

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



The Bulletin

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter - 29th April 2018

8am **Holy Communion**

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

Readings: pages 7/8

Setting: *Rawsthorne* Festive Eucharist

Gradual Psalm: 22 vv.25-end (Page 8)

Hymns: 103, 364 [276, 115] 112

Anthem: This Joyful Eastertide *Dutch tune harm.Wood*

Organ Voluntary: 'Songs of Praise' Toccata *Robert Prizeman*

6pm **Patronal Festival at St George, Ticknall**

(No Evensong here)

*Everyone is invited to Choral Evensong at Ticknall when
Bishop Jan will be preaching*

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 Steve Short, Canon David Edwards
 6.30pm – No Service

Smisby: 5.30pm – No service

Stanton: 11am – No service

Ticknall: 6pm – Bishop Jan Repton, Revd Steve Short



Taking responsibility for Church life today:

8am Holy Communion
Sidespersons: Ann Rafferty, John Tatam
Server: Joy Hill
Reader: John Springthorpe

10.30am Parish Eucharist, Junior Church and Coffee
Sidespersons: Annabel Needham, Pam Starkey
Crucifer: John Tivey
Server: Ros Bell
Reader: Carolyn Tasker
Intercessor: Margaret Brackenbury
Junior Church: Kit & Vicky Emery
Coffee: Janet Warner & Carolyn Tasker

6pm Patronal Festival at Ticknall, No Evensong here

Patronal Service at Ticknall: Everyone is warmly invited to Ticknall's Patronal Service, which is a Choral Evensong service, **tonight at 6pm** when Bishop Jan will be preaching.

Christian Aid Week 2018 runs from 13th - 19th May: Willing volunteers are needed to help with the house to house collection for Christian Aid. Please contact Sheena Wilkins after the service or on 865053 if you can help.

Mothers' Union:

Our May meeting is on Tuesday 1st of May and as usual is in the Honner Room at 2pm. Our speaker is Rachel Coupe who will tell us of some of her experiences on a recent visit to her daughter who is working in Africa. All are welcome to join us. *Ros Bell*

Relief Organist:

I would like to thank Laurence Rogers for playing the Organ today at the 10.30am Eucharist. I count myself very fortunate that, when I'm absent, I can leave both the Choir and the Organ in such capable hands knowing that his willing contribution to our church's musical life is much appreciated.

Laurence was my predecessor here for 27 years but is still actively involved in the musical life of our Church... *Simon Collins, Director of Music*

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

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

Simon Collins, Director of Music

Bible Reading Fellowship: Several copies of the New Daylight Bible Reading Fellowship booklets have arrived in the office via Erica Stewart's family. Could you please let Kate in the office know if one of the booklets belongs to you and whether you wish to continue to take them. (862153). Many thanks, *Kate Landenberger*

Trial Coffee arrangements today:

For a while, various comments have been made about coffee after Sunday morning services. Not everyone likes the taste and several ask for tea or chocolate, and as you can never gauge how much will be needed there can be a lot of wastage. The urn has been used at some functions and is how Angels' Delight serve their hot drinks, so next Sunday, coffee will be made at the back of church using the urn. We'll then get an indication as to how feasible this idea is.

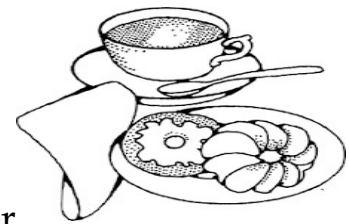
Safety is paramount. The squash (and biscuits) will be placed in the children's area, keeping them well away from the urn.

Concerns have been raised in the past about children playing in close proximity to people with hot drinks, so we are hopefully addressing this safety issue. We do ask that parents and carers ensure their children play away from the back of church where there are adults who feel vulnerable and hot drinks that could be spilt.

Normal coffee service will be resumed for the following weeks but your comments and suggestions will be welcomed, before a final decision regarding coffee is made. *Janet Warner and Carolyn Tasker*

Sunday Teas: 2.30pm - 5pm in the Honner Room

Sunday Teas will be starting up in earnest once more on **Sunday 6th and Monday 7th May** right through to Festival weekend. Carolyn Tasker is finalising the rota and would be grateful to hear from anyone who can offer a slot either by baking a cake, serving on the day or washing up. The more the merrier! Please come along to support the venture so that we can raise a good amount for church funds and for charity.



Bring and Share picnic in the Rectory Garden:

Sunday 20th May starting at 12 noon after the 10.30am service for Pentecost: Join us for this special picnic to celebrate Pentecost. Sunday Teas will also be served that day so you could make an afternoon of it. Please bring a chair if you have one. Free entry to all.

Garden Fete: 9th June from 2pm - 4pm:

This year we have moved the Garden Party to June 9th to make the most of the better weather (hopefully). The Infant School Choir will be performing for us during the afternoon and there will be lots of games and stalls to look around plus the ever popular Teas. Please mark the date in your diaries and begin to sort out raffle prizes, paperbacks and bottles for the tombola. No bric-a-brac!



We would also be very grateful for help to set up gazebos and stalls and for help to clear away afterwards. Cakes small and large are also needed for the teas.

If you could offer help or have any great ideas for raising funds for the church, we would love to hear from you.

Social Committee: Sheena Wilkins, Linda Latchford, Joanna Hocknell, Carolyn Tasker, Janet Warner, Kate Landenberger

Friends Events:

Friday 8th June 2018: The Accidental Anarchist - a film introduced by Carne Ross (7.30pm in the church)

This evening's subject could not be more relevant: fake news, the new Cold War, conspiracy theories....

We will be showing the short film *The Accidental Anarchist*.

Carne Ross was a career diplomat who believed western democracy could save us all. But after the Iraq war he became disillusioned and resigned. This film traces Carne's worldwide quest to find a better way of doing things - from a farming collective in Spain, to Occupy Wall Street to Rojava in war-torn Syria - as he makes the epic journey from government insider to anarchist.

There will be an opportunity to put questions to Carne and to talk to him after the film.

Tickets are £5 (£3 to Friends' members). Why not arrive early and enjoy a glass of something on the Rectory lawn overlooking Melbourne Pool? Contact Gordon Hughes on 07837 592 596 or through gordonhughes007@btinternet.com.

Friday 29th June 2018: Horrockses Fashions in the 1940s and 1950s - an interactive talk by Dr. Christine Boydell (7.30pm in the church)

Dr. Boydell is a Senior Honorary Research Fellow at De Montfort University, a design historian with a special interest in the history of twentieth century fashion and textiles.

Horrockses Fashions was one of the most well respected ready-to-wear labels of the late 1940s and 1950s, concentrating on quality women's day and evening wear, beach clothes and housecoats, adding children's wear to the list in 1949/50. Horrockses Fashions could be purchased in most towns and cities in Britain, and were exported widely. With a price tag of between £4 to £7 for an off-the-peg cotton summer dress, they were considered expensive. For many young women this was a week's wages. By gaining a reputation for the successful combination of practicality, glamour and easy-care, Horrockses Fashions became sought after by women everywhere.

Audience members are invited to bring along any Horrockses Fashions they own, and/or photographs of family members wearing their Horrockses in the 1940s and 1950s.

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Sunday 15th July: We are joined for a picnic lunch by the Friends of St Martin's church in Bilborough, Nottingham, who will spend the afternoon looking around our church, Melbourne Hall Gardens and Melbourne itself, ending with Choral Evensong at 6.30 pm. We encourage as many of our members as possible to join us in welcoming some like-minded people from the other side of Nottingham. More details to follow.

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Monday:	2pm	Caring Hands
Tuesday:	2pm	Funeral of Maureen Birkinshaw
	2pm	Mothers' Union
	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
Wednesday:	9am - 11am	Angels' Delight
	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, 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, and those whose anniversaries occur near this time, among them George Pass, Harriet Wright and Doris Gunn.

Next Week at Melbourne: Easter 6

8am **Holy Communion** (Sidespersons: Noreen & Tony Taylor)

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

(Sidespersons: Janet Warner, Griselda Kerr)

(Coffee: Jane Cox, Annabel Needham, Steph Hughes),

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

The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:

First Reading: *Acts 8.26-end*

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Gospel Reading: *John 15.1-8*

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I

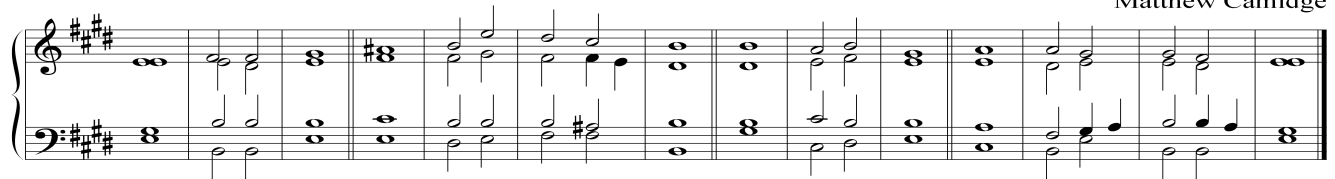
have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Additional Collect

Risen Christ,
 your wounds declare your love for the world
 and the wonder of your risen life:
 give us compassion and courage
 to risk ourselves for those we serve,
 to the glory of God the Father.

Gradual Psalm at 10.30am: *Psalm 22.25-end*

Matthew Camidge



- 25 From you comes my praise in the | great • congre- | gation;
 I will perform my vows in the | presence • of | those that | fear you.
- 26 The poor shall | eat • and be | satisfied;
 those who seek the Lord shall praise him;* their | hearts shall |
 live for | ever.
- 27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and | turn • to the | Lord:
 and all the families of the | nations • shall | bow be- | fore him.
- 28 For the | kingdom • is the | Lord's:
 and | he rules | over the | nations.
- 29 How can those who sleep in the earth | bow down • in | worship:
 or those who | go down • to the | dust • kneel be- | fore him?
- 30 He has saved my life for himself * my des- | cendants • shall |
 serve him;
 this shall be told of the | Lord for • gene- | rations to | come.
- † 31 They shall come and make known his salvation to a |
 people • yet un- | born *
 declaring that | he the | Lord has | done it.