

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



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Mothering Sunday - 11th March 2018

8am **Holy Communion**

10.30am **Mothering Sunday All-Age Eucharist and Coffee**

Readings: page 7

(Please see special Order of Service)

Settings: *Willan Kyrie/Harris*

Hymns: On Order of Service

Flower distribution: *Mother of God, here I stand John Tavener*

Anthem: *Ave Maria Rachmaninov*

Organ Voluntary: *Crown Imperial William Walton*

6.30pm **Choral Evensong**

(Please see music on page 3)

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 – Dr Nick Gravestock
Smisby:	5.30pm – Revd Steve Short
Stanton:	10.30am – At Swarkestone
Ticknall:	9.15am – Revd Michael Rogers



Taking responsibility for Church life today:

8am Holy Communion

Sidespersons: Noreen & Tony Taylor

Server: Karen Grewcock

Reader: Rosemary Jackson

10.30am Mothering Sunday All-Age Eucharist and Coffee

Sidespersons: Griselda Kerr, Matthew Needham

Crucifer: Brian Dollamore

Server: Jo Glaze

Reader: Lisa Gilchrist

Intercessor: Joanna Hocknell

Coffee: Linda Latchford, Margaret Brackenbury, Margaret Murray-Leslie

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Sidespersons: Sheena & Henry Wilkins

Lent Lunches:



Lent Lunches continue this Wednesday, March 14th, and 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.

LENT COURSE: The third Lent Course Session is on Tuesday 13th March at 7.30pm at the Village Hall in Stanton. 'Celebrating and Praying Easter'. Everyone is very welcome!

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.

Music for tonight's Choral Evensong at 6.30pm:

Introit: A Prayer of King Henry VI *Henry Ley*

Responses: *Radcliffe*

Hymns: 425, 414, 383

Psalm: 13

Canticles: *Gibbons* Short Service

Anthem: In manus tuas *John Sheppard*

Organ Voluntary: Ich ruf' zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ (BWV639) *J.S.Bach*

Everyone is very welcome!

Easter Flowers: The flower team hope to be able to decorate the church for Easter. However, several members of the flower arranging team have been ill in recent months and offers of help with arranging and/or general assistance will be welcome.

Easter Lilies: an ancient symbol of resurrection can be sponsored in memory of a friend or relative. The cost is £3 per lily. Please can you give the money and names to Margaret Murray Leslie (862921) or Sheena Wilkins (865053) together with offers of help to arrange flowers. Contributions to the cost of the other flowers needed are welcome as are offers of foliage. Thank you.

Sheena and Margaret

Church grass cutting:

We lose two stalwarts off the church grass cutting rota this year in the shape of John Tatam and Terry Harrison, who have hung up their lawnmowers after after many years of devoted service. They deserve our thanks. Clive Avery has kindly stepped forward to plug one of these gaps but do you know anyone else who would be willing to step forward and cut the grass on two or three occasions this year. Or would anyone currently on the list be willing to take on another slot? The job takes about an hour and, if necessary, a petrol-driven lawnmower is provided. Let me know. *Gordon Hughes 07837 592 596*

An Exhibition for Lent and Eastertide: 'Still' from February 12th to May 20th
Contemplative paintings by Michael Cook, Thoughtful book sculptures by Maggie Cullen, Beautifully simple ceramics by Ann Bates and Inspiring lettering by Elizabeth Forrest, will be on display at The Manger Gallery, Kings Newton. To view the work, telephone Michael on 01332 862365 or go to mangergallery.co.uk

APCM Reports: The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held this year on 22nd April. Please let me have your reports soon (several have already been received, thank you) so that I can prepare the Annual Reports booklet. Many thanks, Kate

Angels' Delight:

20 little angels, aged between 9 weeks and 3 and a bit years met on Wednesday to have fun and prepare for Mothering Sunday. After a few lively action songs, Steve told the story of Jesus and how he worried his mother when he was 12 years old. Snack-time next and then the older children made cards for their mothers and the mothers (or grandparents or childminders) made self portraits with lavish use of paper plates and wool. Many thanks to the Fab Four who turned up to help with the clearing up afterwards, thus enabling the weary leaders to make early inroads into the Lent lunch soup. The next session will be held on 21st March in church.

Alison Gregory

Mothers' Union:

Mothers' Union met on Tuesday for their Lent service in the Honner Room, led by one of the members. Thanks to Susan Smith who played the piano for us, the excellent hymn-singing was enjoyed by the Rector in his study next door!

Alison Gregory

Fancy A Cuppa!

The next session will be held on Tuesday March 13th from 10.30am to 12 noon at the Senior Citizens' Centre. The speaker will be Tina Ireland, Telecare Solution Officer on 'Care Line solutions for independent living'. £1 for tea/coffee - £1 for home-made cake.

A warm welcome to all!

Feb 2018 Find:

For if you give, you will get! Your gift will return to you in full and overflowing measure, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, and running over. Luke 6:38

I wonder if like me the current news and blame culture has made you think about or even waiver in your generosity? There's criticism aplenty in the charitable sector- from foodbanks unintentionally leaving people with more money to take drugs, to the scandal of NGOs in Haiti and beyond. Writing in Lent maybe it's time for a rethink. I don't just mean into the principles of doing good and doing no harm in the process - a bit like in medicine, but also can you reframe how you think? I've reread 'Dethroning Mammon' which points out the challenge to a culture driven by chasing cash and valuing

things on these terms. Pointing out that being a follower of Mammon harms us and being generous as Christians does the opposite. Therefore, it is worth asking if your giving benefits those it was intended to, but also ask can I risk not giving and the related impact on me?

'Giving is a good thing which brings the blessing of God....Giving builds links with people we may not know and can never reach or meet in any other way.'

Can this principle be applied in other areas of life- what about being a generous employer or landlord, a generous grandparent, auntie or colleague in retirement? And alongside those complementary relationships what about being generous where you have no hope of pay back? Instead of using your gifts of time and money only for the benefit of your reputation, your friends and your family, could you develop them in unseen ways too? And if you took it further, what about people near you suffering from inequality, those in other countries and people in future generations- it may spark to life protecting the environment, fighting for justice and being inclusive. Perhaps the church has some useful facets - it is broad in its opinions which challenges us all and locally it allows us to give anonymously, so motives of creating an impression are limited. And as everything that is good comes from God, no-one should be boasting in their accumulated wealth, but rather be aware that their role is redistributing- to be part of God's "putting things right" agenda.

Stella Collishaw (from Faith in Derbyshire, a Diocese of Derby publication)

Recently seen in 'The Ringing World':

The following paraphrased snippet from Ringing World appeared on February 16th. (Many bellringers will know Pat but for those who don't, she was always a regular participant on our pilgrimages to Lundy Island and has rung many times in our church).

'Farewell to Pat Halls'

"At the Derby Cathedral Band's recent AGM we said farewell to Pat Halls, a ringer who has contributed over 60 years of voluntary service to the cathedral. Now in her ninth decade, she is moving to Gloucestershire to be closer to her family. The Revd Chris Moorsom used the occasion to present Pat with a Bishop's Badge, awarded for her services to bell ringing in Derbyshire, and the assembled company presented her with farewell gifts and flowers. We will all miss her company and friendship.

Having learnt to ring church bells whilst at school in Sussex, Pat came to Derby in 1955 to attend Derby Training College. She quickly gravitated towards the cathedral and now holds a unique record of having rung the bells regularly here for 62 years. In so doing she has climbed up the 84 steps to the Ringing Room about 3 times a week, the equivalent of ascending Everest

more than 20 times! It is estimated that she has spent more than 400 days in the Tower, mainly supporting service ringing and weekly practice.

Pat was Ringing Master at the cathedral from 1983 – 1994. She also held major posts within the Derby Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers as General Secretary and then President.

Pat is a prolific ringer who has rung nearly 2600 peals and conducted around 500 of them. Her lifelong interest in ringing has seen her visit over 5000 churches worldwide. She is consequently one of the best known ringers around.” The article was written by Martin Whiteley (Derby Cathedral)

Regular Lundy pilgrims will be looking forward to Pat ringing in Lundy next year and hopefully taking some of us for handbell practice too.

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Monday:	2pm	Caring Hands
Tuesday:	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
	7.30pm	Benefice Lent Course at Stanton Village Hall
Wednesday:	12 noon	Lent Lunch (Honner Room)
	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: Maureen Anderson, Ruth Barkaway, Anne Brazier, John Hubbard, Roo Hubbard, Madge Limbert, Tom Mills, Vicky Murray, Betty Park, Ruth Smith and Margaret Stockley. 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 David Bellis, and those whose anniversaries occur near this time, among them Graham Moore, Ethel Bailey, Katy Hamilton-Baillie, Mary Pipes, Olive Hatton, Bill Shone and Harold Worthington.

Next Week at Melbourne: Lent 5 (Passiontide begins)

8am **Holy Communion**

(Sidespersons: Karen Grewcock, Joan Pass)

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

(Sidespersons: Annabel Needham, Carolyn Tasker)

(Coffee: Jane Cox, Maurice & Pam Starkey)

(Junior Church: Vicky & Kit Emery)

6.30pm **A Passiontide Sequence – Seasonal music and readings**

(Sidespersons: Jo & John Glaze)

The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:

First Reading: *Colossians 3.12-17*

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Gospel Reading: *John 19.25b-27*

And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Additional Collect

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.