How many women who are victims of FGM are alive today?  
 a) 110,000      b) 5,045,000      c) 133 million

If you answered [c] each time you would be correct. The figures are taken from WHO, UN Women, USAID and ONS Wales 2015 Crime survey of England and Wales.

*Ruth Smith, Mothers' Union*

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

<b>Monday:</b>	2pm	Caring Hands
<b>Tuesday:</b>	2pm	Mothers' Union Advent Service
	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9am - 11 am	Angels' Delight
	7.45pm	Choir Practice
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	4.30pm	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, Anne Brazier, Jean Brookbanks, John Hubbard, Roo Hubbard, Madge Limbert, Wendie Moore, Betty Park, Ruth Smith, 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 John William Wright, Ann Pass, Dennis Twells, Harry Wilkins, Betty Roddan, Barbara Ransome and Arthur Robey.

### Next Week at Melbourne: The Second Sunday of Advent

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

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

(Sidespersons: Griselda Kerr, Gordon Hughes)

(Coffee: Sarah Kington, Margaret Brackenbury,

Kate Landenberger)

(Junior Church Leaders: Rachel Coupe, Ruth Parkinson)

6.30pm    **Evensong** (Sidespersons: Paddy & Joe Laban)

## The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:

### First Reading: *Isaiah 64.1-9*

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence – as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

## **The Gospel Reading:** *Mark 13.24-37*

Jesus said to his disciples, 'But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

'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 these things taking place, 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.

'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

