

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



The Bulletin

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The Third Sunday of Advent - 17th December 2017

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Eucharist, Junior Church & Coffee

Readings: pages 7/8

Settings: *Willan Kyrie/Harris*

Gradual Psalm: 126 *plainchant* (sung by the Choir, page 8)

Hymns: 12, 7 [18, 5] 15

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

People look east *Besançon Carol arr. Martin Shaw*

Organ Voluntary: Herr Christ, der einig' Gottes Sohn (BWV601)

J.S. Bach

6.30pm Festival of Lessons and Carols followed by
mulled wine and mince pies
(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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Across the Benefice Today**Melbourne:**

8am – Revd Steve Short

10.30am – Revd Canon Tony Barnard

6.30pm – Revd Steve Short

Smisby:

4.30pm – Canon David Edwards

Stanton:

6pm – Revd Margaret Jacques (Carol Service)

Ticknall:

2.30pm – Revd Steve Short (Carol Service)

**Taking responsibility for Church life today:****8am****Holy Communion****Server:** Joy Hill**Sidespersons:** Terry & Avril Harrison**Reader:** Paddy Laban**10.30am****Parish Eucharist, Junior Church & Coffee****Sidespersons:** Matthew Needham, Ken Gibson**Crucifer:** Sarah Kington**Server:** Kate Landenberger**Reader:** Steve Webster**Intercessor:** Sheena Wilkins**Junior Church:** Lisa Gilchrist, Rachel Hill**Coffee:** Mary Bolton, Sheena Wilkins, Margaret Murray-Leslie**6.30pm****Festival of Lessons and Carols followed by
mulled wine and mince pies****Sidespersons:** 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. This week there was a donation from Jenny Jackson to illuminate the tower on December 7th.*

Tonight at 6.30pm
Festival of Lessons and Carols
Mulled wine and mince pies served
afterwards
All are welcome!



In keeping with tradition the collection from tonight's Carol Service goes to the Padley Centre, and the Christingle Service collection goes to the Children's Society.

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. **The church will be decked for Christmas on Friday 22nd December from 10 o'clock. Helpers are always welcome.** Thank you, *Margaret Murray-Leslie (862921) and Sheena Wilkins (865053)*

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*

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

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

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

Angels' Delight:

WOW! Exclaimed one little toddler as he stepped through the north door, looking upwards in amazement at the massive building around him then off he toddled, collected a beaker of juice and headed down the aisle to settle himself to play with the array of toys. Mum followed behind, having collected her cup of tea. Youngsters along with mums, dads, grandmas and carers then enjoyed a morning with processions around Church, singing and of course the telling of the Christmas story to which they added lots of 'baaas'. They then made sheep and shepherds for the Nativity scene. It certainly was a

delightful morning and I was reminded of how important it is to welcome these youngsters into our ancient Church when the next morning's gospel was read and the words '...let the little children come to me...' showed the importance that Jesus placed on children.

Angels' Delight now takes a break until January 3rd then will continue to meet on the first and third Wednesdays of term time. Do pop in to see our busy youngsters and of course we are always glad of a helping hand with tidying or washing up at the end of our sessions...all are welcome. *Ros Bell*

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

Easy fundraising:

Don't forget when purchasing items on line, Melbourne Parish Church can often receive a donation, if you do it through Easy Fundraising - and it doesn't cost you a penny more!

(1) If you are already registered previously and have already selected Melbourne Parish Church as your charity then:-

- Go to the easy Fundraising web page
- Search for the shop you want to purchase goods from
- Select the shop and you will be transferred to the Shop's web page.
- Shop as normal

- Check out and our Church will receive a donation.

(2) If you are new to all of this and have not previously registered.

- Go to the Easy fundraising web page
- Select find a Cause to support
- Search for Melbourne Parish Church and select
- Select Join us
- Fill in your details and a password
- Select Create my account
- and hopefully if all has been done correctly you will be told to get started.
- Then search for shop and proceed as per (1)

Revd Margaret Jacques

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Tuesday:	10.45am	Funeral of Donald Smith at Bretby Crematorium
	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
Wednesday:	7.45pm	Choir Practice
Thursday:	9.15am	Holy Communion
Friday:	10am	Flower Arranging in church
Saturday:	10am	Christingle making in the Honner Room
	4.30pm	Church prepared for Sunday worship
	5.30pm	Dower House Carols (ticket required)

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 Donald Smith, and those whose anniversaries occur near this time, among them John Simms, Audrey Clifford, Heather Cope and Marjorie Ashman.

Next Week at Melbourne:

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8am **No Holy Communion today but 8am Christmas Morning**

10.30am **Parish Eucharist**

(Sidespersons: Carolyn Tasker, Annabel Needham)

(No Coffee today)

4pm **Christingle Service**

11.30pm **Midnight Mass**

(Sidespersons: Linda Latchford, Janet Warner)

Christmas Day

8am **Holy Communion**

(Sidespersons: Karen Grewcock, Ann Rafferty)

10.30am **All Age Parish Eucharist**

(Sidespersons: Sheena Wilkins, Gordon Hughes)

The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:

First Reading: *Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-end*

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion – to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall

exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

The Gospel Reading: *John 1.6-8, 19-28*

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord" ', as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Gradual Psalm at 10.30am: *Psalm 126*

When the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion *
then were we like unto them that dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter *
and our tongue with joy.

Then said they among the heathen *
The Lord hath done great things for them.

Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already *
whereof we rejoice.

Turn our captivity, O Lord *
as the rivers in the south.

They that sow in tears *
shall reap in joy.

He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed *
shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.