

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



The Bulletin

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The Third Sunday of Advent - 16th December 2018

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Eucharist with Nativity, Junior Church and Coffee

Readings: pages 6-8

Settings: *Willan* Kyrie/*Harris*

Psalm: 146 vv. 4-end *plainchant* (page 8)

Hymns: 3, 7 [18, 5] 10

Anthems: People look east *Besançon Carol arr. Martin Shaw*

Organ Voluntary: Herr Christ, der einig' Gottes Sohn

(BWV601) *J.S. Bach*

6.30pm Evensong

Hymns: 15, 3, 14, 9

Psalm: 50 vv. 1-6

Organ Voluntary: Herr Christ, der einig' Gottes Sohn *Sweelinck*

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/
Revd Neil Roberts
6.30pm – Canon David Edwards

Smisby: 5.30pm – Revd Steve Short

Stanton: 11am – Revd Canon Tony Barnard

Ticknall: 10.30am – Canon David Edwards



Taking responsibility for Church life today:

8am Holy Communion
Sidespersons: Sue Dore, John Tatam
Server: David Dore
Reader: Terry Harrison

10.30am Parish Eucharist with Nativity, Junior Church & Coffee
Sidespersons: Janet & Cliff Warner
Crucifer: Sarah Kington
Server: Mary Bolton
Reader: Margaret Murray-Leslie
Intercessor: Gordon Hughes
Junior Church: Rachel Coupe and parents
Coffee: Kate Landenberger, Maurice & Pam Starkey

6.30pm Evensong
Sidespersons: Sheena & Henry Wilkins

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.

Christingles:

This year we will be making Christingles directly after the 10.30am service on 23rd December in the Honner Room. If you could spare just one hour to help Avril with this fun task (especially for children), please grab your coffee and head over to the Honner Room. The more people help the quicker we shall be. Many thanks, *Avril*

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

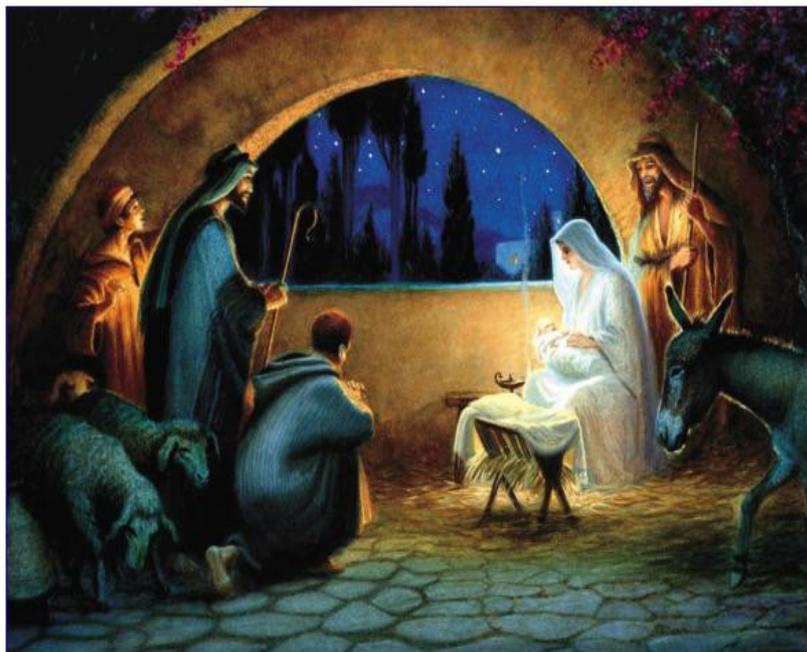
Christingle and Nativity - 4 pm

come dressed as your favourite nativity character

Midnight Mass - 11.30 pm

TUESDAY 25TH DECEMBER - Christmas Day

Family Eucharist - 10.30 am



News from Living Waters.

Living Waters met for their Christmas house group last Tuesday and sampled an Advent Service (Common Worship) designed from various sources by the congregation of Morton (one of Margaret's previous parishes). We settled down by honouring "Mary Mother of God" in the folk hymn "Where are you bound, Mary?" in recognition of Rose Sunday which is coming up, and later, after the Grace, we finished off with "Yuletide" sung by the Sheffield Folk Chorale. (This song is a light-hearted dig at all the shopping that goes off in the run up to Christmas!) Mary and Revd Margaret led the service with Alison doing the reading for the day (Isaiah 46) and the intercessions. There is a lovely part in Isaiah 46 "listen to me..... even when you turn grey I will carry you, I have made you, and I will bear; I will carry and will save..... For I am God and there is no other." The 2nd reading was "The Gardener at Christmas" by U. A. Fanthorpe - a very thought provoking poem which I can let you have the words of if you can't find them on the internet.

After the service we shared those things which were important to us at Christmas and enjoyed hearing about, and seeing things which included, an African (Moravian) Nativity set, Christmas Tree decorations and fairies, Christmas Cards from around the world, and a painting; all things which were poignant, special, and had significant memories at this time of year. Thank you to all who took part in this and shared their treasures.

Previously we had decided that as well as meeting together to search for Christ's living water and support each other, we should do a little outreach. So we have collected 4 bags of Christmas gifts which will go to the Derby Women's Centre. Derby Women's Centre offers survivors of abuse support in a number of ways including counselling, courses to raise self esteem and confidence, one to one support, and debt advice. I have spoken to them and they were delighted and very touched that we should think of them at this time.

After all of this we shared table fellowship and a light lunch. On going home, and to encourage us and inspire us in the Christmas period we all took a copy of "Follow that Star: A journey through the 12 days of Christmas." A new booklet of reflections commended to us all by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. I have some left and will put them in the relevant churches; if you would like one, please take one.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday January 15th at 10.30am.

Till then we wish you all a very happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.

Revd Margaret, Allan, and all those at Living Waters.

Thank you from Kate:

Many thanks to everyone for their kind words, messages, cards, emails and flowers since my Mum passed away in November - it is very comforting to me to know that there are so many kind and caring people around me. Thank you again, *Kate Landenberger*

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)

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

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Tuesday:	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
Wednesday:	9am - 11am	Angels' Delight Christmas Party
	2pm	Funeral of Marlene Shirley Warren
	7.45pm	Choir Practice
Thursday:	9.15am	Holy Communion
Friday:	10am onwards	Decorating the Church for Christmas
Saturday:	4.30pm	Preparing church 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, Margaret Kent, 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, and those whose anniversaries occur near this time, among them John Simms, Ray Stockley, Audrey Clifford, Heather Cope and Marjorie Ashman.

Next Week at Melbourne: Advent 4

8am **Holy Communion**

(Sidespersons: Joy Hill, Ann Rafferty)

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

(Sidespersons: Ros Bell, Annabel Needham)

(Coffee: Griselda Kerr, Sheena Wilkins,

Margaret Brackenbury)

(Junior Church: Rachel Coupe in creche)

6.30pm **Carol Service followed by mulled wine and mince pies**

(Sidespersons: Joe & Paddy Laban)

The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:

First Reading: *Zephaniah 3.14-end*

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;

shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,

O daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgements against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;

do not let your hands grow weak.

The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,

he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing

as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the Lord.

The Gospel Reading: *Luke 3.7-18*

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather

the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Additional Collect:

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm at 10.30am: *Psalm 146.4-end (plainchant, sung by the Choir)*

Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help *

and whose hope is in the Lord his God;

Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is *
who keepeth his promise for ever.

Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong *
who feedeth the hungry.

The Lord looseth men out of prison *
the Lord giveth sight to the blind.

The Lord helpeth them that are fallen *
the Lord careth for the righteous.

The Lord careth for the strangers; he defendeth the fatherless and
widow *

as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.

The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore *
and throughout all generations.

