

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 Second Sunday of Advent - 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019

8am **Holy Communion**

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

**Readings:** can be found on pages 7-8

**Settings:** *Willan Kyrie/Harris*

**Gradual Psalm:** 72 vv.1-8 *plainchant* (page 8)

**Hymns:** 12, 7, [18, 5] 15

**Anthem:** The Advent Prose *Rorate Cæli Mode i*

**Organ Voluntary:** Nun komm der Heiden Heiland *Karl Wolfrum*

6.30pm **Evensong**

**Hymns:** 7, 10, 5, 11

**Psalm:** 11

**Organ Voluntary:** Herr Christ, der einzig' Gottes Sohn *Sweelinck*

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

**Taking responsibility for Church life today:**

**8am Holy Communion**

**Sidespersons:** Joan Pass, John Tatam

**Server:** Karen Grewcock

**Reader:** Joy Hill

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

**Acting Wardens:** Linda Latchford, Roddy Lott

**Sidespersons:** Joanna Hocknell, Sheena Wilkins

**Crucifer:** Mary Bolton

**Server:** Graham Truscott

**Reader:** Steph Hughes

**Intercessor:** Brian Dollamore

**Junior Church:** Rachel Short, Charlotte Hall

**Coffee:** Victoria Hancock, Joanna Hocknell, Carolyn Tasker

**6.30pm Evensong**

**Acting Warden:** Linda Latchford

**Sidesperson:** John Springthorpe

**Nativity Play next Sunday:**

Please make a special effort to come next week to support our young people's Nativity Play. Main parts will rehearse at 9:30am. Photos will be taken at 10:20am and all children are invited to take part. By turning up at any time before the play starts near the beginning of the service. There will be plenty of nativity wear available in the Lady Chapel and we'll do our best to accommodate any character if a child comes already dressed in their favourite costume! Please encourage any young friends, neighbours and relatives you know to come and take part! The more the merrier!

*Rachel Coupe*

**Bishop Libby's visit:**

Bishop Libby has asked me to pass on her very grateful thanks for her warm welcome to the benefice last Sunday. My thanks, too, to everyone who helped in the preparations and who was able to come and share in our worship. In her sermon, Bishop Libby gave us an Advent challenge which I'd like us to take to heart, 4 things to enrich our Advent journey as we await the return of Jesus: Pray, Learn, Tell, Serve.

-Steve

**Mothers' Union:**

Our annual Advent service was held on Wednesday. An invitation had been extended to ladies from the other churches in Melbourne and also to anybody who had supported our Moses Basket appeal but we were only joined by two guests. The service started with a meditation on the theme of 'waiting'; there was a poem about Mary, intercessions, hymns and carols. The six Moses baskets were blessed. They are now complete and ready to go to Derby, along with bags full of extra items. As well as playing for our singing, Simon treated us to a lively rendition of "And the glory, the glory of the Lord" from Handel's Messiah. Who knew the piano had it in it? Tea was served and a collection taken for the M.U. Overseas fund. *Alison Gregory*

**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 Beryl Tivey in memory of her husband, Jack's, passing on 8<sup>th</sup> December.

**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

**Christmas Preparations: Flowers:**

The church will be decorated for Christmas on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> or by 10am on Friday 20<sup>th</sup>. 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! Please see Sheena if you can help.

#### **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*

#### **Angels' Delight:**

Our final saint for the term was St. Lucy and Steve told us how Jesus is the Light of the World but Lucy and all of us have a part to play as lights in the world too. He modelled a crown with four candles, the symbol for St. Lucy and the children made their own version to take home. An example and some of the children's colouring can be seen on the board. On the shelf by the board is an album containing some of the photos taken at this year's meeting. Do have a look. Thank you again to our Elves and to the bell-ringers who put out the mats on Tuesday evening.

Our Christmas party will be on December 18th from 9-11. Rumour has it that Father Christmas will be calling. *Alison Gregory*

#### **Quiz(zez..)**

There is still time to purchase a quiz answer sheet, for either or (preferably) both of Wendy's and Clive's quizzes, but remember that while Clive is giving you until 5<sup>th</sup> January to deal with his, Wendy's pictorial quiz needs to be completed and returned by **15<sup>th</sup> December**, as the prize is seasonal!

*Clive Avery, Wendy Robinson*

**Carols around the Christmas Tree – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 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*

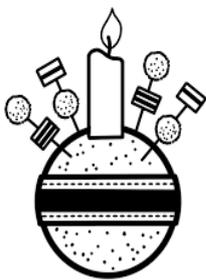
**Messy Christmas – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 4 – 5:30pm:**

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*

**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 24<sup>th</sup> December!

*Avril Harrison*

**Christmas Tree Festival and Christmas Fair at St George's, Ticknall:**

There is still time to see the Christmas Tree Festival today at St George's, Ticknall between 10.30am and 4.30pm. Hot and cold refreshments are available. The Christmas Fair has wreaths, cakes, preserves, tombola and raffle etc. All very welcome!

**Cheques for Padley and CCRS:**

Two cheques have been sent away this week: one for Padley for £350, being 10% of what was raised for Sunday Teas this summer (so £3500 was raised and thank you to all for your hard work over those summer months, which seem but a distant memory now!); and one for £412.29 to CCRS, which represented our fundraising efforts during the Lent Lunches season.

Once again, many thanks to all who took part.

*Kate Landenberger*

## This week in connection with Melbourne Church

<b>Monday:</b>	7pm	Drum Corps Practice in church
	7.30pm	Melbourne Male Voice Choir Practice (HR)
<b>Tuesday:</b>	10.30am	Living Waters at 63 Jubilee Close
	6.30pm	Wedding Open Office in church
	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
<b>Wednesday:</b>	12.30pm	Organ tuning
	7.45pm	Choir Practice (SMH)
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	2pm	Calke Abbey Carol Service
	7.30pm	PCC (SMH)
<b>Saturday:</b>	4pm - 5.30pm	Messy Christmas
	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, 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 those whose anniversaries occur near this time, among them Jack Tivey.

### Next Week at Melbourne: The Third Sunday of Advent

8am **Holy Communion**

( Sidespersons: Tony Taylor, Joe Laban)

10.30am **Parish Eucharist with Nativity Play,**

**Junior Church and Coffee**

(Sidespersons: Lisa Gilchrist, Dale Jackson)

(Coffee: Mary Bolton, Rachel Short, Kate Landenberger)

(Junior Church: Rachel Coupe, Rachel Hill, Charlotte Hall)

6.30pm **Evensong**

(Sidesperson: Jo Glaze)

## The Readings today at 8am:

### **First Reading:** *Isaiah 11.1-10*

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.  
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.  
The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.  
They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

### **The Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 3.1-12*

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight." '

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist,

and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

### **Additional Collect:**

Almighty God,  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him,  
who is our Lord and our God.

### **Gradual Psalm at 10.30am: 72 vv. 1-8**

*(plainchant, sung by the Choir)*

Give the King thy judgements, O God \*  
and thy righteousness unto the King's son.

Then shall he judge thy people according unto right \*  
and defend the poor.

The mountains also shall bring peace \*  
and the little hills righteousness unto the people.

He shall keep the simple folk by their right \*  
defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong doer.

They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth \*  
from one generation to another.

He shall come down like the rain into a fleece of wool \*  
even as the drops that water the earth.

In his time shall the righteous flourish \*  
yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.

His dominion shall be also from the one sea to the other \*  
and from the flood unto the world's end.