

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



# The Bulletin

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## The Second Sunday of Advent - 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Eucharist, Junior Church and Coffee

**Readings:** pages 7/8

**Settings:** *Willan* Kyrie/*Harris*

**Gradual:** *Benedictus plainchant* (page 8)

**Hymns:** 12, 11 v.5 men, v.6 women/children [17, 1] 15

**Anthems:** *Creator of the stars of night Malcolm Archer*

*O Radix Jesse Rihads Dubra*

**Organ Voluntary:** *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland Sweelinck*

6.30pm Evensong

**Hymns:** 6, 5, 12, 18

**Psalm:** 75

**Organ Voluntary:** *Solemn Voluntary (Joshua) Handel*

**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 Canon Tony Barnard  
6.30pm – Dr Nick Gravestock

**Smisby:** 5.30pm – Canon David Edwards

**Stanton:** 10.30am – At Swarkestone

**Ticknall:** 9.15am – Revd Steve Short

**Taking responsibility for Church life today:**

**8am Holy Communion**  
**Sidespersons:** Sheena & Henry Wilkins  
**Server:** Joy Hill  
**Reader:** Ann Nicholls

**10.30am Parish Eucharist, Junior Church & Coffee**  
**Sidespersons:** Carolyn & Nigel Tasker  
**Crucifer:** Mary Bolton  
**Server:** Kate Landenberger  
**Reader:** Ros Bell  
**Intercessor:** Sheena Wilkins  
**Junior Church:** Rachel Coupe  
**Coffee:** Linda Latchford, Cliff & Janet Warner

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

**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. This week there has been a donation from Jenny Jackson.

**Christmas preparation:**

The church will be decorated for Christmas on Friday 21st December from 10am. Please do come and join in. Donations of greenery are always welcome and very, very useful. Donations towards the cost of the flowers are also most gratefully received. Thank you.

*Sheena Wilkins and Margaret Murray-Leslie. (contact nos. 865053 or 862921)*

# CHRISTMAS 2018 AT MELBOURNE PARISH CHURCH

**SATURDAY 15TH DECEMBER**

**Messy Christmas - 4 pm**

**SUNDAY 16TH DECEMBER**

**Junior Church Nativity - 10.30 am**

**SUNDAY 23RD DECEMBER**

**Carol Service - 6.30 pm**

*followed by mince pies & mulled wine*

**MONDAY 24TH DECEMBER - Christmas Eve**

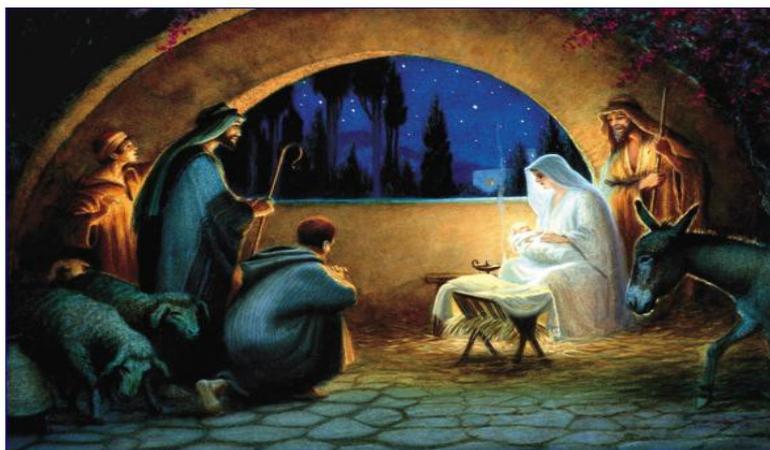
**Christingle and Nativity - 4 pm**

*come dressed as your favourite nativity character*

**Midnight Mass - 11.30 pm**

**TUESDAY 25TH DECEMBER - Christmas Day**

**Family Eucharist - 10.30 am**



## **News from the Living Waters House group:**

The next meeting of Living Waters is on **Tuesday December 11<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am at 63 Jubilee Close**. Please bring something with you that is special to you at Christmas to share. It can be sacred or secular e.g. item, poem, music, scripture or other. The liturgy for the morning will be prepared by me, and Mary will share in the leading of it. If someone in the group would like to prepare and lead the prayers that would be great! Please let me know if that's you! It was also thought, that as we share God's blessings inside the group, we might want to send these blessings out as The Mass directs us to, and look outwards this Christmas. Ros is finding out if there is a suitable Refuge or need in the Derby area to where we might contribute small gifts this Christmas. Watch this space for details as they become available.

Yours in the love of Christ. *Revd. Margaret and Allan.*

### **Angels' Delight:**

Another murky morning but 18 angels enjoyed the warmth and colour of the church for a couple of hours. It is so good to be able to run up and down the aisles (with or without a doll's pram or a truck), in and out of the pews; smaller tots could get their exercise crawling through the wobbly tunnel or investigating those fascinating holes in the gratings. Speaking of grating, Steve, with his new husky voice, told the story of the Big Surprise (the Annunciation) and in the craft session, the Angel Gabriel was decorated with glitter-glue and feathers and children made stars decorated with nativity scenes and paper-chains. Thanks, as ever, to our three kitchen elves and to Stef and Gordon who came to help with the clearing-up. A few little angels stayed behind to help Gordon pile up the floor mats and carry them to their container-bag. He was very grateful! The next session will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> December for the Christmas party! *Alison Gregory*

### **Mothers' Union:**

18 members and friends met in the Honner room for a service of Advent meditation, led by Margaret Jaques with the help of readers and Jocie who was in charge of lighting and extinguishing candles. Thanks to Simon who played the piano and led the singing. After the service, a time of fellowship was enjoyed – including tea and biscuits, of course. The next meeting will be on Tuesday January 8th.

*Alison Gregory*

### **Christmas Puppet Show - Friday 14th December at 7pm:**

This new venture is not-to-be-missed. Talented youngsters from the Bright Lights Group have worked very hard to bring you a comical Christmas Musical performed by Cameron Camel and friends. The top five Christmas songs feature the Beach Boy Monkeys and a beautiful princess, helping us to reflect on being like Jesus this Christmas. Please come and support the puppeteers at 7pm. *Rachel Coupe*

### **Messy Christmas - Sat 15th December:**

Our next Messy Church will celebrate Christmas from 4 to 5:30pm. Flyers are available from the back of church. Please invite any families you know who might be interested. Volunteers are needed; please contact Rachel Coupe (416152) or Rachel Short.

### **Rehearsed nativity play - Sun 16th December:**

In addition to the usual tableau at the Christingle service, there will be a presentation of the Christmas Story at the 10:30am service. Rachel Coupe will create a special part for any children she knows about by today. There will be a rehearsal at 9:30am on the 16th. *Rachel Coupe*

### **Carols at the Dower House:**

This annual event will be held on Saturday 22nd December starting at 5.30pm and finishing, after wine and mince pies, at about 7.15pm. Tickets on a first come first served basis will be £10 a head (or more if you kindly throw in an extra donation for Melbourne Community Care to whom *all* the proceeds go).

Please email Griselda ([griseldakerr@btinternet.com](mailto:griseldakerr@btinternet.com)) if you would like a ticket (do not wait to see me in church as I am away on Sundays till 15th December now). Thank you to everybody for supporting this event every year and for making it such a happy part of our Christmas. *Griselda Kerr*

### **Churches Together In Melbourne**

Churches Together Christmas cards should be ready for delivery from today. Could you please help with delivery to the streets allocated to us? Please contact Sheena Wilkins on 865053 or after the service if you can help.

### **Christmas Tree Festival at St George's, Ticknall:**

The Christmas Tree Festival at St George's is on today from 10.30am to 4.30pm. Home made soup and cakes will be on sale, plus come and see the newly restored clock in the bell tower.

### **Quizzes:**

Clive says thanks to everyone who bought one of his quizzes and hopes you are enjoying it(!) They are still available and he can always print more.

Meanwhile, Wendy says don't forget '**Choir Babies**'. Choir 'regulars' have kindly submitted their baby photographs to her safe keeping (the fools). £2 per sheet of babies with clues at the bottom and can be purchased from Wendy Robinson. The person to identify all babies wins £10 plus an award-winning Christmas Pudding! Winner to be announced Sunday 23 December. You have until week ending 22 December (closing day) to really study the choir and submit your entries.

*Clive Avery, Wendy Robinson*

### **Christmas Lunch on Jesus:**

#### **Make someone's Christmas special for only £30.**

Each year Christmas Lunch on Jesus provides Christmas boxes containing turkey, vegetables, potatoes, gravy, Christmas pudding, crackers, chocolates... everything you need for a really enjoyable Christmas lunch. They distribute boxes to families and individuals on low income who otherwise would struggle to afford a Christmas meal. Each box also contains a candle, a booklet about the meaning of Christmas, and details of Christmas services.

This year, they are partnering with friends in Calcutta to provide Christmas boxes for some of the poorest people in the slums, containing rice, lentils, dahl, biscuits, sweets... a Christmas feast for those who live in poverty on a daily basis. These boxes will include a celebration candle and a New Testament.

Please consider supporting the Christmas Lunch on Jesus scheme by donating £30 or whatever you can afford. Donations can be made online or by cheque (details available on website).

If you would like to offer your help packing and distributing the boxes at St Peter's Church, Derby on Saturday 22 December (along with Bishop Jan), please contact Revd Anita Matthews - [anita@stpetersderby.org.uk](mailto:anita@stpetersderby.org.uk).

## **This week in connection with Melbourne Church**

<b>Monday:</b>	12 for 12.30pm	Caring Hands Christmas lunch
<b>Tuesday:</b>	10.30am	Living Waters House Group at 63 Jubilee Close
	6.30pm	Wedding Open Office in Church
	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
<b>Wednesday:</b>	7.45pm	Choir Practice
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	6.30pm	12 bell ringing
	7.30pm	PCC in St Michael's House
<b>Friday:</b>	7pm	Countdown to Christmas Puppet Show in Church
<b>Saturday:</b>	4pm - 5.30pm	Messy Christmas in Church
	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, David Ingram, Madge Limbert, Vicky Murray, Betty Park, Ruth & Bob 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 Marlene Shirley Warren, and those whose anniversaries occur near this time.



and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." ' "

**Additional Collect:**

Almighty God,  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again  
as judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him,  
who is our Lord and our God.  
Amen.

**Gradual at 10.30am:** *Luke 1. 68-79 (plainchant, sung by the Choir)*

**The Benedictus:**

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel : for he hath visited and redeemed his people;  
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us: in the house of his servant David;  
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets : which have been since the world began;  
That we should be saved from our enemies : and from the hand of all that hate us.  
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers : and to remember his holy Covenant;  
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham : that he would give us;  
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies : might serve him without fear;  
In holiness and righteousness before him : all the days of our life.  
And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest : for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;  
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people : for the remission of their sins,  
Through the tender mercy of our God : whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;  
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death : and to guide our feet into the way of peace.