

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



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Advent Sunday - 1st December 2019

8am

Holy Communion

Readings: can be found on pages 7/8

10.30am **Benefice Eucharist and Coffee**

(Please see Order of Service)

Introit: People look east *Besançon Carol* arr. *Martin Shaw*

Setting: *Paul Mealor* Missa Sancta Maria Tota Bona

Psalm: 122 (*plainchant, sung by the Choir, page 8*)

Hymns: As in Order of Service

Anthem: Creator of the stars of night *Malcolm Archer*

Organ Voluntary: *Wachet Auf!* (BWV645) *J.S. Bach*

6.30pm

Advent Carol Service, followed by refreshments

(Please see Order of Service)

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 – Bishop Libby
6.30pm – Revd Steve Short

Smisby: 5.30pm – At Melbourne

Stanton: 11am – At Melbourne

Ticknall: 9.15am – At Melbourne

**Taking responsibility for Church life today:**

8am Holy Communion
Sidesperson: Sheena Wilkins
Server: Joy Hill
Reader: Nigel Coupe

10.30am Benefice Eucharist and Coffee
Acting Wardens: Joanna Hocknell, Sarah Kington
Sidespersons: Ros Bell, Gordon Hughes
Crucifer: Graham Truscott
Server: Mary Bolton
Readers: Sophie Short, a Benefice Warden
Intercessor: Joanna Hocknell
Coffee: Margaret Brackenbury, Annabel Needham, Steph Hughes

6.30pm Advent Carol Service
Acting Warden: Joanna Hocknell
Sidespersons: Paddy & Joe Laban

**ADVENT CAROL SERVICE**

Tonight at 6.30pm

**Readings, hymns and choral music
followed by refreshments
All are very welcome!**

Today:

It is very good to have Bishop Libby with us today to preach and preside at our Benefice Eucharist as we also welcome brothers and sisters from Smisby, Stanton-By-Bridge and Ticknall.

Bishop Libby is the (relatively!) new bishop of Derby and before coming to be our bishop she was the suffragan (assistant) bishop of Stockport in the diocese of Chester. As the bishop of Stockport, Bishop Libby was the first female bishop ordained in the Church of England so she comes to us with unique experience.

Bishop Libby has described being bishop of Derby as 'coming home' as in her past she was a lay assistant at St Thomas, Brampton in Chesterfield so knows Derbyshire well.

As a very special part of our service today, Bishop Libby will be blessing a new cope given in memory of Edna Brame. Edna was a stalwart of Melbourne Parish Church and in the wider community and is much missed. She was a blessing to many but particularly so through her ministry as a verger during funeral services. The liturgical colour for most funerals is purple and, accordingly, the cope has been made in purple also reflecting the purple we use at Advent a season also fondly observed by Edna. It is very good to welcome many of Edna's family who are sharing in our worship today. *Steve*

BIG CLEAN!

Thank you to all who helped with the Big Clean on Friday morning. The church now looks spick and span for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Thank you also to Rachel Short for organising our efforts.

Mothers' Union Advent Meditation:

Advent is a time and opportunity to prepare for the birth of Our Lord. A time to look back and a time to look forward; a time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas whilst being bombarded by the commercialisation of the High Street. It is good to take time out to reflect and think of others. Mothers' Union always holds an Ecumenical Advent Service and this year we will focus on the Moses Basket Project that many of you have so generously supported. Do come and join us in the Honner Room on **Tuesday 3rd December at 2pm**. Everyone is welcome.

Ros Bell

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 Jenny Jackson for the 7th December.

Christmas Preparations:

Flowers:

The church will be decorated for Christmas on Friday 20th December from 10am, ready for the Carol Service and the great services of Christmas. Donations towards the cost of the flowers are always gratefully received. Lots of foliage is also always needed. If you could spare some greenery from your garden, please could you bring it to church either on Thursday 19th or by 10am on Friday 20th. Extra hands are welcome, whether to arrange, tidy up or make the essential coffee. Thank you, *Sheena Wilkins (865053) and Margaret Murray-Leslie (862921)*.

Churches Together in Melbourne:

Cards:

The Christmas cards that show the Christmas services in each church in Melbourne will soon be available for distribution. Get ready to wrap up warm to tramp the streets allocated to us for the delivery of cards!

Carols around the Christmas Tree – Thursday 19th December at 6.30pm:

Churches Together are planning to distribute mince pies at this event. One or two volunteers to provide a few mince pies and help distribute them would be good. Thank you, *Rachel Coupe, Sheena Wilkins and Margaret Jacques*

Posada:

This Advent, leading up until Christmas, we are exploring the ancient journey of 'Posada'. Taking inspiration from the *Las Posadas* festival celebrated across Latin America, Posada (meaning shelter or lodging) celebrates the journey undertaken by Mary and Joseph on their way to Bethlehem.

We are following this tradition using some special wooden nativity figures of Mary, Joseph and the donkey that will be travelling to 24 families all over Melbourne. Each evening, a family receive Mary and Joseph and will then hand them over to a new family or lodging the next day. Mary and Joseph (plus hopefully the donkey!) will reach their journey's end at the 10.30 am Family Eucharist in church on Christmas Day. Thank you to everyone who has arranged, organised and participated! -Steve

A defibrillator for Church Square:

For some time the Friends of Melbourne Parish Church have been working with the Parish, District and County councils and Melbourne Hall to fund and arrange the installation of a defibrillator unit near the church to serve the numerous residents and visitors to this part of the town.

The Friends have led the initiative and are pleased to report that planning permission has now been granted and that the unit will soon be in place on the corner of the Melbourne Hall Estate office and Church Street (where the ice cream van usually parks). Our thanks go to the Parish, District and County

councils and to Lord Ralph for their generous help and support in getting this potentially life saving device in place.

Gordon Hughes

Quiz(zez..)

This year the Choir is pleased to announce not one, but two quizzes for your delectation. These were launched at the Autumn Fair but there is still plenty of time to purchase an answer sheet and join in the fun, and Wendy and Clive will be pestering the congregation at the 10:30 service, and if we don't pester you, please come and pester us! Wendy's pictorial quiz needs to be completed by 15th December, while Clive is giving you until 5th January to deal with his slightly more cerebral(!) offering. Recognising the intellectual prowess of the 8 o'clock congregation, we will leave copies at the back of church; please leave the fee (£2 in each case) in the envelopes. Endless hours of fun for all the family!

Clive Avery

Messy Christmas – Saturday 14th December, 4 – 5:30pm:

Messy Church is a wonderful way for families to celebrate their faith in a fun and interactive way – and Messy Christmas is the most popular theme of all! 'Sitting still' is kept to a minimum and the worship takes the form of an energetic celebration! Then there is yummy food to enjoy, which always goes down well! For most of the session, children are free to wander round, learning through talking, play and craft. These are designed to help participants to think about the true meaning of Christmas. Our wonderful team of volunteers build relationships with both Church Members and those on the fringe of the church, providing a very warm welcome. Messy Church is lots of fun and if you'd like to be a part of it, just talk to Rachel Short or me!

Rachel Coupe

Last day to sign up for special Nativity Play Role!

Today (Sunday 1st December) is the last day to sign up for a speaking part or a special role in the Nativity Play to be performed at 10:30am on Sunday 15th December. This is because Rachel is writing the parts specially for you! Back-stage helpers are needed too! There will be a rehearsal at 9:30am on the day and photos at 10:20am. Families are very welcome to just turn up at the usual time for the service and join in spontaneously. The more the merrier! Costumes will be provided for all who wish to dress up. We have plenty. Please encourage any young friends, neighbours and relatives you know to come and take part!!!

Rachel Coupe

Dower House Carols:

Griselda Kerr has now sold all her tickets for the carols. She is very sorry if she has had to disappoint anyone.



Christingle Making:

This year Christingle making will take place in the Honner Room from 10am on Christmas Eve morning. Last year there were lots of helpers so it would be great if you could spare an hour or two this time.

Many thanks to all in advance, and we look forward to seeing as many people as possible on 24th December!

Avril Harrison

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Monday:	2pm – 3.30pm	Caring Hands
	7pm	Drumming Practice in church
	7.30pm	Melbourne Male Voice Choir Practice
Tuesday:	2pm	Mothers' Union Advent Meditation
	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
Wednesday:	9am -11am	Angels' Delight
	7.45pm	Choir Practice
Thursday:	9.15am	Holy Communion
Saturday:	4pm	Church prepared for Sunday Worship
	5pm	Bellringers Carol Service at Ticknall

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, Carol Preston, 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 Betty Park and Julian Earp, and those whose anniversaries occur near this time, among them Stanley George Truscott, John William Wright, Ann Pass, Dennis Twells, Harry Wilkins, Betty Roddan, Barbara Mary Ransome, Vera Brookbanks, Leslie Greenwood, Arthur Robey, Mary Sugars, Geoffrey Collins and Jean Brookbanks.

Next Week at Melbourne: The Second Sunday of Advent

8am **Holy Communion** (Sidespersons: Joan Pass, John Tatam)

10.30am **Parish Eucharist, Junior Church and Coffee**
(Sidespersons: Joanna Hocknell, Sheena Wilkins)
(Coffee: Victoria Hancock, Joanna Hocknell, Carolyn Tasker)
(Junior Church: Rachel Coupe, Charlotte Hall)

6.30pm **Evensong** (Sidesperson: John Springthorpe)

The Readings today at 8am:

First Reading: *Isaiah 2.1-5*

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 24.36-44*

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of
heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were,
so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the

flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Additional Collect:

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Psalm at 10.30am: 122

(plainchant, sung by the Choir)

I was glad when they said unto me *
We will go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand in thy gates *
O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity in itself.
For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord *
to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.
For there is the seat of judgement *
even the seat of the house of David.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem *
they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls *
and plenteousness within thy palaces.
For my brethren and companions' sakes *
I will wish thee prosperity.
Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God *
I will seek to do thee good.