

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



The Bulletin

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The Seventh Sunday of Easter - 2nd June 2019

8am **Holy Communion**

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

Readings: pages 10/11

Introit: O taste and see *Vaughan Williams*

(for Coronation, 2nd June 1953)

Setting: *Rawsthorne* Festive Eucharist

Gradual Psalm: 97 (page 12)

Hymns: 132, 446 [131, 134] 332 omit *

Anthem: Lift up your heads *Richard A Williamson*

Organ Voluntary: Crown Imperial (Coronation March)

William Walton

6.30pm **Evensong**

Hymns: 443, 129, 134, 352

Psalm: 99

Organ Voluntary: Heut' triumphiret Gottes Sohn

(BWV630) *J.S. Bach*

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 Michael Rogers
10.30am – Revd Steve Short
6.30pm – Canon David Edwards
Smisby: 5.30pm – Revd Steve Short
Stanton: 11am – Dr Nick Gravestock
Ticknall: 9.15am – Dr Nick Gravestock

**Taking responsibility for Church life today:**

8am Holy Communion

Sidespersons: Joy Hill, Tony Taylor

Server: John Tatam

Reader: Nigel Coupe

10.30am Parish Eucharist, Junior Church & Coffee

Acting Warden: Gordon Hughes

Sidespersons: Linda Latchford, Dale Jackson

Crucifer: Graham Truscott

Server: Jo Glaze

Reader: Jan Gibson

Intercessor: Margaret Brackenbury

Junior Church: Rachel Coupe, Rachel Hill

Coffee: Kate Landenberger, Annabel Needham,
Margaret Murray-Leslie

6.30pm Evensong

Acting Warden: Gordon Hughes

Sidesperson: Ann Hammond

Stewardship Campaign Update:

A very big thank you to everyone who has been able to respond to our campaign so far. Your thoughts, prayers and gifts are very much appreciated and the number of responses to date has been encouraging.

It is still not too late to respond, though, if you haven't yet done so. Our Pentecost service on 9th of June will be a service of thanksgiving for the stewardship of our whole church family – all we have given in our time, talents and gifts over the years and into the future.

Steve Short

Brian Dollamore



**Melbourne Parish Church
Garden Fete
on
8th June from 2pm to 4pm
in the Rectory Garden**

This year the Garden Party takes place on June 8th. The Infant School Choir will be performing for us during the afternoon, members of the Town Band will be performing and the handbell ringers too; and there will be lots of games and stalls to look around plus the ever popular Teas.

Thank you to all who have volunteered so far; we couldn't do it without you. We could still do with a few more volunteers especially on Teas.

We specially need **BOTTLES FOR THE TOMBOLA, RAFFLE PRIZES, PAPERBACK BOOKS, CAKES AND UNWANTED GIFT ITEMS. We can make use of most things.** No bric-a-brac please! You can bring them into Church or on the day or phone Kate in the office (862153).

Stalls will include:

Children's Games, Face Painting: Rachel and Steve Short

Bran Tub: Janet Warner

Gift items, Social and Promotional: Victoria Hancock

Books: Jo Glaze, Avril Harrison, Cliff Warner

Cakes and Preserves: Maureen and Beth Anderson

China, glass and good quality usable items (no bric-a-brac): Sheena Wilkins

Raffle: Mothers' Union

Bling: Bronwen Truscott

Bottle Tombola: Terry Harrison and Nigel Tasker

Teas: Linda Latchford, Kate Landenberger, Roddy Lott, Carolyn Tasker, Margaret Brackenbury, Allan Jacques plus volunteers to help with washing up and serving please.

Whacky Game: Gordon Hughes and Graham Truscott

Choir Stall: Let's Travel Raffle

We would also be very grateful for help to set up gazebos and stalls and for help to clear away afterwards. **SET-UP FROM 10AM. Cakes, small and large, are also needed for the teas and cake stall.**

If you could offer general help or have any great ideas for raising funds for the church, we would love to hear from you. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year so please help where you can. Many thanks, *Social Committee (862153)*



CAKE BAKERS NEEDED:

It is that time of the year again, the Garden Fete is on the horizon and one of the bestselling items at the event are cakes and we can never have too many. If you can bake a cake for the stall or even two it would be absolutely great. Cakes can be brought to the Honner Room on Saturday 8th June after 12 noon wrapped and ready for sale. I know what excellent cake bakers we have in the congregation so please use your talents for this very worthy cause, Melbourne Church.

Maureen Anderson - Tel 863901

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Choir Raffle

Roll up Roll up.... The choir would like to offer you another chance to take part in our ever popular choir raffle. £2 per ticket. First prize, two tickets to any one of the exciting forthcoming choir destinations beginning with Hereford Cathedral June 22nd (stopping in Ludlow for lunch and sightseeing) If you prefer a weekend away, we can offer Carlisle 27th and 28th July 2019 and your prize will be £36 towards the overall costs of the hotel accommodation. Looking forward we can offer Ely Cathedral, Gloucester, Lincoln and Truro Cathedral (Truro will be a weekend residential 2020) Please ask a member of the choir for more details and raffle tickets can be purchased from the choir prior to the Summer Bazar, otherwise visit us in the red choir tent where Wine and Strawberries will be complimentary to anyone buying a ticket. If you have already bought a ticket come and claim your refreshments. There is a second prize too, kindly donated by Boots PLC...a box set of 'top of the range' beauty products....

Good Luck !

The Choir

Hospitality Sunday - 23rd June 2019

On Hospitality Sunday we give and receive hospitality to each other by having lunch together after the Sunday Service in our homes in small groups (4-10 people). This is a great way to get to know each other better and have lots of fun!

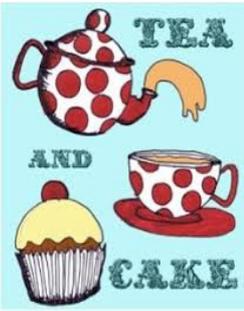
Please see the sign up sheet at the back of church. *Rachel Short*

Mothers' Union Summer of Hope

Join us in making this a summer of hope across the world

Coffee Evening at Church House

on Tuesday 4th June at 7pm



Sunday Teas:

Our total for April Teas was £120 and for May - £402 so we've made a very good start. Many thanks to all who have helped so far.

There are still some gaps on the rota that need to be filled in.

Please take a look at the rota on the noticeboard and see or phone Carolyn if you are able to fill in a slot (864940) either baking, serving or washing up. We are open for Teas every Sunday and

Bank Holiday afternoon between now and the Festival weekend from 2.30pm to 5pm.

The Choral Road continues...

Thanks to all who have supported our May Cathedral trips.

The next trip is to **Hereford Cathedral via Ludlow on**

Saturday 22nd June and a sign-up notice is now up.

Ludlow has nearly 500 listed buildings in many styles and was described by Sir John Betjeman as "probably the loveliest town in England" so we thought we would spend time there, moving on to Hereford at 2.15p.m.

The cost is £20 per seat and the coach leaves at 8.30a.m.

We will return from Hereford at 6.30p.m. after Choral Evensong at the Cathedral which is at 5.30p.m.

We value greatly the support of the congregation and other friends on these trips and are looking forward to returning to Hereford after receiving an invitation the last time we were there.

They are relaxing days "doing your own thing" and Choral Evensong to enjoy before the journey back home. I do encourage you to come along if you are yet to experience one.

Future Dates

- 27th and 28th July: Weekend at Carlisle Cathedral
- Sunday 27th October: Coach trip to Southwell

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

What a privilege it was to celebrate Whitsun in the old-fashioned way!

Bury St Edmunds and our Choir did just that for us last Monday. Setting out from Melbourne we had a gloomy start, but swiftly the clouds rolled away

and we were left with a glorious day.

Bury St Edmunds did us proud with their Whitsun Market. The market ranged over all the main streets, each street with a different theme and all offering the best that the area could offer... but for the best offering of the day they chose Melbourne Choir to sing Evensong... to praise God thanking him for the coming of the Holy Spirit, which they did with great panache... yes, we truly had a great feast of music and praise.

When I 'go out' with the Choir, I always like to be in the Choir Stalls for the final practice to listen to the 'fine tuning', as, with the organist they really work hard to gain perfection. To get it absolutely right, Simon takes them over the tricky bits again and again until it sounds perfect. Only after experiencing that can there be a true appreciation of just how hard the Choir, Simon and the organist work in order to bring us closer to God with their singing... and to give voice to the praise we feel, but don't always express as well.

Thank you to all involved, it was a great day, we were able to enjoy Whitsun as we did as children and to forget for once it's new secular title. You brought great pleasure to all of us, but also to the locals who took the trouble to come and say so. "You must have a great congregation for so many of you to turn out and support your choir", said the Canon on duty.

Sandra Chantry

The Friends of Melbourne Parish Church present:

Circumnavigating the world,

an illustrated talk by Edward Gildea, 7 pm for 7.30 pm, Thursday 6 June.

Edward's alternative title for his talk is 'How circumnavigating the world turned me Green'. Edward will tell us how yacht racing across 6 oceans and 22 seas gave him such powerful experiences of the planet that he is now an environmental activist. Come and see some dramatic photos, thrilling video clips and.... dare to listen to some of his poetry!

Free entry to all.

Gordon Hughes

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Living Waters House Group: next meets on Tuesday 11th June at 10.30am at No. 63 Jubilee Close. We shall be looking at Baptism through the lens of Vocation. What is our understanding of Baptism and of Confirmation and how do these two Rites of Passage act as springboards and inform our Vocation as Christians? What is "Vocation" and "Every Member Ministry"? Lots to think about in a supportive environment. Our text for the meeting is 1 John 3:16-24. If possible, please read this beforehand. All are welcome but, for refreshment purposes, will everyone please let us know whether or not they are coming. We look forward to getting together again.

Revd Margaret and Allan

New Focus:

Many of you will know that when I retired 3 years ago and came to Melbourne it had been agreed with the then Rector, Mark Powell, that I would share his ministry on a part time retirement basis to take some of the load off him. However, Mark moved on very quickly to St Georges Windsor, it was too late for us to go elsewhere, and I arrived in the vacancy. As I arrived, another member of clergy said "Look after Melbourne" and I have tried to honour that, helping Angela to complete her curacy in the vacancy and now helping Revd. Steve. However, Angela is now confidently taking responsibility for her own parish and Steve has been with us for over two years.

Part of my calling to both the church and the world has always been to encourage and enable others of all ages and backgrounds to achieve their potential and this has been worked out in my parishes in the Coalfields, in Scouting and other organisations. Over the years since my ordination I have had the enormous privilege of training two Curates in my own parishes, been the training supervisor to a number of Readers as well as Methodist and URC Ordinands, trained Acorn accredited Pastoral Visitors and Listeners plus mentoring those in training for Reader or Ordained Ministry who need that little bit of extra support. (for both the Diocese of Derby, and Southwell and Nottingham.) In retirement I still do the mentoring and will continue to do so if required.

When I was ordained in 2003 and following on from my BA(Hons), Melbourne's gift to me was to contribute financially towards the cost of my taking a Higher Research Degree, an MPhil from the Dept. of Theology and Religion at Birmingham University. The Diocese of Derby and my parishes also helped considerably to make that Research possible. In 2016, in my retirement interview with Bishop Alastair, he said he would like me to use both my parochial experience and my academic research for the benefit of the Diocese and the Church of the Future, but the "door" didn't open then. However, just recently I have been given the opportunity to become involved in training at Diocesan level and contribute academically to the professional training courses and module assessment of those in training for Reader/Ordained Ministry. Inevitably this will take me away from some of the support that I give to the Melbourne Benefice. I have given this a lot of thought and prayer but have agreed to take up the challenge.

When God calls us to a new and different ministry it is scary. I have always been a trainer who is a practitioner/pastor first and foremost rather than an academic/practitioner. My mind fills with self-doubt just thinking about it, but God knows the plans he has for us all, plans to prosper and not to harm and I take re-assurance from that.

I will continue to be the Treasurer of Churches Together in Melbourne. Assuming Steve agrees, I will still appear on the Benefice Service Rota

occasionally as I do now, and, for the time being we will continue to host Living Waters House Group, but my primary focus will be towards the Diocese. Please do pray for me as I look forward to the new academic year and a new retirement ministry. *Yours in Christ, Revd Margaret*

Our Diocese:

Bishop Libby writes...

We all are called: to follow and to serve. In June, we ordain those whose call is to serve as deacons and priests. But that is not the only way to follow or necessarily the best way to serve.

Let me tell you about 'Adam'.

Adam was disruptive in a low key sort of way. He was habitually late for school, frequently coming without food or money for lunch, with the wrong uniform or uniform that was dirty and a bit smelly. Sometimes Adam had pyjama bottoms instead of underwear on under his clothes.

Home work was rarely done on time - though when it was done he showed real potential.

Thankfully Adam had around him, at school, at church and indeed at home, those who treated him with the dignity of a precious child of God. Though his home life could, at best, be described as chaotic, he was loved. And others echoed that love, giving him the attention he required, listening to what was unsaid, as well as what was often shouted quite loudly. Others were able to offer consistency and security, appropriate challenge and opportunity, delighting in the advances Adam made and in his unique contribution to school, church and community.

Underneath his slightly odd, sometimes difficult, often unsettling exterior, Adam was compassionate, loyal, determined and brave. He joined the St John Ambulance Corps and loved it. In his GCSE year he received an award in recognition of his extraordinary response to a stranger having a heart attack at a bus stop. Adam's calm, informed, timely action was instrumental in saving the man's life. Adam was commended for the dignity with which he dealt with the man in trouble - including offering to pray while they waited for an ambulance.

Jesus' call comes to us all - parents, teachers, emergency service personnel, strangers at a bus stop...

In recognition that it is not only the ordained, or even only adults, who are called to follow and to serve, in June we also again present, at special services, Bishop's Badges to pupils in our schools whose exemplary service offer hope. This summer I pray you too will hear Jesus' invitation to follow and the challenge to serve. And remembering the example of our newly ordained clergy and our too often overlooked children and young people, choose to follow and serve wherever God has called you.

The Rt Revd Libby Lane Bishop of Derby

Church Website:

The church website has had an update and will look a little different. The change is to improve its security and it has the benefit of making it easier to read on a mobile phone. The update also fixes a problem of uploading the bulletin and music sheets to the church website. It was quite a major change, so if you do spot any issues, please let me know. *Nigel Coupe.*

Dower House Garden Opening:

The Dower House garden is open **today**: everyone knows it pretty well but if anyone would like to come to the opening in aid of the National Gardens Scheme cancer charities, it would be a great pleasure to welcome you. The garden is open at **10am and closes at 5.30pm**. If you bring your bulletin with you to identify yourself as a member of the parish, the person selling tickets will let you in at £2.50 instead of £4.50 (children are free and dogs are welcome on leads.) There will be the usual tea in the greenhouse (or garden if it is not raining). *Griselda Kerr*

Reminder:

Thy Kingdom Come Deanery Service

Bishop Libby will be speaking at the Mercia Deanery "Thy Kingdom Come" service on Wednesday, 5 June 2019 at St Mark's, Winshill, starting at 7.45pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Monday:	2pm	Caring Hands
	7.30pm	Friends meeting in Honner Room
Tuesday:	7pm	Mothers' Union Coffee Evening
	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
Wednesday:	9am	Angels' Delight
	7.45pm	'Thy Kingdom Come' Prayer Service with Bishop Libby at St Mark's Winshill
	7.45pm	Choir Practice
Thursday:	9.15am	Holy Communion
	12pm	Deanery Chapter
	7.30pm	Friends' Event - talk by Edward Gildea
Friday:	7pm	Male Voice Choir Practice (Honner Room)
Saturday:	2pm - 4pm	Garden Fete on Rectory Lawn
	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, Betty Park, Bob Smith, Susan 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 Anna Lawrence, Charles Marston and Howard Jenkins.

Next Week at Melbourne: Pentecost

8am **Holy Communion** (Sidespersons: Avril & Terry Harrison)

10.30am **Parish All-Age Eucharist & Coffee**

(Sidespersons: Jenny Jackson, David Smith)

(Coffee: Linda Latchford, Pam & Maurice Starkey)

6.30pm **Choral Evensong** (Sidespersons: Sheena & Henry Wilkins)

The Readings at 8am & 10.30am:

First Reading: *Acts 16.16-34*

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and

ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

The Gospel Reading: *John 17.20-end*

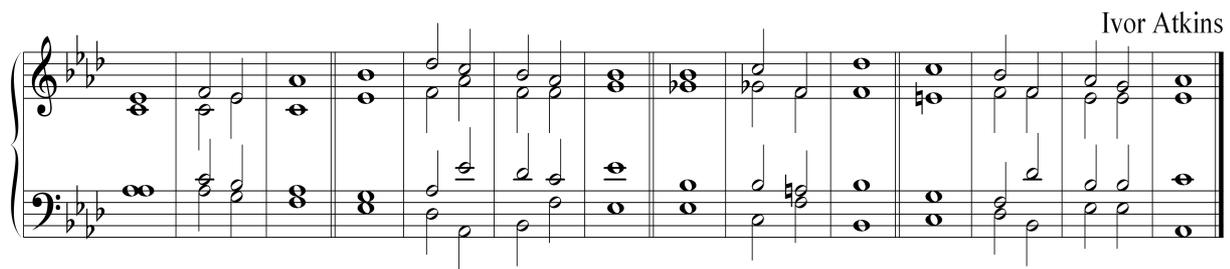
'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

Additional Collect:

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gradual Psalm at 10.30am: *Psalm 97*



- 1 The Lord is king * let the | earth re- | joice;
let the | multitude • of the | isles be | glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are | round a- bout him;
righteousness and justice are the foun- | dation | of his | throne.
- 3 Fire | goes be- | fore him:
and burns up his | enemies on | every | side.
- 4 His lightnings | lit up • the | world;
the | earth | saw it and | trembled.
- 5 The mountains melted like wax at the | presence • of the | Lord:
at the | presence • of the | Lord • of the | whole earth.
- 6 The heavens de- | clared his | righteousness:
and all the | peoples have | seen his | glory.
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images and de- | light in • mere |
idols:
Bow down be- | fore him | all you | gods.
- 8 Zion heard and was glad * and the daughters of | Judah re- | joiced:
be- | cause of • your | judgements O | Lord.
- 9 For you Lord are most high over | all the | earth;
you are ex- | alted | far a-bove | all gods.
- 10 The Lord loves | those who • hate | evil;
he preserves the lives of his faithful *
and de- | livers them • from the | hand • of the | wicked.
- 11 Light has | sprung up • for the | righteous:
and | joy • for the | true of | heart.
- 12 Rejoice in the | Lord you | righteous,
and give | thanks • to his | holy | name.