

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



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The Second Sunday of Advent - 10th December 2017

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Eucharist, Junior Church & Coffee

Readings: pages 6/7

Settings: *Willan Kyrie/Harris*

Gradual Psalm: 85 vv. 8-13 *plainchant* (page 7)

Hymns: 14, 10 [17, 6] 3

Anthems: *E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come Paul Manz*

People look east Besançon Carol arr. Martin Shaw

Organ Voluntary: *Allegro in D minor Mendelssohn*

6.30pm Evensong

Hymns: 6, 5, 12, 18

Psalm: 40 vv. 14-end

Organ Voluntary: *Sarabande Handel*

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 – Revd Margaret Jacques

6.30pm – Canon David Edwards

Smisby:

5.30pm – Revd Michael Rogers

Stanton:

10.30am – At Swarkestone

Ticknall:

9.15am – Revd Steve Short

**Taking responsibility for Church life today:****8am****Holy Communion****Server:** Karen Grewcock**Sidespersons:** Sheena & Henry Wilkins**Reader:** John Heydon**10.30am****Parish Eucharist, Junior Church & Coffee****Sidespersons:** Linda Latchford, Gordon Hughes**Crucifer:** Brian Dollamore**Server:** Ros Bell**Reader:** Romey Cunnington**Intercessor:** Linda Latchford**Junior Church:** Rachel Coupe, Ruth Parkinson**Coffee:** Sarah Kington, Kate Landenberger, Margaret Brackenbury**6.30pm****Evensong****Sidespersons:** Paddy & Joe Laban

***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.*

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)*

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 14th and Sunday 21st 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.

Karen Grewcock

Dower House Carols 23rd December 5.30pm:

There are a few tickets left (£12 each, which all goes to Melbourne Community Care). If anyone would like tickets let me know by email griseldakerr@btinternet.com as I shall be away both Sundays before Christmas. Thank you for your support. *Griselda*

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 16th 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 16th 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).

Mothers' Union:

The annual Advent service was held in church on Tuesday afternoon. The congregation was small because of a clash with other events but those present enjoyed a beautiful, reflective service, looking at the Advent season through the eyes of Mary. As well as hymns, readings and prayers, there were two (very different) pieces of music to aid reflection. Thank you, Steve and Simon.

Alison Gregory

Christingle Making:

This year Christingles will be made on Saturday 23rd December. We'd love as much help as possible so if you could spare a couple of hours, please meet at 10am in the Honner Room. The more the merrier! Thank you.

Linda Latchford

Intercessions:

It will soon be time to prepare the next Intercessions rota. If YOU would like to take a turn at leading the intercessions at the 10.30 service on a Sunday, please have a word with me (01332 405303). There are books available in church to help and it is hoped that a workshop may be arranged next year.

Alison Gregory

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. 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*

Choir Raffle:

The Choir are running a raffle of a hamper of chocolaty delights, winner to be announced on Christmas Eve. Proceeds will be split between the Church and Choir funds. Please see Romey or any Choir member for tickets.

Romey Cunnington

Church cleaning:

A big thank you to all who helped with the church cleaning on Thursday morning. The church looks so much better for its big clean up – ready to welcome all who will be attending our Christmas services. To all who scrubbed, polished and hoovered, we are extremely grateful.

The Wardens

Future Choir trips.....

Thanks to all those of you who supported our trips in 2017. The choir values greatly the company and support of the congregation and other friends on these occasions. Future dates are listed below.

Dates for 2018

- Saturday 17th February: daytrip to Southwell, Notts
 - Low Sunday, 8th April: daytrip to Tewkesbury
 - Bank Holiday Mon, 7th May: daytrip to Worcester
 - Bank Holiday Mon, 28th May: daytrip to St Albans
- 25th and 26th August: Weekend at Chichester, West Sussex
 - Saturday 27th October: daytrip to Peterborough via Stamford

These trips are increasingly popular and I do encourage you to come along if you are yet to experience one. They are relaxing days “doing your own thing” and Choral Evensong to enjoy before the journey back home.

All this, door-to-door, in the company of people you know!

(Enquiries: 01543 258777, simon.e.collins@btinternet.com or after services).

Simon Collins, Director of Music

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Tuesday:	12noon	Funeral of Jeannette Williamson at Bretby
	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
Wednesday:	7.45pm	Choir Practice
Thursday:	9.15am	Holy Communion
Friday:	11am	Funeral of Jean Brookbanks in church
Saturday:	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, 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, among them Jeannette Williamson and Jean Brookbanks, and those whose anniversaries occur near this time, among them Ray Stockley.

Next Week at Melbourne: The Third Sunday of Advent

8am **Holy Communion** (Sidespersons: Avril & Terry Harrison)

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

(Sidespersons: Matthew Needham, Ken Gibson)

(Coffee: Mary Bolton, Sheena Wilkins,

Margaret Murray-Leslie)

(Junior Church Leaders: Lisa Gilchrist, Rachel Hill)

6.30pm **Festival of Lessons and Carols followed by mulled wine and mince pies** (Sidesperson: John Springthorpe)

The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:

First Reading: *Isaiah 40.1-11*

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his

recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

The Gospel Reading: *Mark 1.1-8*

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight" ', John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

Gradual Psalm at 10.30am: *Psalm 85.8-13*

I will hearken what the Lord God will say concerning me *
for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they turn not again.

For his salvation is nigh them that fear him *
that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall flourish out of the earth *
and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.

Yea, the Lord shall shew loving-kindness *
and our land shall give her increase.

Righteousness shall go before him *
and he shall direct his going in the way.

Christmas Services at Melbourne Parish Church



Sunday 17th December

6.30pm

Festival of lessons and carols

**(followed by mulled wine and mince
pies)**

Christmas Eve

10.30am Parish Eucharist

4pm Christingle Service

11.30pm Midnight Eucharist

Christmas Day

8am Eucharist

10.30am Family Eucharist

All are welcome!

