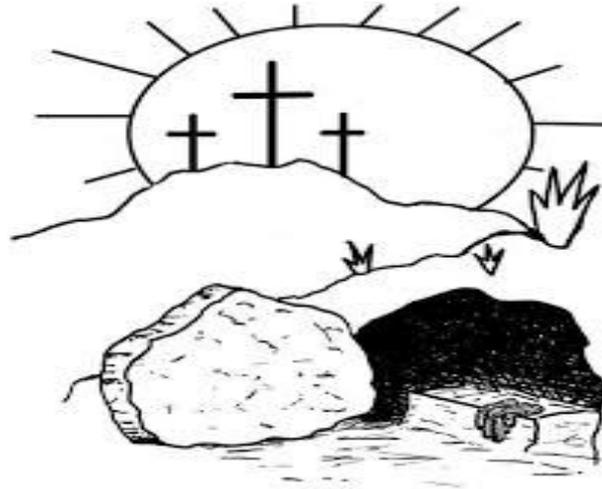


The United Benefice of the parishes of Melbourne,
Smisby, Stanton by Bridge and Ticknall



The Bulletin

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Easter Day - 1st April 2018

8am **Holy Communion**

10.30am **Parish All Age Festival Eucharist and Coffee**

Readings: pages 7/8

(Please see Order of Service)

Setting: *Darke* in E (Collegium Regale)

Hymns: 110, 124, 103 [105, 119] 120

Anthems: Easter Anthems *plainchant*,

Come, my way, my truth, my life *John Sanders*

Organ Voluntary: Carillon on 'Orientis partibus' *Arthur Wills*

6.30pm **Choral Evensong followed by refreshments**

(Music for tonight's service can be found on page 2)

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 Steve Short

6.30pm – Revd Steve Short

Smisby:

9am – Revd Michael Rogers/Canon David Edwards

Stanton:

11am – Revd Margaret Jacques

Ticknall:

9.15am – Revd Steve Short

**Taking responsibility for Church life today:****8am****Holy Communion****Sidespersons:** Joy Hill, Ann Rafferty**Server:** John Tatam**Reader:** Noreen Taylor**10.30am****All Age Festival Eucharist and Coffee****Sidespersons:** Janet Warner**Crucifer:** Graham Truscott**Server:** Ros Bell**Reader:** Alison Gregory**Intercessor:** Ros Bell**Coffee:** Mary Bolton, Annabel Needham, Carolyn Tasker**6.30pm****Choral Evensong****Sidesperson:** John Springthorpe**Music for Choral Evensong tonight at 6.30pm:****Introit:** Rise up my love, my fair one *Healey Willan***Hymns:** 117, 101 omit*, 104**Canticles:** *Stopford Truro Service***Anthem:** This Joyful Eastertide *Dutch tune harm. Wood***Organ Voluntary:** Radetzky March *Johann Strauss 1***Responses:** *Clucas***Psalm:** 118 vv.14-24**Tonight after Choral Evensong:**

The choir will be providing refreshments after Choral Evensong. Wine and cake and 'Mocktails'. This year we've introduced two new cocktails, "It's only repertoire" a bracer of orange juice and ginger ale and the "No Short Measure" a classic pineapple juice mixed with cream of coconut! We hope you can join us....

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed – alleluia!

Happy Easter! In the midst of resurrection joy, I want to pass on my very grateful thanks to everyone who has worked so hard to prepare our benefice churches for our Easter celebrations. Thank you.

Forgive the slightly long quote here from the author Susan Howatch:

“The organist was almost at the end of the anthem’s long introduction, and as the crescendo increases the cathedral began to glitter before my eyes until I felt as if every stone in the building was vibrating in anticipation of the sweeping sword of sound from the Choir.

The note exploded in our midst, and at that moment I knew our creator had touched not only me but all of us, just as Harriet had touched that sculpture with a loving hand long ago, and in that touch I sensed the indestructible fidelity, the indescribable devotion and the inexhaustible energy of the creator as he shaped his creation, bringing life out of dead matter, wresting form continually from chaos. Nothing was ever lost, Harriet had said, and nothing was ever wasted because always, when the work was finally completed, every article of the created process, seen or unseen, kept or discarded, broken or mended – EVERYTHING was justified, glorified and redeemed.”

It is a wonderful description of the transformative power of worship. Easter joy, then, is all about transformation - total transformation - of you, me, the world and all of creation. As he tells us in John’s Gospel, Jesus truly makes everything new.

On Easter Day, we don’t just *remember* the resurrection, we acknowledge that the power that raised Jesus from the dead is *still* at work in all of us and throughout God’s world, even in the darkest of places.

Enjoy all the feasting (and chocolate) that today should bring and may our ‘joy that hath no end’ be so infectious that others see the risen Christ in us and be drawn into the new life we are to embody and make known.

In His love,

Steve

Thanks at Easter:

Many, many thanks to all the flower arrangers for pulling out all the stops to decorate our wonderful church building at Easter despite illness and people being away. It's so good to have the church decorated again. Thanks to the Choir as well who have practiced long and hard for the season. Do join them tonight at 6.30pm as they celebrate Easter with glorious Eastertide music.

Electoral Roll:

Cliff Warner is busy updating the Electoral Roll before the Annual Parish Church Meeting on 22nd April. Would anyone who is not on the Roll, but would like to be, please pick up a form either from Cliff or from the noticeboard table at the back of church, to complete and hand it to Cliff before the 8th April.

If you are already on the Electoral Roll but your details have changed during the last year, e.g. you've moved house, please let Cliff know of any alterations by 8th April. Many thanks.

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



Sunday Teas:

Sunday Teas will begin tomorrow, Easter Monday, 2.30pm to 4.30pm in the Honner Room. If you could volunteer to help on that day, please give Carolyn a call on 864940. There will then be a gap until Bank Holiday Monday, May 7th. Carolyn will shortly be doing the rota for 2018. We would greatly appreciate your help over the

summer; this is part of the church's outreach, and visitors really appreciate our efforts. Many thanks, *The Social Committee*

CORRECTION:

An item appeared on page 4 of the bulletin last week concerning Sunday Teas, stating that the proceeds of Sunday Teas this year will be split one-half to the church and the other half to various charities.

In view of our current poor financial situation, it was decided by the PCC some months ago that the amount to outside charities will be 10% (in effect, a tithe).

Originally, the entire proceeds were retained for church funds, until it was deemed that we could easily afford to give half away. That clearly is no longer the case.

On behalf of The PCC

Choir on the Road 2018

- Sunday after Easter, 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

The Sign-up notice for Tewkesbury is on the noticeboard.

The Choir is singing 11.00a.m. Eucharist and 5.00p.m. Evensong.

Cost: £18 per seat, leaving at 7.45a.m.

Sign-up list for Worcester & St Albans now on the noticeboard.

We value greatly the support of the congregation and other friends on our trips and are looking forward to singing at these Cathedrals, both of which are return visits after invitations received last time.

The Worcester Coach is £16 per seat and leaves at 9.00a.m.

The St Albans Coach is £17 per seat and leaves at 8.45a.m.

Special price: £30 for both trips, if paid by 6th May.

[**Chichester:** we are sorting out the accommodation for our weekend at the moment. If you would be interested in staying with the choir, do ask for details. As on previous weekends, it's always lovely to have the support of familiar faces. Please get in touch if you want any further information.]

(simon.e.collins@btinternet.com or 01543 258777).

Simon Collins, Director of Music

Organist

On this Festal Day we are delighted to have Dr Tom Corfield accompanying for us at our 10.30a.m. service. We are most grateful for his continued support of the music here at Melbourne. *Simon Collins, Director of Music*

Lent/Passiontide Music

Before the 10.30 services in recent weeks we were treated to a variety of instrumental music as we prepared for worship. Our thanks go to Rita Hayler, Nick Gravestock, Rachel Short, Rector Steve Short and Julie McLean for their valued contributions to this much-appreciated seasonal ministry. *Simon Collins, Director of Music*

Giving Envelopes:

The Stewardship Giving envelopes for 2018/19 have arrived. Please pick up yours from the back of Church. Many thanks. *Joanna Hocknell*

MOTHERS' UNION: Our meeting this month is at 2pm on Tuesday 3rd April. As our theme for the year is "In the footsteps of Mary Sumner" I am going to talk a little about domestic and family life as Mary Sumner would have experienced when she was founding Mothers' Union. We always have a warm welcome for visitors so do come along and join us and find out more about our organisation. *Ros Bell*

Macmillan Fundraiser – Save the Date:

Saturday May 19th 2018 at the Blue Bell Pub and garden of the Senior Citizens Centre to celebrate the wedding of HRH Prince Harry and Meghan Markle AND the FA Cup Final. Join us for The Big Breakfast, Big Afternoon Tea and Big Pint to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. Good food and drink available all day plus screenings of the Royal wedding and football match. Competition for the best hat. More details to follow. *Karen Grewcock*

News of Terry Harrison:

Terry Harrison is very grateful for the many messages of support he has received and for the prayers of the congregation. He is making a good recovery from surgery and hopes to return to regular worship and fellowship shortly.

Messy Easter:

About 20 children, with their parents and grandparents, came to church on Saturday to enjoy an early celebration of Easter. There was a variety of craft activities on offer: Mini-Easter gardens, woven palm leaves, sticker pictures, decorated crosses (see display board) and decorated biscuits. Steve led an act of worship, involving a great deal of cheering during the story and the afternoon ended with a splendid tea for everyone. It is so good to welcome young families into church and to see the children feeling 'at home' in these awesome surroundings. Of course, it all involves careful planning and preparation (and clearing-up afterwards!) and we would love to recruit more help. Please contact Rachel Coupe if you would like to be involved in Junior Church or Messy Church and Alison Gregory or Rachel Short if Angels' Delight appeals to you. Special thanks go to Sarah, Lucy, Naomi and Grace who helped us on Saturday. *Alison Gregory*

Office closed: Please note that the office is closed from 29th March to 12th April inclusive.

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Monday:	2.30pm	Sunday Teas
Tuesday:	2pm	Mothers' Union
	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice

Wednesday: 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, Linda Latchford, 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, and those whose anniversaries occur near this time, among them Geoffrey Ogden Holt and Alan Lott.

Next Week at Melbourne: Easter 2

8am **Holy Communion** (Sidespersons: Avril Harrison, John Tatam)

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

(Sidespersons: Victoria Hancock, David Smith)

(Coffee: Kate Landenberger, Steph & Gordon Hughes)

(Junior Church: Rachel Coupe, Rachel Hill)

6.30pm **No Evening Services across the Benefice**

The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:

First Reading: *Acts 10.34-43*

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and

with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

The Gospel Reading: *John 20.1-18*

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.