

**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 Third Sunday of Advent - 15th December 2019

8am **Holy Communion**

10.30am **Parish Eucharist, Junior Church & Coffee
with Nativity Play**

Readings: can be found on pages 6/7

Settings: *Willan Kyrie/Harris*

Gradual Psalm: 146 vv. 5-end (page 8) *plainchant*

Hymns: 3, 11 v.5 men, v.6 women/children [17, 1] 10

Anthems: *The Waiting Sky Oliver Tarney*

This is the Record of John Orlando Gibbons

Organ Voluntary: *Herr Christ, der einig' Gottes Sohn (BWV601)
J.S.Bach*

6.30pm **Evensong**

Hymns: 6, 18, 12, 9

Psalm: 12

Organ Voluntary: *Wachet Auf! (BWV645) 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 Steve Short
10.30am – Revd Steve Short
6.30pm – Canon David Edwards
Smisby: 5.30pm – Dr Nick Gravestock
Stanton: 11am – Revd Michael Rogers
Ticknall: 10.30am – Mrs Mary Hirst

**Taking responsibility for Church life today:**

8am Holy Communion

Sidespersons: Tony Taylor, Joe Laban

Server: John Tivey

Reader: John Springthorpe

10.30am Parish Eucharist, Junior Church & Coffee with Nativity Play

Acting Wardens: Kit Emery, Linda Latchford

Sidespersons: Lisa Gilchrist, Dale Jackson

Crucifer: Brian Dollamore

Server: Ros Bell

Reader: Janet Spencer

Intercessor: Graham Truscott

Junior Church: Rachel Coupe, Rachel Hill, Charlotte Hall

Coffee: Mary Bolton, Rachel Short, Kate Landenberger

6.30pm Evensong

Acting Warden: Sheena Wilkins

Sidesperson: Jo Glaze

Nativity Play today:

The children from Junior Church will be performing their Nativity Play at the beginning of the 10.30am service today. We wish them well! Rachel Coupe

Mothers' Union:

Our January meeting is as usual our Annual General when we look at all we have accomplished in the past year and look forward to the events of 2020. We will meeting at 2:00 in the Honner Room on January 7th. After business is over we can enjoy some festive nibbles. Do come along and find out what Mothers' Union have been busy with. We are open to all comers.

Ros Bell

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 this coming **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)*.

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..)

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 5th January to deal with his, Wendy's pictorial quiz needs to be completed and returned by today, **15th December**, as the prize is seasonal!
Clive Avery, Wendy Robinson

Carols around the Christmas Tree – Thursday 19th December at 6.30pm:
Churches Together in Melbourne 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*

Angels' Delight:

The Christmas Party for the Angels' Delight children and parents/carers will be held on Wednesday 18th December from 9am-11am in church. All welcome!



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

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. **[A letter of thanks has been received from CCRS, which is on the noticeboard]** *Kate Landenberger*

Whistlewood AGM:

Join us on the afternoon of Saturday 28th December 2019 for our AGM, and celebration of our Straw Bale Roundhouse's first birthday.

Everyone is welcome, young and old, member and non-member for an afternoon of fun, food, forests and celebrations.

Starting at 12 noon, with a Bring and Share Lunch, welcome drinks (Mulled wine) refreshments and Twixtmas merriment to celebrate 2019 and welcome 2020 and new projects being started.

At 1pm prompt we will hold a brief AGM. If you are not yet a Whistlewood member/shareholder please bring your completed application form and payment and you can have a vote and a say in this community-owned enterprise. (you can buy online through the Whistlewood Shop) www.shop.whistlewoodcommon.org

Caring Hands:

The group went to Staunton Harold's restaurant for their annual Christmas bash last Monday, which was heartily enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Jen Smallwood, and John who took care of the finances for us, for organising the lunch out. A great time was had by all! An update of what the group has been up to over the year will be given in January. **Our next meeting date will be on 6th January.**

Parish Office closed:

Please note that the office will be closed for Christmas and New Year holidays from 20th December until 2nd January. Messages may be left on the answerphone over the break and will be answered on my return. If you have anything that needs to go into the Bulletin, please let me have it by Thursday 19th December. Many thanks, *Kate Landenberger*

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Monday:	2pm	Junior School Christmas Concert in church
	6pm	Junior School Christmas Concert in church
	7.30pm	Melbourne Male Voice Choir Practice (HR)
Tuesday:	5pm	Wedding rehearsal in church
	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
Wednesday:	9am – 11am	Angels' Delight in church
	1pm	Wedding
	7pm	Wedding rehearsal in church
	7.45pm	Choir Practice (SMH)
Thursday:	9.15am	Holy Communion
	11am	Funeral of Betty Park
Friday:	10am	Church decorated for Christmas
	12 noon	Wedding rehearsal
Saturday:	1pm	Wedding
	4pm	Church prepared for Sunday Worship
Sunday:	1.30pm	Wedding

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.

and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 11.2-11*

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. and blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you."

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Additional Collect:

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the
cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gradual Psalm at 10.30am: Psalm 146.4-end

(plainchant, sung by the Choir)

Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help *
and whose hope is in the Lord his God;

Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is *
who keepeth his promise for ever.

Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong *
who feedeth the hungry.

The Lord looseth men out of prison *
the Lord giveth sight to the blind.

The Lord helpeth them that are fallen *
the Lord careth for the righteous.

The Lord careth for the strangers; he defendeth the fatherless and widow *
as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.

The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore *
and throughout all generations.

**CHRISTMAS 2019 SERVICES AT
MELBOURNE PARISH CHURCH**



SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER

Junior Church Nativity – 10.30am

SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER

Carol service – 6.30pm

(followed by mulled wine and mince pies)

TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS EVE

Christingle and Nativity – 4pm

Midnight Mass – 11.30pm

WEDNESDAY 25TH - CHRISTMAS DAY

Holy Communion 8am

Family Eucharist – 10.30am