

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 before Lent - 10th February 2019

8am **Holy Communion**

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

Readings: pages 7/8

Setting: *Bourne* Melbourne Service

Gradual Psalm: 138 (page 8)

Hymns: 415, 433 [369, 343] 235

Anthem: *Ubi caritas Ola Gjeilo*

Organ Voluntary: *Nun danket alle Gott Karg-Elert*

6.30pm **Choral Evensong**

(Please see page 3 for the music for tonight's Choral Evensong)

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

Smisby: 5.30pm – Canon David Edwards

Stanton: 10.30am – At Swarkestone

Ticknall: 9.15am – Revd Michael Rogers

**Taking responsibility for Church life today:**

8am Holy Communion

Sidespersons: Avril & Terry Harrison

Server: John Tivey

Reader: John Heydon

10.30am Parish Eucharist, Junior Church & Coffee

Acting Wardens: Cliff Warner and Sarah Kington

Sidespersons: Annabel Needham, Ken Gibson

Crucifer: Mary Bolton

Server: Jo Glaze

Reader: Katy Latchford

Intercessor: Linda Latchford

Junior Church: Rachel Coupe, Charlotte Hall

Coffee: Linda Latchford, Pam & Maurice Starkey

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Acting Warden: Linda Latchford

Sidespersons: Paddy & Joe Laban

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

Music for tonight's Choral Evensong:

Introit: Hail, gladdening light *Charles Wood*

Responses: *Clucas*

Hymns: 494, 54, 244

Psalm: 1

Canticles: *Stanford* in C

Anthem: Jubilate Deo (Psalm 100) *William Walton*

Organ Voluntary: Postlude in D minor *Stanford*

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.

APCM Reports for 2018:

The APCM is fast approaching! Could all groups, committees and organisations within the church please let me have their reports by mid-March at the absolute latest so that I can draw them all together in one document ready for the APCM. Many thanks, *Kate Landenberger*

Living Waters House Group:

We next meet on Monday February 18th at 10.30am at No. 63 Jubilee Close when Dr Nick Gravestock will be leading us with a Taizé style service and then a Bible study on John 17: 1-5. For refreshment purposes will our regulars please let me know whether or not they are coming, and if anyone would like to join us for the first time you will be very welcome. Again please let us know. See you then. Revd Margaret & Allan. margaret@ajacques.plus.com

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*

Keys:

A polite request please for keys no longer needed for Church, Church House and St Michael's House to be returned to save the unnecessary expense of having new keys cut.

If you no longer have responsibility to unlock, lock or access any of these buildings it would be extremely helpful to have keys returned with a label or note to indicate which doors they unlock.

Please return through the Rectory letterbox or via an acting church warden. Many thanks, *Linda Latchford*

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 Cunningham*

The Village Quiz:

The Village Quiz 2019 continues 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. Ask them how they're getting on. 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*

A Mercia Deanery Prayer Afternoon:

A Mercia Deanery Prayer Afternoon will take place here at Melbourne on **Saturday 9th March from 2pm - 4pm in and around the Church**. There will be interactive prayer stations - an opportunity to spend time quietly reflecting on your journey with God using interactive and reflective stations; and a children's activities corner - an opportunity for children to explore prayer through craft. Cakes and drinks will be served all afternoon. At 3.30pm there will be a short reflective act of worship to close the event. Everyone is very welcome!

**Churches Together in Melbourne invites you to
THE BIG FAIR TRADE BREAKFAST!
on
Saturday 23rd February from 10am to 12 noon
at St Mary's Catholic Church Hall
(in support of Fair Trade Fortnight)
ALL WELCOME!**

Fancy a Cuppa:

The next Fancy a Cuppa will be on Tuesday February 12th from 10.30am to 12 noon in the Senior Citizens' Centre. Speaker: Dr Liz Hepplewhite on Getting Older and Staying Happy. Email your suggestions of how to stay happy to Liz: lizhepplewhite@icloud.com £1 for tea/coffee - £1 for homemade cake. A warm welcome extended to all!

Office closed:

Please note the Parish office will re-open on 13th February. Emails and phone messages will be answered on return. Thank you. *Kate*

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Monday:	2pm	Caring Hands in Honner Room
Tuesday:	6.30pm	Wedding Open Office in Church
	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
Wednesday:	7.45pm	Choir Practice
Thursday:	9.15am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Social Committee in the Rectory
	6.30pm	12 bell ringing Practice
Friday:	7.30pm	Melbourne Male Voice Choir Practice SMH
Saturday:	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, Marjorie Heydon, Roo Hubbard, David Ingram, Revd Jason Kennedy, 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 Hilda Cooper, George William Brame, and Peter Hedley Mansfield.

Next Week at Melbourne: Third Sunday before Lent

8am **Holy Communion** (Sidespersons: Sue Dore, Joy Hill)

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

(Sidespersons: Jenny Jackson, Matthew Needham)

(Coffee: Kate Landenberger, Carolyn Tasker, Janet Warner)

(Junior Church: Bronwen Truscott, Isobel Hall)

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

The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:

First Reading: *Isaiah 6.1-8*

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.'

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

The Gospel Reading: *Luke 5.1-11*

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon,

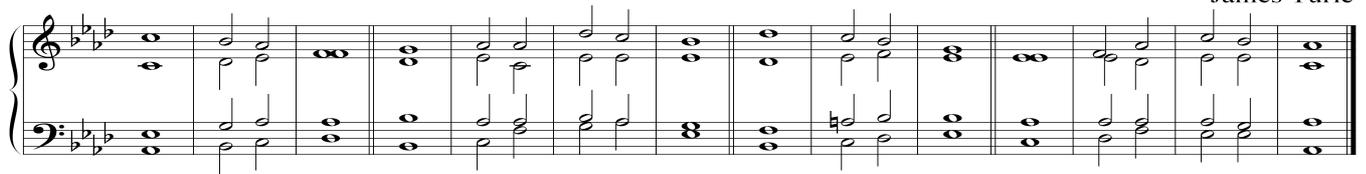
'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Additional Collect:

Lord of the hosts of heaven,
our salvation and our strength, without you we are lost:
guard us from all that harms *or* hurts and raise us when we fall;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gradual Psalm at 10.30am: *Psalm: 138*

James Turle



- 1 I will give thanks to you O | Lord • with my | whole heart;
before the | gods will | I sing | praise to you.
- 2 I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name —>
because of your | love and | faithfulness;
for you have glorified your | name • and your | word a-bove |
all things.
- 3 In the day that I called to you you | answered | me;
you | put new | strength • in my | soul.
- 4 All the kings of the earth shall | praise you • O | Lord;
for they have | heard the | words • of your | mouth.
- 5 They shall sing of the | ways • of the | Lord;
that | great • is the | glory • of the | Lord.
- 6 Though the Lord be high he watches | over the | lowly;
as for the proud he re- | gards them | from a- | far.
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble | you • will pre- | serve me;
you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies *
| your right | hand will | save me.
- 8 The Lord shall make good his | purpose | for me;
your loving-kindness O Lord endures for ever *
for- | sake • not the | work • of your | hands.