

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



The Bulletin

A weekly publication for the Parish of Melbourne

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The Second Sunday before Lent - 4th February 2018

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Eucharist, Junior Church and Coffee

Readings: page 7

Setting: *Cæsar* St Mary's Mass

Gradual Psalm: 104 vv.26-end (page 8)

Hymns: 377, 263 omit * [305, 407] 258

Anthem: For the beauty of the earth *Philip Stopford*

Organ Voluntary: Toccata in G *Dubois*

6.30pm Evensong

Hymns: 349, 397, 331, 351

Psalm: 67

Organ Voluntary: Divertimento on 'Monkland' *Heathcote Statham*

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 Steve Short
	6.30pm – Revd Michael Rogers
Smisby:	5.30pm – Revd Steve Short
Stanton:	11am – Canon David Edwards
Ticknall:	9.15am – Canon David Edwards

**Taking responsibility for Church life today:****8am Holy Communion**

Sidespersons: Noreen & Tony Taylor

Server: Joy Hill

Reader: Joe Laban

10.30am Parish Eucharist, Junior Church and Coffee

Sidespersons: Jenny Jackson, David Smith

Crucifer: Graham Truscott

Server: Paul Fletcher-Read

Reader: Griselda Kerr

Intercessor: Linda Latchford

Junior Church: Bronwen Truscott, Mary Bolton

Coffee: Griselda Kerr, Avril & Terry Harrison

6.30pm Evensong

Sidespersons: John & Jo Glaze

Lectionary:

The Lectionary has been taken away temporarily to be rebound. The readers who normally use it should please either read from the Bulletin or the sheet, which Karen Grewcock or Janet Warner have given you. Many thanks.

Two Events for Children:

Sunday 11th February – Magical Mayhem – Starting at the Senior Citizens' Centre and finishing in the church from 10.30am to 12 noon. Come and enjoy the magic and laugh at the brilliant illusions. This will be followed by a Pancake Lunch Party in St Michael's House.

Inset Day Event on Friday 16th February. An exciting day of fun, games and adventure run by Pulse Ministries.

Phone Rachel Coupe on 01332 864842 for more information.

No need to book.

Ash Wednesday Services:

This year Ash Wednesday falls on February 14th. There will be two services in the Benefice that day. The service at Melbourne will be at 9.15am; the service at Ticknall will be at 7.30pm, a sung Eucharist with combined Choirs. If you need a lift or could offer a lift, please sign up on the list on the noticeboard at the back of church. Thank you.

Social Events Programme for 2018

Please don't forget to put these dates in your diaries

- **Lent Lunches will begin on 21st February (every Wednesday until 21st March from 12noon to 1.30pm)**
- **Sunday Teas begin Easter Monday (2nd April) and then from 6th/7th May until Melbourne Festival weekend**
- **Sunday 20th May - A Bring and Share picnic lunch in the Rectory Garden**
- **Garden Party - Saturday 9th June in the Rectory Garden**
- **Harvest - 14th October followed by lunch in the Senior Citizens' Centre**
- **Christmas Bazaar on 17th November at the Assembly Rooms from 10am to 12 noon**
- **Hospitality Sunday - 25th November**

There will be more details as each event approaches

Normandy & Brittany Tour November 12 - 15 2018:

Dear All. I am putting together another European Tour!

This year it will be Normandy and Brittany staying at Honfleur. Please let Wendy Robinson know if you would like more information about this trip and please feel free to tell friends and family and all are more than welcome... Our tours include Executive coach, Channel Tunnel crossing, excellent hotel, French hospitality, food, wine, amazing sight seeing and most of all friendship!

You can reach Wendy in Church or the following...

email: wamsport@yahoo.co.uk Landline: 01530 810217 Mobile: 07790 474889

Mothers' Union: A reminder that February's Mothers' Union meeting will be on **Tuesday February 13th**. This is Shrove Tuesday. There will be a talk by David Edwards. Everyone is very welcome!

Angels' Delight:

The next meeting of Angels' Delight will be on Wednesday February 7th from 9am to 11am in St Michael's House (**please note the change of venue for 1 session only**). If you could offer any help the team would be grateful as some members are away this week. Many thanks in advance.

Lent Lunches:

We will be offering Lent Lunches again this year, beginning on February 21st and continuing every Wednesday until March 21st from 12 noon to 1.30pm. This is a simple lunch of soup, bread and cheese followed by tea or coffee. Any profits will once again be going to Calcutta Cathedral Relief Services. All are very welcome to attend. The price will be £3 for pensioners and £3.50 for others - the same as last year. If you can help by bringing a soup, washing up etc, please contact the Social Committee.



Future Choir trips.....

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

Our Diocese:

**A monthly snapshot of Church of England life around Derbyshire
Bishop Alastair writes... Ashes and Affirmation**

To Be Blessed: The Christian year provides an important template for understanding the mystery of human life and its proper unfolding. Christmas highlights the gift of life, the naming of the Person, and the love and attention that naturally surround this miracle. A season of blessing.

To Be Resolute:

At our best we sense a deep instinct to preserve and develop these values of life cherished, named and blessed. With the advent of a new year there is a tradition of making resolutions to better understand and pursue this agenda. A season of resolution.

To Be Challenged:

But... as we all know, resolution fades, love cools, complications arise and challenge this wholesome picture. The natural instinct is to improve performance, systems, targets. It is here that the Christian Gospel becomes more distinctive. The period of Lent is a time of owning that many of the factors that dissolve goodness, hope and health exist within ourselves. We are fallen, incomplete. Each of us has motes in our own eyes. The key to combatting the stress of sin and struggle begins by each of us owning our own failures and complicity. The sign is Ashes - the occasion Ash Wednesday. A season of confession.

To Be Saved:

By owning our own failures and limitations we make ourselves ready to receive a richer kind of gift. Not life, but new life - in Christ. Sinner made saint. Helplessness filled with hope. This miracle is enacted at Easter, when the worst expression of sin and failure, the torture and murder of an innocent Person, becomes the path of forgiveness and eternal glory. A season of salvation.

Ashes as Affirmation:

This journey is repeated continually in human living: individuals, groups, societies. The key is the humility to own our own 'ashes' - imperfection and fragility. That mark of the cross in ashes made on Ash Wednesday, is a sign of blessing, resolution, confession, salvation. Ashes are the key to real affirmation - try to find time on Ash Wednesday to receive this mark. Nothing could be more significant in making sense of the mystery of human living and its proper unfolding. A season for transformation.

† *Bishop Alastair*

Probus trip to Liverpool:

Probus has arranged a coach trip to Liverpool leaving Castle Square at 8.45am on Monday 19th March. Tickets are available at £17 each from John Williams on 863854 or Terry Harrison on 862013. The coach is expected to return to Melbourne at around 6.30pm.

Terry Harrison

Fancy A Cuppa!

Tuesday February 13th from 10.30am - 12 noon at the Senior Citizens' Centre. John Williams will be talking on "Reflections and Anecdotes", topics that will amuse and instruct his neighbours in Melbourne. £1 for tea/coffee, £1 for homemade cake. A warm welcome extended to all.

And finally: Please note that the office will be closed from Monday 5th to Tuesday 13th February. Messages can be left on the phone but will not be dealt with until my return. Thank you.

Kate Landenberger

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Monday:	2pm	Caring Hands
Tuesday:	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
Wednesday:	9am - 11am	Angels' Delight in St Michael's House
	11am	Funeral of Marina Meakin in church
	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, Vicky Murray, Betty Park, Ruth Smith, Margaret Stockley and Sheena Wilkins. 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 Sarah "Sally" Wooderson and Primrose Heath.

Next Week at Melbourne: The Sunday next before Lent

8am	Holy Communion	
		(Sidespersons: Karen Grewcock, Joan Pass)
10.30am	Parish Eucharist, Junior Church & Coffee	
		(Sidespersons: Janet Warner, Linda Latchford)
		(Coffee: Jane Cox, Maurice & Pam Starkey)
		(Junior Church: Magical Mayhem followed by Pancake Party)
6.30pm	Choral Evensong	(Sidesperson: Victoria Hancock)

The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:

First Reading: *Proverbs 8.1, 22-31*

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth – when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

The Gospel Reading: *John 1.1-14*

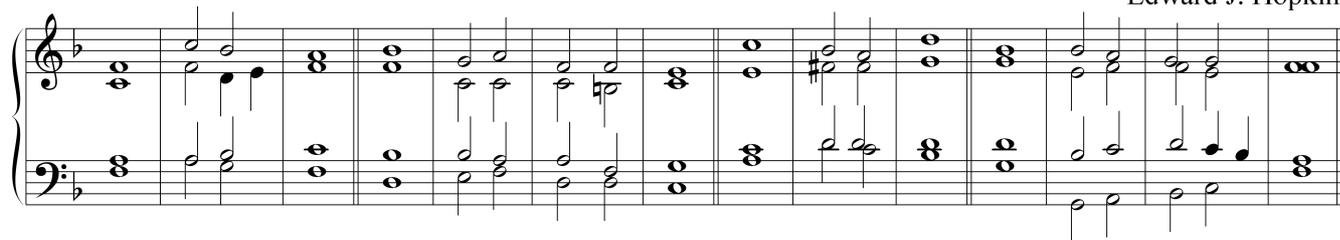
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. 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. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Additional Collect

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gradual Psalm at 10.30am: *Psalm 104.26-end*

Edward J. Hopkins



- 26 O Lord how | manifold • are your | works!
In wisdom you have made them all * the | earth is | full of • your |
creatures.
- 27 There is the sea spread | far and | wide:
and there move creatures beyond | number * both | small and |
great.
- 28 There go the ships and | there is • that Le- | viathan:
which you have | made to | play • in the | deep.
- 29 All of | these • look to | you:
to | give them • their | food • in due | season.
- 30 When you | give it • them they | gather it;
you open your | hand and • they are | filled with | good.
- 31 When you hide your | face • they are | troubled;
when you take away their breath they die *
and re- | turn a- | gain • to the | dust.
- 32 When you send forth your | spirit they • are cre- | ated:
and you re- | new the | face • of the | earth.
- 33 May the glory of the Lord en- | dure for | ever;
may the | Lord re- | jice in • his | works;
- 34 He looks on the | earth • and it | trembles;
he touches the | mountains | and they | smoke.
- 35 I will sing to the Lord as | long as • I | live;
I will make music to my | God • while I | have my | being.
- 36 So shall | my song | please him:
while | I re- | jice • in the | Lord.
- 37 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth * and the | wicked • be no |
more.
Bless the Lord O my | soul * | Praise the | Lord.