

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



The Bulletin

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The Eighth Sunday after Trinity - 11th August 2019

8am **Holy Communion**

10.30am **Parish Eucharist and Coffee**

Readings: page 7

Setting: Melbourne Service *Bourne*

Hymns: 256, 381 [294, 15] 339

Gradual Psalm: 50 vv. 1-7 (page 8)

Anthem: Teach me, O Lord *Thomas Attwood*

Organ Voluntary: Dialogue sur les Mixtures *Jean Langlais*

6.30pm **Evensong**

Hymns: 248, 443, 63, 345

Psalm: 116

Organ Voluntary: St. Anthony Chorale *attr. Haydn*

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 – Fr Neil Roberts	
	6.30pm – Revd Michael Rogers	
Smisby:	5.30pm – Canon David Edwards	
Stanton:	10.30am – At Swarkestone	
Ticknall:	9.15am – Revd Canon Tony Barnard/Canon David Edwards	

Taking responsibility for Church life today:

8am Holy Communion

Sidespersons: Avril & Terry Harrison

Server: John Tatam

Reader: Paddy Laban

10.30am Parish Eucharist & Coffee

Acting Wardens: Margaret Brackenbury, Griselda Kerr

Sidespersons: Victoria Hancock, Janet Warner

Crucifer: Sarah Kington

Server: Kate Landenberger

Reader: Roger Kington

Intercessor: Margaret Brackenbury

Coffee: Steph Hughes, Joanna Hocknell, Carolyn Tasker

6.30pm Evensong

Sidesperson: Jo Glaze

Relief Organists:

I would like to thank Laurence Rogers and Henry Wilkins for playing the Organ today at the 10.30a.m. Eucharist and Evensong respectively. I count myself very fortunate that, when I'm absent, I can leave both the Choir and the Organ in such capable hands knowing that their willing contributions to our church's musical life are much appreciated. Laurence was my predecessor here for 27 years and Henry, a former Churchwarden, is now regular organist at Melbourne Catholic Church on alternate Sunday mornings.

Simon Collins, Director of Music

Sunday 18th August

Unfortunately, despite our best efforts at finding an officiant, we have been unable to do so for the 8am Holy Eucharist for Sunday 18th August. There will still be the 10.30am Eucharist and Evensong will be taken by Fr Paul Hygate, Associate Priest working alongside Tony Luke. *Steve*

Junior Church in the summertime:

This Sunday there is a craft activity for children in the creche area. The crafts will continue there on Sundays at the 10:30am service until school goes back, with the first Junior Church being on the 8th September.

Rachel Coupe

Illuminating the Church 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. This week there has been a donation from Duncan and Lucy Saunders to celebrate the birth of their son, William Charles Henry Saunders on 13th June 2019. There has also been a donation from Joan Williamson and family in memory of Richard Williamson on 19th August.



Sunday Teas: Thank you for continuing to support Sunday Teas:

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. **July's total is approximately £256. Thank you to all who help and who come to support us.**

Weddings Exhibition: Still looking!

Karen Grewcock and Kate Landenberger are putting together a weddings exhibition in Church for the weekend of the Arts Festival (September 14th and 15th). We would like to display some wedding dresses along with brochures etc. and would love to hear from anyone who could offer us an hour to help to look after the exhibit or anyone who might have access to mannequins or indeed anyone who may be happy to lend us a mannequin for a few days.

Also we could use hat and coat stands. We have had a couple of offers of mannequins but could still use more. Please contact us via the office on 862153. Many thanks, *Karen and Kate*

A day in the life of New Wine:

Last Monday saw Allan and me at the New Wine Christian Festival at the East of England Showground. Having travelled to Peterborough on the Sunday we were up bright and early to go to the Showground. Lesson 1. If you are a day visitor, don't follow the yellow New Wine Road signs, they take you to the wrong gate! Having found the right gate, parked up, and made our way through a city of tents and campers we headed for our first seminar (and a coffee) "Church Planting" (leadership) with the opportunity to hear and talk to Bishop Rick who has overall responsibility for Church Planting in the Church of England.

We followed this with a visit to the "Market Place" to track down the book stall and see who else had stands there and, guess what.... In queuing to have a conversation with an organisation that focusses on the ministry of older persons - we found ourselves next to the Parish Nursing stand manned by none other than Clive Morton. (When Alison took us to Italy earlier this year we stayed with Clive and Florence and they led our Retreat Holiday.) After catching up with Clive and hearing about "The Mother of all Thunderstorms" which had caused part of the hillside behind their Italian Retreat House to collapse depositing all its mud and debris into their swimming pool, we moved on, grabbed some food, and headed to a Marquee for "Family Worship". That turned out to be a good exercise into how to turn chaos into worship! Leaving Allan with the families (I think he was enjoying the noise!) I dropped into "The prophetic power of creativity" (Prophesy) and we both followed that with a coffee at "Live Life Better" (Growing churches) before being evicted from the Bible Society Marquee so they could set up for "Mary Poppins Returns".

Next came a visit to Tearfund to hear about, and sign, their petition to Coca Cola, Nestle and others, which asks them to stop selling their products in single use plastic bottles to poorer countries that have no re-cycling facilities and revert, for example, to re-fillable glass bottles with a deposit system. (If you want to sign their petition you can find it on the Tearfund Web Pages.) Then we headed for a seminar on "Good news to the poor" (Transformation) and heard about work that was being done in Halifax and Bradford, and two remarkable testimonies from people whose lives had been changed.

By now, feet aching, we headed to the huge campsite to cadge a cup of tea and catch up with some friends and a clergy colleague from my previous Deanery. Here we unexpectedly found a young lady camping who had come to faith in St Leonard's Shirland when I was Rector, moved away, found a new church and was at New Wine with her young son. Finding her there and sharing stories all these years later was a real joy and a blessing.

After re-fuelling on tea and some more (now melted) sandwiches, we tracked down the car again and headed home late on a lovely summer's evening.

It was a joy to be part of something big along with thousands of other

Christians of all ages and also to catch up with some friends. But it was a stark reminder of how easy it is to become so engrossed in small parish life that we lose sight of the huge big picture of the needs of the world and God's love and provision for them through His church – and for me – who will always have Isaiah 61:1 and the less privileged and the marginalised carved into my heart, it was a chance to re-assess my ministry past, present, and future.

Revd. Margaret & Allan.

Our Diocese

Archdeacon Christopher writes...

TRANSFIGURATION

In one of the terrible ironies of the twentieth century, the first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima on 6 August – the Feast of the Transfiguration. Some years later the Company of the Transfiguration was formed. It was, and I hope still is, a group of people scattered throughout the world, prompted by this grotesque coincidence, and bound together simply by a commitment to pray for peace and for the transfiguring of the world.

The strange story of the Transfiguration presents us with a challenge. Is transfiguration just a mountain-top experience for the favoured few, the three disciples who are with Jesus? This privatised view of religion is reflected in Peter's suggestion in the story of building three shelters, to contain the glory that has been revealed on the mountain, as if glory can be contained. Or does transfiguration inform our view of the world, alerting us to that glory, wherever it is to be found?

This ambiguity is caught well in a poem by Edwin Muir, 'The Transfiguration', put into the mouth of one of the disciples, reflecting on the event many years later:

Was it a vision?

Or did we see that day the unseeable
One glory of the everlasting world
Perpetually at work, though never
seen

Since Eden locked the gate that's
everywhere

And nowhere? Was the change in us
alone,

And the enormous earth still left
forlorn,

An exile or a prisoner?

'Was the change in us alone...?' Like Jesus, we are human and experience all the exhilaration and heartbreak of our humanity. We do not know what lies in store for us or how we will change throughout our lives. Yet this is the essence of human liberty, that it is open to the future. For it is not our limited vision which is important. What counts is God's vision, which is truth and enfolds time, and God's will, which is love and wisdom. The leap into the

unknown, which we all take by virtue of our humanity, is an immense act of confidence and trust in the God who calls us. We are led out of ourselves to find ourselves. We are transfigured.

It is through this commitment to life

The Ven. Dr Christopher Cunliffe, Archdeacon of Derby

- as the disciples become dimly aware on the Mount of Transfiguration - that God's love comes into the world, which means that the change is not in us alone and that the earth is no longer a prisoner or an exile. The world can be transfigured, too.

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Monday:	2pm	Caring Hands
Tuesday:	6.30pm - 7.30pm	Wedding Open Office in Church
	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
Thursday:	9.15am	Holy Communion
Friday:	3.30pm - 5pm	Ringling band from Chagford, Devon
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, Roo Hubbard, David Ingram, 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, and those whose anniversaries occur near this time, among them Stanley Pearce, Betsy Louise Ireland and Bernard Brookbanks.

Next Week at Melbourne: Trinity 9

8am **No Holy Communion**

10.30am **Parish Eucharist & Coffee**

(Sidespersons: Carolyn & Nigel Tasker)

(Coffee: Griselda Kerr, Kate Landenberger)

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

The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:

First Reading: *Genesis 15.1-6*

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.

The Gospel Reading: *Luke 12.32-40*

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

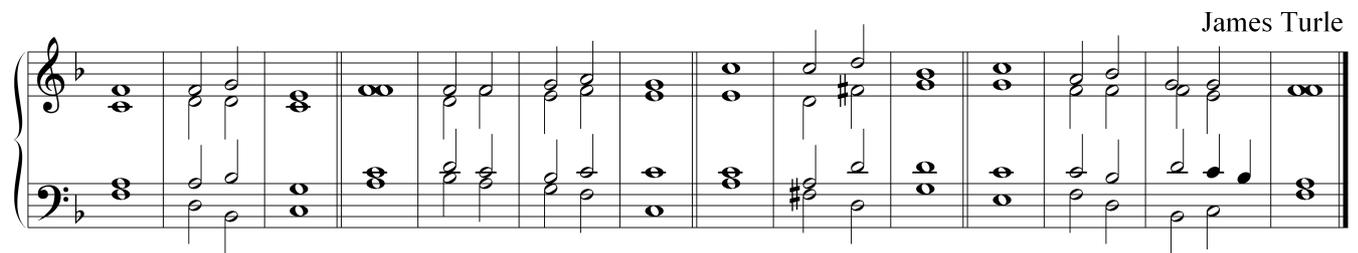
'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Additional Collect:

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gradual Psalm at 10.30am: *Psalm 50.1-7*



- 1 The Lord the most | mighty • God has | spoken:
and called the world from the | rising • of the | sun • to its |
setting.
- 2 Out of Zion perfect in beauty | God shines | forth;
our God | comes • and will | not keep | silence.
- 3 Consuming | fire goes • out be- | fore him:
and a | mighty | tempest • stirs a- | bout him.
- 4 He calls the | heaven a- | bove:
and the | earth that • he may | judge his | people:
- 5 'Gather to | me my | faithful:
who have | sealed my | covenant • with | sacrifice.'
- 6 Let the heav'ns de- | clare his | righteousness:
for | God him- | self is | judge.
- †7 Hear O my people and | I will | speak:
'I will testify against you O Israel; * for | I am | God your |
God.