

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



The Bulletin

A weekly publication for the Parish of Melbourne



The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany - 27th January 2019

8am **Holy Communion**

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

Readings: pages 7/8

Setting: *Cæsar* St Mary's Mass

Gradual Psalm: 19 vv. 1-6 (page 8)

Hymns: 345, 56 [407, 366] 388

Anthem: *Surge Illuminare Huw Williams*

Organ Voluntary: *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*

David Bednall

6.30pm **Evensong**

Hymns: 54, 481, 438, 57

Psalm: 33 vv. 1-12

Organ Voluntary: *Prelude on 'Quem pastores laudavere'*

Healey Willan

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 Michael Rogers
6.30pm – Canon David Edwards

Smisby: 5.30pm – Revd Steve Short

Stanton: 11am – Revd Steve Short

Ticknall: 9.15am – Revd Steve Short

**Taking responsibility for Church life today:**

8am Holy Communion

Sidespersons: Sue Dore, Ann Rafferty

Server: David Dore

Reader: Nigel Coupe

10.30am Parish Eucharist, Junior Church & Coffee

Sidespersons: Pam Starkey, Ros Bell

Crucifer: Graham Truscott

Server: Mary Bolton

Reader: Lisa Gilchrist

Intercessor: Margaret Brackenbury

Junior Church: Rachel Coupe, Isobel Hall

Coffee: Kate Landenberger, Pam & Maurice Starkey

6.30pm Evensong

Sidesperson: John Springthorpe

From the Rector and the Chair of the Finance Committee:

Over the past 3 weeks we have been reflecting on a questionnaire devised by our Diocesan Missioner, the Revd Jason Kennedy. These questions concern the nature of God's church as part of the bigger picture – what is God calling us *in this generation* to do and to be? This important process is to help us, together and under God, formulate a vision that will shape our mission and ministry over the coming years.

In the ordination service, the Bishop reads aloud 'The Declaration of Assent'. It includes this challenge:

*'The Church of England professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds, which faith the Church is called upon to **proclaim***

afresh in each generation.'

As we continue to pray and reflect on our vision, it is also right that at this time, leading into Lent, we consider how we respond to and fund that vision. So along with questions of vision, we also now consider our stewardship – the offering to God of our time, our talents and our money.

As we seek to 'proclaim afresh' in Melbourne, we must be mindful of the past and those who have gone before us as well as being aware of the challenges of today.

Over the past two years the Common Fund requested by the wider diocese has, for us, increased significantly and it will increase further still this year. The Common Fund, put simply, is money given by each parish to provide, support and further the work of the clergy across the Diocese.

This presents us with significant challenges as well as further opportunities. The immediate challenge is that, although our expenditure and maintenance has remained fairly static over the past year (which is good news), we are operating at a deficit of around £7,500 for the most part due to the increased Common Fund requirement.

The bigger picture across the whole of the Derby Diocese is that the Common Fund supports 255 parishes, 330 churches, 110 church schools, 222 readers and 136 stipendiary clergy. We in Melbourne (and across our benefice) are called to play our part in supporting God's mission locally and further afield. Although we are still in the Epiphany season, Lent will soon be upon us. Lent is a season of self-examination in the light of the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. For Lent this year, we invite you to consider the stewardship of your time, your talents and your money as we seek to address, once again, the challenge to 'proclaim afresh'.

Over the coming weeks, there will be further opportunities for reflection and prayer that will lead us, nearer Easter, to a pledge day when everyone will be invited to respond to our prayerful reflections over Lent.

Steve Short
Rector

Brian Dollamore
Chair of Finance Committee

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*

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)

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

The Travelling People:

The Choir is pleased to present The Travelling People, in an evening of laughter, supper and song, on Friday 29th March 2019 at Melbourne Assembly Rooms. Doors open at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm. Ticket price £16.00 includes our usual popular two course supper. There will be a licensed bar. Please book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets available from Romey 01332 863379 or talk to any choir members. *Romey Cunnington*

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

The Village Quiz:

The Village Quiz 2019 started a couple of weeks ago at the Melbourne Sporting Partnership, not the Legion, starting as usual at 7.30pm, and then every Friday. The bellringers have 2 teams in and the choir 1. The charity this year is Treetops Hospice. We raised £1,600 for them last year and they are our chosen charity again. The Committee would be delighted to see anyone from the church come to lend their support.

Phil Dobby

Our Diocese

A monthly snapshot of Church of England life around Derbyshire

The Dean of Derby writes...

Last month, Downing Street announced the appointment of the new Bishop of Derby. After a careful process of discussion, prayer, and discernment, we are thrilled that the Right Reverend Libby Lane is coming to be our bishop. Bishop Libby was the first woman to be appointed a bishop in the Church of England when she became Bishop of Stockport. Her roots are here in Derbyshire, and we are all very much looking forward to welcoming her home and working with her in the months and years ahead.

The arrival of a new bishop can and should be about much more than a change of personnel. It presents us with an opportunity to think afresh, about who we are and who we hope to be, about the opportunities and challenges that face us as we move forward. These are questions of identity, of purpose, of vision.

Proverbs 29:18 says, "Where there is no prophecy, the people cast off restraint." More memorably, the King James Version renders the same verse, "Without vision, the people perish." In our day and age, almost every organisation has some kind of vision statement. That can be a helpful crystallisation of focus which aids prioritisation, although in and of itself an aspirational vision statement may not accomplish much. And people who work for organisations that have lots of vision but not much strategy for delivery can soon find vision wearing. But I think Proverbs means more than this. It's not so much whether we have a vision statement. It's more about whether we have a clear sense of who we are and where we are going, the kind of future we are working for. And the modern translation which refers to 'prophecy' reminds us that as Christians our sense of purpose and direction should ultimately be discerned and discovered in God, not created by us out of our own imaginations.

The first months of new episcopal leadership will inevitably entail some kind of reflection together on these things, as we seek to discern where God may be leading us next and what kind of church he is calling us to be for the sake of his mission here. This is important work, and I look forward to seeing how that takes shape.

But the first weeks of a new year provide a spur for me to think through similar questions for myself. Who am I?, and who am I becoming? What is God calling me to do and to be? Where do I sense the work of God in my life? What kinds of practices will enable me to grow in Christlikeness during the coming year? Can I invite you to join me in giving time and prayer to these questions and others like them at the start of 2019, that we might be ready to prayerfully engage with them for our life together?

The Very Revd Dr Stephen Hance, Dean of Derby

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Monday:	2pm	Caring Hands in Honner Room
Tuesday:	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
Wednesday:	7.45pm	Choir Practice
Thursday:	9.15am	Holy Communion
Friday:	7.30pm	Melbourne Male Voice Choir Practice SMH
Saturday:	10am - 3pm	PCC Away day at All Saints Heritage Centre, Aston with Jason Kennedy
	10am - 12.30pm	Ringling
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 Hilary Jackson and Michelle Oscroft.

Next Week at Melbourne: Candlemas

8am **Holy Communion** (Sidespersons: Joe Laban, Tony Taylor)

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

(Sidespersons: Janet Warner, Linda Latchford)

(Coffee: Griselda Kerr, Margaret Murray-Leslie,

Sheena Wilkins)

(Junior Church: Rachel Coupe, Martha Clements)

6.30pm **Evensong:** (Sidesperson: Victoria Hancock)

The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:

First Reading: *Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10*

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

The Gospel Reading: *Luke 4.14-21*

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the

sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

Additional Collect:

God of heaven,
you send the gospel to the ends of the earth
and your messengers to every nation:
send your Holy Spirit to transform us
by the good news of everlasting life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gradual Psalm at 10.30am: *Psalm 19.1-6*

- 1 The heavens are telling the | glory of | God:
and the | firmament pro- | claims his | handiwork.
- 2 One day pours out its | song • to an- | other:
and one night unfolds | knowledge | to an- | other.
- 3 They have neither | speech nor | language:
and their | voices | are not | heard,
- 4 Yet their sound has | gone out • into | all lands:
and their | words • to the | ends • of the | world.
- 5 In them has he set a | tabernacle • for the | sun;
. that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber *
and rejoices as a | champion • to | run his | course.
- 6 It goes forth from the end of the heavens * and runs to the very |
end a- | gain,
and there is | nothing | hidden • from its | heat.