

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



The Bulletin

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The Second Sunday of Easter - 8th April 2018

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Benefice Eucharist, Junior Church and Coffee

Readings: page 7

Setting: Gloria (page 8), Sanctus & Benedictus (p.8), Agnus Dei (p.8)

Hymns: 119, 113, 107 [118] 112

Organ Voluntary: Prelude & Fugue in C (BWV545) J.S.Bach

6.30pm No Services across the Benefice this evening

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 Michael Rogers
10.30am – Revd Michael Rogers
6.30pm – No Service

Smisby: 5.30pm – No Service

Stanton: 10.30am – At Swarkestone

Ticknall: 9.15am – No Service



Taking responsibility for Church life today:

8am Holy Communion
Sidespersons: Avril Harrison, John Tatam
Server: Karen Grewcock
Reader: Joy Hill

10.30am Benefice Eucharist, Junior Church and Coffee
Sidespersons: Victoria Hancock, David Smith
Crucifer: Kit Emery
Server: Jo Glaze
Reader: Marcus Nolan
Intercessor: Alison Gregory
Junior Church: Rachel Coupe, Rachel Hill
Coffee: Kate Landenberger, Gordon & Steph Hughes

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Today's Organist

I would like to thank Laurence Rogers for playing the Organ today at our 10.30a.m. Eucharist whilst the Choir has the privilege of singing services at Tewkesbury Abbey. I count myself very fortunate that, when I'm absent, I can leave things in such capable hands knowing that his willing and regular contributions to our church's musical life are much appreciated. Laurence was my predecessor here for 27 years.

Simon Collins, Director of Music

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

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*

Our Diocese

A monthly snapshot of Church of England life around Derbyshire

Bishop Alastair writes... The Parish of the Future: The Future of the Parish

In a world where organisational shapes and approaches to leadership change rapidly, it is important that we evaluate the parish as our key unit of operation for mission.

Place The enduring strength of our parish system is the importance of place. As human beings we have a deep sense of needing to be ‘placed’ – able to

belong, feel secure with a setting that is familiar. The church building is often the minister of the centrality of place. The parish take this sense of place seriously.

People Parishes are people – in an increasingly mixed and changing cocktail. There can no longer be a single offer or a simple formula. If the Gospel is to be proclaimed and witnessed to, then there will need to be variety, and a toughness regarding the choices of what might be possible with limited resources. Who are those most in need of the generous witness of God’s loving care?, and how might this offer be made?

Processes God’s children live and grow through engaging with processes of formation. Public worship and the Occasional Offices have been one of our key contributions. Now the invitation has to be crafted more flexibly. Messy Church for young families, schools as structures for nourishing young people, breakfasts for men, festivals..... and moments to enable meeting others and sharing the love of God, made manifest most powerfully in appropriate worship and witness.

Parsons The genius of the Church of England is the parson, our commitment to providing pastoral care that gives leadership for such formation. Rarely in our history has every parish had its own resident ‘vicar’. But always, each parish is embraced by the gospel caring and teaching organised by the Church. We all contribute to the work of being parson in our own communities. There are three classical models of parsoning:

- The priest, who uses the worship and teaching of the Church to mediate the Good News of Jesus Christ into everyday lives.
- The prophet, through whom the light of Christ proclaims a challenging critique of present failings, while proposing radical new possibilities.
- The prompter, who gathers and enables others to make creative responses to our challenges and opportunities, embracing those within the Church and those beyond our borders, in a common and connecting formation in goodness and grace. Calling all sorts and conditions of people to grow together as children of our Heavenly Father.

As the season of annual meetings is underway, we might like to consider in our own particular context how we can best be called to craft a parish for the future, and thus work seriously together on the future of the parish.

† *Alastair*

Hold the Date! Bishop Alastair’s Farewell Service

There will be a farewell service in Derby Cathedral on Saturday 14th July at 3.30pm. Further details will follow in due course.

23 April: Derby Cathedral Public Consultation with the Archbishops' and Prime Minister's Appointments' Secretaries. 7pm for 7.30pm until 9pm. All welcome. The Vacancy in See Committee will meet on 17 March and 16 May 2018. The Crown Nominations Commission will meet on 26 September and 1-2 November 2018.

Choir on the Road 2018

- 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

Sign-up list for Worcester & St Albans is 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

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Simon Collins, Director of Music

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*

APCM: Thank you for sending in your reports. Unfortunately some reports are now overdue! Please let me have them as soon as possible so that I am able to finish the reports booklet before the APCM, which is on the 22nd April. Many thanks, *Kate*

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Monday:	2pm	Caring Hands
Tuesday:	7.25pm	Bellringing 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 Dorothy Robey.

Next Week at Melbourne: Easter 3

8am **Holy Communion**

(Sidespersons: Karen Grewcock, Ann Rafferty)

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

(Sidespersons: Carolyn Tasker, Matthew Needham)

(Coffee: Sarah Kington, Sheena Wilkins,

Margaret Murray-Leslie)

(Junior Church: Rachel Coupe, Martha Clements)

6.30pm **Evensong** (Sidesperson: Ann Hammond)

The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:

First Reading: *Acts 4.32-35*

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The Gospel Reading: *John 20.19-end*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Additional Collect

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

The Gloria (Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, Tune: *Repton*)

1. All glory be to God on high,
his peace on earth proclaim:
to all his people tell abroad
the grace and glory of the Lord,
and bless his holy name.

2. In songs of thankfulness and praise
our hearts their homage bring
to worship him who reigns above
almighty Father, Lord of love,
our God and heavenly King.

3. O Christ, the Father's only Son,
O Lamb enthroned on high,
O Jesus, who for sinners died
and reigns at God the Father's side,
in mercy hear our cry.

4. Most high and holy is the Lord,
most high his heavenly throne;
where God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, ever One,
in glory reigns alone.

Sanctus & Benedictus (Text: Michael Forster, Tune: *Slane*)

Holy Most Holy, all holy the Lord
In power and wisdom forever adored
The earth and the heavens are full of your love;
Our joyful hosannas re-echo above.

Blessèd most blessèd, all blessèd is he,
Whose life makes us whole & whose death sets us free;
Who comes in the name of the father of light?
Let endless hosannas resound in the height.

Agnus Dei (Text: Martin A. Seltz, Tune: *Horsley*)

1. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin
of all the world away,
you suffered death our lives to save,
have mercy now, we pray.

2. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin
of all the world away,
you set us free from guilt and grave,
have mercy now, we pray.

3. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin
of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made,
give us your peace, we pray.

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