

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



# The Bulletin

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## Epiphany - 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018

8am **Holy Communion**

10.30am **Parish Festival Eucharist, Junior Church and Coffee**  
(Please see Order of Service)

**Readings:** pages 6/7

**Introit:** A New Year Carol *Benjamin Britten*

**Settings:** *Rutter / Gabriel Jackson* Missa Sanctae Margaretae

**Hymns:** 50, 49, 52 [48, 51] 47

**Anthem:** Bethlehem Down *Peter Warlock*

**Organ Voluntary:** Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern  
(BWV739) *J.S.Bach*

6.30pm **Evensong**

**Hymns:** 47, 57, 40, 48

**Psalm:** 100

**Organ Voluntary:** Aria on 'What Child is this' *James Biery*

## 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

<b>Melbourne:</b>	8am – Revd Steve Short
	10.30am – Revd Steve Short
	6.30pm – Revd Michael Rogers
<b>Smisby:</b>	5.30pm – Revd Steve Short
<b>Stanton:</b>	11am – Dr Nick Gravestock
<b>Ticknall:</b>	9.15am – Dr Nick Gravestock



### Taking responsibility for Church life today:

<b>8am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> <b>Sidespersons:</b> Joan Pass, Joy Hill <b>Server:</b> Tom Mills <b>Reader:</b> Joe Laban
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parish Festival Eucharist, Junior Church and Coffee</b> <b>Sidespersons:</b> Victoria Hancock, Ken Gibson <b>Crucifer:</b> Allan Jacques <b>Server:</b> Graham Truscott <b>Reader:</b> Margaret Murray-Leslie <b>Intercessor:</b> Gordon Hughes <b>Junior Church:</b> Bronwen Truscott <b>Coffee:</b> Sarah Kington, Kate Landenberger, Steph Hughes
<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b> <b>Sidesperson:</b> Ann Hammond

*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 has been a donation from Janet Parsons and family in memory of Audrey Moore for 5<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Mothers' Union AGM:**

Our usual January AGM and festive nibbles will be held on **Tuesday January 9th at 2pm**. We have also agreed to push back the February meeting to 13th February, Shrove Tuesday, as so many of our members are heading away with the Bell Ringers for a week on Lundy Island. *Ros Bell*

### **Angels' Delight:**

The new term started on Wednesday and the Angels celebrated Epiphany in grand style. Gathered round the Crib, the Christmas story so far was revisited as each of the main characters was identified. Then every one was equipped with a sparkly cloak made by Carol (the purple ones were most appreciated) and an illuminated star led the procession in and out of the pews and back to the Crib where gifts were presented. After snack time, there was a craft session. Boxes were tastefully covered in colourful paper and bedecked with stickers and 'jewels', crowns were decorated and the Magi were coloured and added to our Christmas frieze. Please admire!

It would be good to have a few additions to our team. If one or two 'regulars' are absent because of illness or other commitments, it leaves us a bit stretched. If you don't feel able to commit to once a fortnight, how about being on an 'on call list'? The full session is 9 to 11 on alternate Tuesdays and washers-up and clearers-up are need from 10.45. Don't forget, too, that visitors are always welcome to come and see what we are doing in your church. Your church, your angels! *Alison Gregory*

### **Jean Brookbanks:**

Janet and Sylvia and family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to everyone for the prayers said, love shown and comfort given since Mum passed away.

Special thanks to Steve and Margaret Jacques for leading a lovely service. The contribution of the bellringers, Simon and the choir was much appreciated. But most of all, our sincere thanks to you, the Church family, for being there to share, not only in our loss, but also in our thanks for the full life Mum led in connection with Melbourne and its church.

Further to that, Janet and Cliff want everyone to know how much your support and prayers for Matthew meant to them as he underwent emergency surgery on Christmas Eve. Prayers were answered and we are truly thankful.

*Janet Warner*

### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:**

Sunday 21st January sees the Churches Together in Melbourne service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This will take place at Melbourne URC at 6pm. There will be no Evensong here that day but everyone is welcome at the URC.

### **A special Peal:**

Congratulations to Simon Melen and his fellow ringers who rang a complicated peal on Saturday 30th December to celebrate his 100th peal and his birthday. Simon also rang two bells as well, so that was over 3 hours of ringing non-stop! There are not many people who can do that. Simon is Tower Captain at Ticknall and the band included not only Christian from Melbourne, but eminent ringers from all over the country. Well done Simon and team. *Nigel Coupe*

### **Christmas Quiz: And the winner is...**

Well, it's complicated. The highest score of 65.5 was achieved by a consortium of Romey Cunnington, Roger Kington, Steve Webster, and partners. However as they are all members of the choir anyway they have graciously foresworn the prize in order to avoid accusations of connivance, skullduggery and inside information. The next highest score of 62 was achieved by "Team Reid", which also has unfortunately close ties with choir members, and being based in Northamptonshire, would not be able to make effective use of the prize. So, with a score of 61.5, the prize goes to **Maureen and Beth Anderson**. A voucher for the prize will be prepared and presented as soon as possible. For those who Need To Know, I will put a modest number of answers sheets at the back of the church, or I can email them to you if you apply to [clive.r.avery@btinternet.com](mailto:clive.r.avery@btinternet.com). Thank you to everyone who took part; I hope you had fun even if you didn't submit your answers. With any luck there will be another quiz next year. I bet you can hardly wait. *Clive Avery*

### **Village Quiz:**

The Village Quiz begins next Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan at 7.30pm at the British Legion. All profits will be going to Treetops this year. Everyone very welcome!

**Our Diocese:** A monthly snapshot of Church of England life around Derbyshire

from the Very Revd Stephen Hance, Dean of Derby

At time of writing I have just undertaken a day of safeguarding training, together with other members of the Bishop's senior team. Sometimes people can react to this subject as if it was primarily a bureaucratic or organisational issue. This is, of course, profoundly mistaken. Safeguarding is, for Christians, primarily a theological issue. It flows out of our understanding that every person is made in the image of God, and reflects something of God's light and grace. Every person is therefore infinitely valued, worthy of protection and care and nurture. Furthermore our scriptures teach us that those who are most vulnerable, for whatever reason, merit God's special care and so should be of particular importance to his Church.

The run-up to Christmas is an interesting time to think about these things. God comes to us in the form of a tiny newborn baby, the most vulnerable of creatures. In human terms, one accident, one act of violence, could have finished the whole plan of redemption before it had even begun. Perhaps one of the reasons the Church gives special honour to Mary is because of her role in protecting the Godchild in his most fragile early days. She too is vulnerable, of course, as a young unmarried mother in those days, as are others in the story: Joseph, the husband of a mother of a child not his own; the shepherds leaving their livelihoods behind in the fields; and so on.

In varied historical and geographic contexts, different groups of people are vulnerable, of course. The vulnerable always include the very young and often the very old; often women; always the poor; often immigrants and people born elsewhere; often those whose sexual or gender identity does not fit with the cultural mores of the time. The Church is called to protect and stand alongside whoever might be vulnerable in any particular context, remembering that every person is someone for whom Jesus died. May his Church always reflect his sacrificial love towards those who need it most.

**School of Formation:** The new year is often a time to reflect on our lives, our work and what we hope to achieve. Perhaps you want to refresh your skills, learn something new or find a new way to discern your vocation? The School of Formation web pages on the diocesan website contains information on formal training courses but also hundreds of workshops, seminars, quiet days, conferences and pilgrimages - there really is something for everyone. The pages are updated regularly with events organised within the diocese and by external organisations around Derbyshire. You can find the pages at [www.derby.anglican.org/schoolofformation](http://www.derby.anglican.org/schoolofformation)

**God Soaked Life: Discovering a Kingdom Spirituality, Chris Webb:**

Chris Webb is a Benedictine Anglican priest who studied Theology and Planetary and Space Physics and has ministered in a wide variety of churches before serving as president of Renovare USA. He is now Deputy Warden at the beautiful and historic Launde Abbey. Chris is an exciting new voice on spiritual formation and 'God-Soaked-Life' is written with verve, depth and uncontainable joy, inviting us to live in the reality of God's presence in our everyday lives.

For a chance to win a copy, email your name and address to [communications@derby.anglican.org](mailto:communications@derby.anglican.org) by 31 January 2018.

**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: 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 Glaze, John Hubbard, Roo Hubbard, Madge Limbert, 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 Kath Kington and Bob Honner (priest).

### **Next Week at Melbourne: Epiphany 2**

8am	<b>Holy Communion</b> (Sidespersons: Sheena & Henry Wilkins)
10.30am	<b>Parish Eucharist, Junior Church &amp; Coffee</b> (Sidespersons: Carolyn Tasker, Gordon Hughes) (Coffee: Mary Bolton, Cliff & Janet Warner)
6.30pm	<b>Epiphany Carols</b> (Sidespersons: Paddy & Joe Laban)

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

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 60.1-6*

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young

camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

**The Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 2.1-12*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel." "

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

**Additional Collect**

Creator of the heavens,  
who led the Magi by a star  
to worship the Christ-child:  
guide and sustain us,  
that we may find our journey's end  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.