

**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 Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity - 20th October 2019

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Eucharist, Junior Church & Coffee

Readings: can be found on page 7

Setting: *Bourne Melbourne*

Gradual Psalm: 119 vv.97-104 (page 8)

Hymns: O God beyond (page 8), 55 (v.3 Women, v.4 Men)
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Anthem: *Ave verum corpus Mozart*

Organ Voluntary: *Fantasia in F minor (K 608) Mozart*

6.30pm Evensong

Hymns: 417 omit *, 140, 486, 248 **Psalm:** 149

Organ Voluntary: *Gavotte Samuel Wesley*

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 Michael Rogers
Smisby: 5.30pm – Revd Steve Short
Stanton: 11am – Canon David Edwards
Ticknall: 10.30am – Mrs Mary Hirst

**Taking responsibility for Church life today:**

8am Holy Communion

Sidespersons: Sheena & Henry Wilkins

Server: Joy Hill

Reader: Joe Laban

10.30am Parish Eucharist, Junior Church & Coffee

Acting Wardens: Linda Latchford, Roddy Lott

Sidespersons: Victoria Hancock, Annabel Needham

Crucifer: Graham Truscott

Server: Jo Glaze

Reader: Frank Turner

Intercessor: Sheena Wilkins

Junior Church: Rachel Coupe, Charlotte Hall

Coffee: Linda Latchford, Carolyn Tasker, Margaret Brackenbury

6.30pm Evensong

Acting Warden: Linda Latchford

Sidesperson: Ann Hammond

Harvest Thanksgiving

In the true spirit of thanksgiving for our Harvest, I want to record my very grateful thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make our Harvest celebrations a fitting offering – Sunday was a special day indeed. The worship offered was fantastic, the lunch (all 40 plus) was also spectacular and then this followed by the choir hosting 'beer and bread' after choral evensong! A good day for the waistline!

I want to record particular thanks to Amy Philips and Rachel Short who kindly gave so much of their time to make the lunch happen and also to 'Tori and

Ben's' Farmshop for donating the beef. The lunch made £170 profit which will be donated to the Bishop of Derby's Harvest Appeal.

Thank you everyone. -Steve

Harvest Thank yous:

How lovely to see the church so beautifully decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables for Harvest. We are so blessed with talented people with a rich farming and market gardening heritage and the flowers team who still come to decorate for us and make our church look beautiful: thank you!

Another talented team organised the Harvest Lunch and thanks go to that hard-working team organised by Rachel and Amy and all their helpers. The tables looked wonderful, stretching all the way up the nave with flowers and candlelight – what a wonderful place to celebrate the Harvest. The food was delicious, (food for the soul), and there was scarcely a morsel left on the plates afterwards.

Thank you too to the Choir, conducted by Simon and accompanied by Tom Corfield. Some wonderful music, especially the anthem, Benedicite Omnia Opera by Sumsion, rounded the day off but even this was followed by bread and ale, a delightful ending to the day.

Next day a few faithful souls gathered in the church to make ready the produce to send to Padley, and many thanks to them also.

All in all a wonderful Harvest celebration. *Kate Landenberger*

Choir Trip to Southwell Minster

Please note that unfortunately, due to unexpected circumstances at the Southwell Minster end, our Church Choir will not now be singing services there next Sunday, 27th October, and will therefore, be singing as usual at the 10.30a.m. service here at Melbourne. Please advise anybody that you think may have been intending to make the journey to support us. The trips for next year are nearly finalised and I will be publishing these in the Bulletin as soon as possible.

Simon Collins, Director of Music

Bishop's Harvest Appeal:

In mid-March this year, parts of Manicaland, rich agricultural lands in eastern Zimbabwe, were devastated by Cyclone Idai.

The cyclone brought rain, flooding and landslides, but worse was the devastation as a dam burst its banks sending huge rocks, some over 10 tons, down the valley, destroying homes, crops and livelihoods.

The Diocese of Manicaland provided shelter in their schools and churches in the aftermath, bringing comfort to the bereaved, care for the injured, and food for those who had lost everything before the larger agencies came with support. The church has worked closely with other agencies to ensure the most vulnerable were not left out.

Isaiah 25:4 For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in

their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

But the church wants to do more. The church would like to build them simple homes, away from the danger area. The government has offered land.

As a diocese, we will partner with The Diocese of Manicaland, who will provide cement, bricks and roofing sheets, which we will finance.

The community will then contribute local materials and their labour to construct homes for their needy neighbours. Each home will cost around £900 to build. We are aiming to generate funding for 20 family homes which gives us a target of £18,000.

Can you help these vulnerable people to have a dry home, safe from future storms?

There are still envelopes at the back of church (please ask the sidespeople). Those who wish should bring them back as soon as possible, put them on the collection plate and we will send on your donations to the Diocese. Many thanks, *Kate Landenberger*

Harvest Lunch thanks:

Janet and I would like to express our thanks to Rachel Short and her team for the tremendous effort they put in to provide the Church family with our Harvest Lunch; it was magnificent and we are very grateful to the team and thank them for their diligence in the face of major difficulties in the kitchen. It was very enjoyable and an appropriate and fitting use of our Church for this very 'family' meal. Well done!
Cliff & Janet Warner

Relief Organist

I would like to thank Laurence Rogers for playing the Organ here today at the 10.30a.m. Eucharist and 6.30p.m. Evensong. 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 his willing contribution to our church's musical life is much appreciated. Laurence was my predecessor here for 27 years and often sings with the Church Choir both here and on its travels.

Simon Collins, Director of Music

Angels' Delight:

28 angels celebrated Harvest this week. After an inter-active telling of the Creation story, children were invited to pull fruit and vegetables out of a bag and the thank-you song was sung for each appearance: Tha-ank you, Lord, for this red tomato etc.... All this focus on food obviously whetted the appetites as the snack table quickly looked as if the locusts had been busy. Craft activities included preparing paper feasts on paper plates and printing, using apples and pears, lots of paint (oh, goody) and cut out fruit. It was a delight to welcome some newcomers as well as some who have been coming

since we started over 2 years ago. Our kitchen elves strove elffully as always but we would really appreciate one more 'regular' for washing-up. We have a break now until November 6th because of half term but the helpers will meet next Wednesday at 9.30 to plan the rest of this term. *Alison Gregory*

Mothers' Union Moses Basket appeal:

Stop Press – Thank you to everyone who supported the Mothers' Union coffee morning on Friday. We made a grand total of £266-70 so we should now have enough to fill our six Moses baskets to overflowing. *Alison Gregory*

Melbourne Male Voice Choir Concert:

Melbourne Male Voice Choir and the WI choir, the SherWIn Singers, are giving a joint concert here, in Church, on Friday 25th October at 7pm. Tickets are £5 (children over 12, £2). Wine and cake will be available, for a donation, and all are most welcome to come along. Cliff and Janet Warner have tickets or you can pay on the door.

Children's Society:

It is the time of year to count up our donations to the Children's Society, so may I ask those kind people who hold a collection box to bring it along to Church this month of October. If it is easier for you, please bring the box to my house (23 Castle Street Melbourne), or give me a ring on 01332 862013 and I will pick it up from you. Last year our box collection together with the Christingle Service collection raised just over £1,150 for this very worthy cause. Thank you all in advance. *Avril Harrison*

A big thank you to the Green Arrows:

Now that the grass mowing season has come to an end, I am writing publicly to say thank you to the great team who have kept the grass around the church so neat and tidy over the last six months. The team is (in no particular order): Brian Banks, Graham Truscott, Clive Avery, Alan Jacques, Jonathan Harris, David Smith, Ray Webb and me: The Green Arrows.

Special thanks to Clive for hacking back the tree in the triangle and making it much easier (and safer) to mow there.

I will buy them all a pint on a date, at a time and in a venue to be announced. But certainly before we start mowing again next year.

If anyone would like to join this elite unit, let me know.

Gordon Hughes, 07837 592 596

Choir Invitation Sunday Lunch

The choir would like to invite you to join them for Sunday Lunch at The Hardinge Inn, Kings Newton. Sunday 27 October 12.45 - 13.00hr. We have secured ample spaces and if you are interested, please let Wendy Robinson know (01530 810217 or 07790 474889) so that she can pre advise the Hardinge as to numbers. Lunch will be a 'Sunday Lunch' choice of Roast

Beef (all trimmings) or Roast Chicken or Roast Pork with a Vegetarian option of Nut Roast or Spinach and Ricotta Pasta at £9.00 each. Starters at £5 and Puddings at £4 from a good selection. An idea of your choice of main course would be very useful. Hope you can make it. *Wendy Robinson*

Advanced Notice: The Autumn Fair will be held on Saturday 16th November this year from 10am – 12 noon at the Assembly Rooms. We hope to have the usual suspects on the usual stalls and we shall be writing to them in the next week. Meanwhile, please look out any pre-loved items for the china and glass stall, books, raffle prizes, chocolate tombola prizes etc. We need as much as possible to sell. Put the date in your diaries and please come along!

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Monday:	2pm – 3.30pm	Caring Hands
	7.30pm	Melbourne Male Voice Choir Practice
Tuesday:	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
Wednesday:	7.45pm	Choir Practice
Thursday:	9.15am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Social Committee in Honner Room
	7.30pm	12-bell Ringing Practice
Friday:	10am	Wedding flowers
	3pm	Wedding Rehearsal
	7pm	Male Voice Choir concert with SherWin Singers
Saturday:	12.30pm	Wedding
	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 Jean Greenwood.

Next Week at Melbourne: Bible Sunday

8am **Holy Communion** (Sidespersons: Joan Pass, Joy Hill)

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

(Sidespersons: Carolyn & Nigel Tasker)

(Coffee: Kate Landenberger, Sheena Wilkins)

(Junior Church: Rachel Coupe, Byrnece Turner)

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

The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:

First Reading: *Genesis 32.22-31*

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

The Gospel Reading: *Luke 18.1-8*

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." ' And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

Additional Collect: God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gradual Psalm at 10.30am: *Psalm 119 vv.97-104*



- 97 Lord how I | love your | law:
All the day | long it | is my | study.
- 98 Your commandments have made me | wiser • than my | enemies:
for | they are | ever | with me.
- 99 I have more understanding than | all my | teachers:
for your | testi-mo-nies | are my • medi-|tation.
- 100 I am | wiser • than the | aged:
be-|cause I | keep • your com-|mandments.
- 101 I restrain my feet from every | evil | way:
that | I may | keep your | word.
- 102 I have not turned a- | side • from your | judgements:
for | you have | been my | teacher.
- 103 How sweet are your | words • on my | tongue:
They are sweeter than | honey | to my | mouth.
- 104 Through your commandments I get | under-|standing:
therefore I | hate all | lying | ways.

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.