

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



The Bulletin

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The Third Sunday of Epiphany - 20th January 2019

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Eucharist, Junior Church and Coffee

Readings: page 7

Setting: *Cæsar* St Mary's Mass

Gradual Psalm: 36 vv.5-10 (page 8)

Hymns: 364, 302 [367, 277] 485

Anthem: *Bethlehem Down* Peter Warlock

Organ Voluntary: *Prelude in B minor (BWV544)* J.S.Bach

**6.30pm Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - CTIM Ecumenical Service,
followed by refreshments
(Please see Order of Service)**

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
6.30pm – Revd Steve Short/Revd Marcus Hargis

Smisby: 5.30pm – Dr Nick Gravestock

Stanton: 11am – Canon David Edwards

Ticknall: 10.30am – Mrs Mary Hirst

**Taking responsibility for Church life today:**

8am Holy Communion

Sidespersons: Sheena & Henry Wilkins

Server: John Tivey

Reader: Ann Nicholls

10.30am Parish Eucharist, Junior Church & Coffee

Sidespersons: Nigel & Carolyn Tasker

Crucifer: Graham Truscott

Server: Ros Bell

Reader: Linda Latchford

Intercessor: Graham Truscott

Junior Church: Rachel Coupe, Ruth Parkinson

Coffee: Kate Landenberger, Carolyn Tasker

6.30pm Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - CTIM Ecumenical Service

Sidesperson: Sheena Wilkins

CTIM Unity Service:

Today at 6.30pm is the Churches Together in Melbourne Ecumenical Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, followed by refreshments. The guest preacher will be the Revd Marcus Hargis from the United Reformed Church. Everyone is very welcome!

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.

Keeping the outside of our church looking neat and tidy:

One of the first thing visitors and wedding, baptism and funeral parties see when they come to our church is the grass which surrounds it. We have a small but dedicated team of people who mow the grass regularly throughout the growing season to make sure the first impression we give is a good one. Would you be willing to join the team and spread the load? It would involve about an hour of your time two or three times a year from mid-March through to mid-October. So, not much and a mower is provided!

Please let me know if you'd like to join The Green Arrows.

Gordon Hughes (07837 592596)

Epiphany Carol Service:

"This was the best service we have had this Christmastide" - so many people were saying this after Sunday's Epiphany Carol Service. The choice of anthems, readings and hymns were all superb with sublime singing from the Choir with a wonderful solo from one choir member in particular, not bad for an oldun!! Put next year's service in your diaries, phones or i-pads, whatever you use. It would be a shame to miss this very special service. Once again, many of you missed a real treat.



Christine Franks

Caring Hands Activities:

Caring Hands have started the New Year at a rate of knots. Alison Gregory gave us an account of what we had achieved in 2018. Since January 2018 we have made 2188 squares.

For refugee camps 383 jumpers and cardigans, 255 hats, 154 blankets, and 25 teddies were knitted and made up.

For Special Care Baby Units 98 blankets, 184 hats, 76 cardigans and 49 bereavement gowns were made.

Two knee blankets were knitted for Pool Cottage.

Derby Royal received 273 traffic light hats and 64 blankets.

A grand total of 3765 items were made. What a marvellous effort from our Caring Hands ladies. If you would like to come along and see what we get up to, you would be very welcome to pop in, from 2pm – 3.30pm on Mondays in the Honner Room. *Kate Landenberger*

Angels' Delight:

It was a great pleasure to welcome 34 children with their mothers, grandmothers, fathers and child-minders to the first session of the term. At first it looked as though we would be girl-heavy but then, with a whoosh, a

bevy of boys blew in! This term, we are learning about some characters from the Old Testament, starting today with that grand old man, Noah. After the story, everyone joined in the journey in and out of the pews towards the Ark. We were all very happy to discover that the Ark contained plenty of snacks to satisfy the most voracious appetite. The craft activities were making clouds and rainbows to take home (on the back of the rainbow were the words 'God made a promise') and decorating animals to go on the picture at the back of church or on the shelf in front of the picture. Do have a look.

At least one person has commented that the toys at the back of church are unsightly and has suggested that they should be stored somewhere else. Even if we could afford large enough cupboards, it is difficult to see where they could be placed within the church. Many of the toys are stored in large boxes but others, often the most popular, are unwieldy and would not fit into boxes and it would be too difficult and too time-consuming to keep them in Church House or St. Michael's House. So, for now, we will continue to keep them 'under wraps' where they are.

As always, there is a warm invitation to all members of the congregation to come and see the Angels in action on the first or third Wednesday of each month, 9-11am, term-time only. The twelve people in the regular team feel that this is valuable work (and the children and their carers certainly seem to agree) and we would love other people to share our vision and commitment.
Alison Gregory

Intercessions:

I shall soon be drawing up a rota for those people leading intercessions at our 10.30am worship on Sundays. I would be very happy to add to the list so please consider carefully if you would like to take part in this way. You could write your own prayers or use one of the books which are available in church. Please let me know before the end of January if you are interested.

Alison Gregory

Travelling People: advance notice:

The Parish Church Choir will be hosting another evening of entertainment by the **Travelling People** on **Friday 29th March 2019** at **Melbourne Assembly Rooms**. Food will be provided and there will be a bar. More details and tickets soon. Watch this space!

The Travelling People have announced their intention to retire from public performances after Christmas 2019 so don't miss this opportunity.

Romey Cunnington

Church Electoral Roll:

This year our Church Electoral Roll has to be completely re-created: That time is now upon us. During the next few weeks Application forms will be handed out with The Bulletin and will also be available from the table underneath the Noticeboard in the Church. Everyone wishing to be included on the Electoral Roll of our Church at our APCM is asked to fill-in a form and return it to the box which is being left at the back of the Church. Alternatively, the forms may be handed to Cliff Warner. All forms **MUST** be returned by **24 March** for your name to be entered on to the Roll in time for the APCM. The new Roll will be displayed in the Church after 7 April, should you wish to check the inclusion of your name. Any further additions will be made at any time after 30 April.

My thanks to you all for your co-operation in the compilation of this important document. *Cliff Warner – MPC Electoral Roll Officer*

Bell Ringers' AGM:The bell ringers' AGM took place last weekend in the usual friendly fashion. Business first, followed by a huge amount of food (thanks to all who contributed), some wine, and it just wouldn't be an AGM without Christian's home brew. Thanks to Christian and Rachael for hosting once again. Thanks also to Revd Steve Short who chaired with his usual flair! Sadly we were missing a few members, due to illness, and we greatly missed Bob and Ruth Smith.

On a positive note, we had 4 new ringers signed up to Ringing Remembers, commemorating 100 years since the war. The ringing community were trying to recruit 1400 new ringers to remember the 1,400 lost in the WW1. This was far exceeded across the nation achieving 2792 new ringers. Well done to Anthony Walters, Thomas Murfin's, Emma Calderwood, Amarige Lloyd-Moran who all gained their badges and rang on 11th November 2018.

The main theme for this year is fundraising. We have been given a large list of maintenance jobs that need doing and are currently gaining second opinions, but we do not have the funds to cover even the basics. We will be getting our heads together to come up with some fun ideas. If anyone has any suggestions, please don't be shy!

The committee members have remained the same with the addition of a Training/Recruitment Officer (Jenny, who is also the Secretary). So if anyone would like to join us, practice starts at 7.30pm on Tuesday and all are welcome (even if it's just to watch). *Jenny Sowter*

News from Living Waters:

Living Waters met at Alison's, (as planned) and was led by Alison, (not planned) due to me taking to my bed with a very nasty cough bug. Thanks to Allan who had been living up to his marriage vows of "all that I have I share with you - cough bugs included". Many, many thanks to Alison for stepping

in and making it all happen. I hope that everyone enjoyed the change of scene, change of lead and tasty food courtesy of Alison.

We next meet on Monday February 18th at 10.30am back at No. 63 when Dr Nick Gravestock will be leading us with a Taize style service and a Bible study on John 17: 1-5. See you then.

Margaret & Allan

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Monday:	2pm	Caring Hands in Honner Room
Tuesday	1.30pm	Church visit by Melbourne Junior School
	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
Wednesday:	7.45pm	Choir Practice
Thursday:	9.15am	Holy Communion
	2pm	Funeral of Vicky Murray
Friday:	7.30pm	Melbourne Male Voice Choir Practice SMH
Saturday:	1pm	Wedding at Ticknall
	4pm	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, John Glaze, Roo Hubbard, David Ingram, Margaret Kent, Madge Limbert, 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 Sid Ashman, Quintin Blood, Lyra Grace Staley and Joanna Ingram (priest).

Next Week at Melbourne: Epiphany 4

8am **Holy Communion** (Sidespersons: Sue Dore, Ann Rafferty)

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

(Sidespersons: Pam Starkey, Ros Bell)

(Coffee: Kate Landenberger, Pam & Maurice Starkey)

(Junior Church: Rachel Coupe, Isobel Hall)

6.30pm **Evensong:** (Sidesperson: John Springthorpe)

The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:

First Reading: *Isaiah 62.1-5*

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

The Gospel Reading: *John 2.1-11*

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

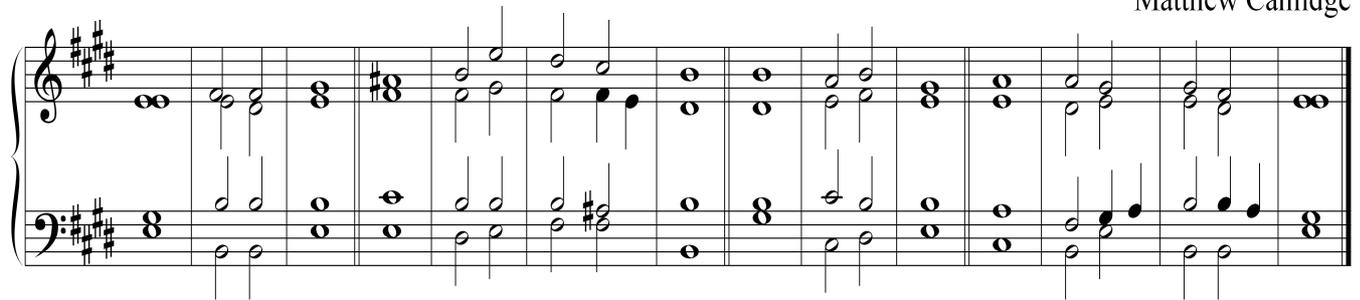
Additional Collect:

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

Gradual Psalm at 10.30am: *Psalm 36.5-10*

Please turn to face the Gospel Reader in the aisle during the singing of the Psalm

Matthew Camidge



- 5 Your love O Lord reaches | to the | heavens:
and your | faithfulness | to the | clouds.
- 6 Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains *
your | justice • like the | great deep;
you Lord shall | save both | man and | beast.
- 7 How precious is your loving | mercy O | God!
All mortal flesh shall take refuge under the | shadow | of your |
wings.
- 8 They shall be satisfied with the a- | bundance • of your | house;
they shall drink from the | river of | your de- | lights.
- 9 For with you is the | well of | life:
and in | your light • shall | we see | light.
- 10 O continue your loving-kindness to | those who | know you:
and your righteousness to | those • who are | true of | heart.