

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



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The Second Sunday of Lent - 17th March 2019

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Eucharist, Junior Church and Coffee

Readings: pages 9/10

Setting: *Willan Kyrie/Harris*

Gradual Psalm: 27 vv.1-8 *plainchant* (page 11)

Hymns: O God beyond all praising (page 11), 461 [275, 63] 333

Anthem: Call to remembrance *Richard Farrant*

Organ Voluntary: Fantasia in G minor (BWV542) *J.S.Bach*

6.30pm Evensong

Hymns: 376, 439, 73, 420

Psalm: 135 vv.1-14

Organ Voluntary: Prelude on "Abridge" *Ashley Grote*

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 – Dr Nick Gravestock

Stanton: 11am – Canon David Edwards

Ticknall: 10.30am – Mrs Mary Hirst



Taking responsibility for Church life today:

8am Holy Communion
Sidespersons: Sue Dore, Ann Rafferty
Server: David Dore
Reader: Avril Harrison

10.30am Parish Eucharist, Junior Church & Coffee
Acting Wardens: Gordon Hughes, Victoria Hancock
Sidespersons: Janet Warner, Matthew Needham
Crucifer: Graham Truscott
Server: Mary Bolton
Reader: Romey Cunnington
Intercessor: Graham Truscott
Junior Church: Bronwen Truscott, Rachel Hill
Coffee: Sarah Kington, Maurice & Pam Starkey

6.30pm Evensong
Acting Warden: Gordon Hughes
Sidesperson: Ann Hammond

Lent Addresses 2019:

Everyone is warmly invited to our Lent Addresses that will take place each Tuesday of Lent beginning at 7.30 pm in one of our benefice churches. A member of the ministry team will each give a talk with Compline ending the evening.

Tuesday 19th March – Smisby Steve Short 'Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all. Worship as our calling.'
Tuesday 26th March – Stanton Michael Rogers on Julian of Norwich, 14th century spiritual writer, mystic.
Tuesday 2nd April – Melbourne Nick Gravestock on 'The Law, Justice and Mercy – thoughts from a Panel Member.'
Tuesday 9th April – Ticknall Tony Barnard 'Lent is about Love'

*'Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.'*

These are powerful words that conclude Isaac Watts' hymn 'When I survey the wondrous cross'. It is most often sung on Good Friday but is more than appropriate for the entire Passiontide season which we begin on April 7th this year.

The hymn is a reflection on how the writer and ourselves respond to the stark image of a crucified Saviour who willingly gave his life for all.

A few weeks ago, we wrote a previous bulletin article that provided some detail concerning our current financial situation especially with regard to the significant increases in our Common Fund payments to the wider diocese (and these will increase further next year).

The season of Lent is rightly a time to consider our response to the love of God we see enthroned on the cross - how we respond with our time, gifts and talents.

For our reflection and prayer, our giving as a church community roughly averages out at around £12 per week. This means that, statistically, some will give more and some less as they are able.

Ultimately, what each of us gives is a private matter between us and God. However, as Rector and Chair of Finance, we would like to ask you to consider, once again, how much you feel able to contribute to the ministry and mission of God's church here in Melbourne. As we hope to have made clear, these are challenging times but they are also times of opportunity.

To give a focus to our prayer and reflection, we are designating Palm Sunday (14th April) as a Gift Day when you will be invited to re-pledge or pledge anew to the regular giving of our church. The church will be open all day and there will be a locked box in which to place your pledge for the future. Forms for this will be supplied over the coming weeks.

Here's to moving forward with confidence and hope in the victory of the cross and the victory of Easter Day.

Steve Short *Brian Dollamore*
Rector Chair of Finance

Compline.....

will be sung by the choir during Lent at **9.15 pm in Church on Wednesday 27th March**. Lasting about 20 minutes, this is a hauntingly beautiful service in the half light of the church at night. Do come along if you haven't experienced it before. *Simon Collins, Director of Music*

Men's Breakfast!

I'm delighted to announce that we are holding our first event on: **Saturday 23rd March 2019, 8.45 am** at the **Senior Citizens' Centre, Melbourne**.

Our friends from the Blue Bell Inn are providing our cooked breakfast which can be ordered in advance (**please see the sign up sheets in church or email through to: stephen.short71@btinternet.com**).

The format will be very straightforward – eating a fabulous breakfast and then input from a guest speaker. To kick us off (there is a pun here) the Revd Tony Luke, vicar of the Aston Benefice, will be telling us about his exciting role as chaplain to the Derby Rams Football Club (the 'rams rev').

This is an ideal event to invite non church people to so do get thinking about who you could invite for great food and fellowship! *Steve*

Living Waters House Group: After a short Lent Service led by Linda, and hearing the reading Matthew 25:31-40 and prayer from Alison, Kate told us of her experiences of helping with the Derby Soup Kitchen and then Revd Margaret told us about the Food Bank she had oversight of in her previous parishes. We were challenged by the words of Pope Francis who calls the Church "to be a Church which is poor and for the poor." He asks us to consider how we can build churches that are interested in building the Kingdom, not growing the Church; churches that listen to the voices from the margins and expect to be challenged and changed by our neighbours; churches that put emphasis on sharing food and hospitality, and churches that are hungry and thirsty for justice." (This challenge is endorsed by the National Justice and Peace Network and Church Action on Poverty.) We considered our small actions of great love as we reach out, but also discussed the Church's response as a whole to the issues of poverty and justice, highlighting Bishop Alastair's stand in Westminster when raising issues of Modern Day Slavery, the Archbishop of Canterbury's intervention and challenges he makes to Parliament, and the ethos of the Moravian Church who undertake to help resolve the underlying issues of poverty and not just deal with the resulting problems. As Jesus said "you will always have the poor with you" but we recognised that poverty comes in all sorts of forms and some of it is the result of failing systems. We wondered, do all our Bishops who sit in the House of Lords follow the example of Bishop Alastair and use their position to highlight the underlying issues which are creating

poverty and injustice? As our Group members consider these issues throughout Lent, you might like to do so also.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 16th April 10.30am at No. 63. Will our usual members please let us know whether or not you will be coming and if you would like to join us for the first time, that would be lovely, but again please do let us know beforehand. *Revd Margaret and Allan.*

Lent Lunches:

Lent Lunches are running on **Wednesdays during Lent (last one April 10th)**. There will be the usual menu: homemade soup, bread, cheese and a hot drink all for £3.50 or £3 for those of us over 60!



If you would like to help either by making soup, serving or washing up please could you contact me on 865053 or via the Parish Office. The money we raise will go to support the Kolkata Cathedral Relief Service that aims to help the poorest of the poor in Kolkata. We have supported this work for many years, some of our congregation have been to visit and seen the work they do. Thank you, *Sheena Wilkins*

Spring Flowers for our Angels:

Angels' Delight continues on March 20th from 9am - 11am in Church with activities around the story of Joseph as well as a Spring theme. Members of the congregation are, as always, very welcome to join us.

Church Electoral Roll:

This year our Church Electoral Roll has to be completely re-created: 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 left at the back of the Church. Alternatively, 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. Thanks to you all for your co-operation in the compilation of this important document. *Cliff Warner - MPC Electoral Roll Officer*

No more excuses for not listening to the sermon!

Over the next few weeks we are testing out two extra loudspeakers further down the church to assess what sort of effect they have on overall acoustics and audibility. Early trials suggest an improvement. The set up is a temporary one. If the trial is successful and the PCC wishes to proceed, fixed speakers, funded by the Friends of Melbourne Parish Church, will be installed through a faculty. Feedback welcome - that's not a joke. Temporary leads run across the north, central and south aisles, so please take care when stepping over them. *Gordon Hughes*

The Choral Road 2019...

...takes Melbourne Parish Church Choir to the following places:

- Bank Holiday Mon, 6th May: daytrip to Bristol
- Bank Holiday Mon, 27th May: daytrip to Bury St Edmunds
 - Saturday 22nd June: daytrip to Hereford
- 27th and 28th July: Weekend at Carlisle, Cumbria

Thanks to everyone who supported our trips in 2018.

The choir values greatly the company and support of the Congregation and other friends on these occasions and I do encourage you to come along if you are yet to experience one.

They are relaxing days “doing your own thing” and Choral Evensong to enjoy before the journey back home.

All this, door-to-door, in the company of people you know!

Sign-up list for Bristol & Bury St Edmunds is on the noticeboard.

We value greatly the support of the congregation and other friends on our trips and are looking forward to singing at these Cathedrals, both of which are return visits after invitations received last time.

The Bristol Coach is £18 per seat and leaves at 8.45a.m.

The Bury St Edmunds Coach is £18 per seat and leaves at 8.30a.m.

Special price: £32 for both trips, if paid by end of April.

Carlisle: we will be finalising the accommodation for our weekend very shortly. If you would be interested in staying with the choir, do ask for details. As on previous weekends, it's always lovely to have the support of familiar faces.

Please get in touch if you want any further information

(simon.e.collins@btinternet.com or 01543 258777) *Simon Collins, Director of Music*

Ruth Smith:

Sad News:- It is with great sadness that we have to let you know that Ruth Smith passed away in the Richmond Village, Aston on Trent on the 9th March. At Ruth's request there will be a very private cremation and then a Memorial Service at **12 noon on Tuesday 26th March** in Melbourne Parish Church. A Service in which to remember Ruth with joy, to celebrate a life with Bob well lived, to give some expression of what she held dear and her extraordinary contribution to Melbourne and Stanton by Bridge, to the Ringing World, to the Church and to the wider world. Please do come along; Ruth wanted this to be a very joyful occasion!

Revd Margaret Jacques and Revd Sandra Chantry

Spring Unfolds with The Apprehensive Gardener:

As many of my long suffering friends in the parish know (because I talk about it too often) my new book called *The Apprehensive Gardener* is being published by Pimpernel Press this spring. Melbourne Assembly Rooms has kindly asked me to give an illustrated talk around it on Wednesday 24th April - so I thought I would base it on gardening at this time of year rather than directly on the book. (There will be copies of the book available on the evening.) The event is free but ticketed so that we know numbers. I hope however, that instead of paying for a ticket, people will make a donation to the Assembly Rooms Brick Appeal at the door. Doors will open at 7.00 for 7.30pm and there will be a bar serving drinks and tea and coffee. (Free) tickets are available from Forteys, Melbourne Assembly Rooms or The Dower House. Thank you! *Griselda Kerr*

The Real Easter Egg:

The egg that shares the Easter story *The Real Easter Egg* was launched in 2010, and remains the only chocolate egg available with a copy of the Easter story in the box. It is made of Fairtrade chocolate and supports charitable projects.

The Original contains a prize competition and a super thick milk chocolate egg and a large 24-page Easter story activity book. The Dark egg contains the story book, plus a simple Easter guide, three dark chocolate Mini Squares (3x5g) and a luxury smooth dark chocolate egg (165g).

The Special Edition egg comes with a bookmark/keepsake made by disabled craft artisans in India, a simple guide to Easter, an orange milk chocolate bar (80g) and a luxury milk chocolate egg (200g).

Supermarkets turned down the idea of *The Real Easter Egg* at first. It was left to churches and church schools to place orders to fund *The Meaningful Chocolate Company* to make *The Real Easter Egg*.

The success of *The Real Easter Egg* has meant that the production of Fairtrade chocolate has moved to the UK. Over £275,000 has been raised from sales for charitable causes.

The whole range can be ordered on line at www.realeasteregg.co.uk or you can buy the milk chocolate egg from the Derby Cathedral Bookshop, Tesco, Waitrose, Morrison's and Asda.

WIN A REAL EASTER EGG Email Together@derby.anglican.org with your name and address, using the subject "Our Diocese - Egg Competition" before 31 March 2019. Good Luck!

From Our Diocese:

Revd Canon Matt Barnes writes... You may have heard the story about the granddaughter who found herself in difficulty when visiting her grandparents; her hand became trapped inside a beloved vase. Despite

copious amounts of pulling and soaping and more pulling the hand refused to be released. It became clear to the grandfather that the only way to release the child from the vase was for it to be broken. A hammer was fetched and the vase gently tapped until it broke in two. The hand was set free only for the grandfather to be amazed to see his granddaughter's tightly clenched fist. When questioned as to why she didn't straighten out her hand and allow it to easily pass through the neck of the vase the young child sheepishly opened out her palm and revealed an old golden sovereign that had fallen into the vase years ago and had long been given up as lost.

There are many lessons we can draw from this simple story. The application that springs to mind as we each embark on our Lenten journey is that very often we have to give up something valuable in order to lay hold of something of greater worth. I'm not talking about abstaining from chocolate or coffee or TV, what will lead us to deep personal (and ecclesial) renewal is a willingness to shed the comfort of the past and an openness to embrace the future trusting in God's presence and goodness.

In my role of leader of the mission and ministry team, I am almost daily surprised at exciting stories of growth and new life from our diocese ... these come about very often as congregations and individuals find the courage and strength to let go of something that has been valuable to them in the past in order to lay hold of something new.

Moses wrote "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." (Deut 31:6) let us hold this promise as we embrace an uncertain but exciting future.

Revd Canon Matt Barnes, Interim Director of Mission and Ministry

APCM report writers: The APCM is early this year - 7th April - straight after the 10.30am service. Please don't forget to submit your reports to me by today at the very latest so that I can draw them all together in one document in time for the meeting. Many thanks, Kate Landenberger

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Monday:	2pm	Caring Hands in Honner Room
Tuesday:	2pm	Funeral of John Parker
	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
	7.30pm	Lent Address at Smisby
Wednesday:	9am - 11am	Angels' Delight in Church
	12noon	Lent Lunches in the Honner Room
	7.45pm	Choir Practice
Thursday:	9.15am	Holy Communion
	7.30pm	PCC in SMH

	8pm	St Michael's Players (Honner Room)
Friday:	7.30pm	Melbourne Male Voice Choir Practice SMH
Saturday:	8.45am	Men's Breakfast at Senior Citizens' Centre
	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, Roo Hubbard, David Ingram, Revd Jason Kennedy, Madge Limbert, Betty Park, 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 Ruth Smith and Marjorie Heydon, and those whose anniversaries occur near this time, among them Harry Brame, Hedley Needham, William Hancock, Charles Edward Osbond and Mary Messer.

Next Week at Melbourne: The Third Sunday of Lent

8am **Holy Communion**

(Sidespersons: Avril & Terry Harrison)

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

(Sidespersons: Carolyn & Nigel Tasker)

(Coffee: Kate Landenberger, Margaret Brackenbury,
Steph Hughes)

(Junior Church: Bronwen Truscott, Martha Clements)

6.30pm **Evensong:**

(Sidesperson: John Springthorpe)

The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:

First Reading: *Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18*

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the

heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?’ And Abram said, ‘You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.’ But the word of the Lord came to him, ‘This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.’ He brought him outside and said, ‘Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.’ Then he said to him, ‘So shall your descendants be.’ And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, ‘I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.’ But he said, ‘O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?’ He said to him, ‘Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.’ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, ‘To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.

The Gospel Reading: *Luke 13.31-end*

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, ‘Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.’ He said to them, ‘Go and tell that fox for me, “Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.” Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.” ’

Additional Collect:

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ’s sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gradual Psalm at 10.30am: *Psalm 27.1-8 (plainchant, sung by the Choir)*

The Lord is my light, and my salvation; whom then shall I fear *
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, even mine enemies, and my foes, came upon me to eat up
my flesh * they stumbled and fell.

Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be
afraid * and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in
him.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require *
even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to
behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle *
yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon
a rock of stone.

And now shall he lift up mine head *
above mine enemies round about me.

Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness *
I will sing, and speak praises unto the Lord.

Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee *
have mercy upon me, and hear me.

Processional Hymn at 10.30am:

1. O God, beyond all praising, we worship you today,
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

2. Then hear, O gracious Saviour, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favour may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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