

**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 Fourth Sunday of Advent - 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019**

8am **Holy Communion**

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

**Readings:** can be found on pages 6/7

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

**Gradual Psalm:** 80 vv.1-7 *plainchant* (page 7)

**Hymns:** 6, 11 v.5 men, v.6 women/children [181] 9

**Anthems:** E'en so Lord Jesus *Paul Manz*

O Radiant Dawn *James MacMillan*

**Organ Voluntary:** Es ist ein Ros entsprungen *Brahms*

1.30pm **Wedding**

6.30pm **Carol Service, followed by mulled wine and mince pies**  
(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 – Revd Steve Short  
6.30pm – Revd Steve Short

**Smisby:** 5.30pm – Canon David Edwards

**Stanton:** 6pm – Revd Michael Rogers

**Ticknall:** 2.30pm – Revd Steve Short

**Taking responsibility for Church life today:**

**8am Holy Communion**  
**Sidespersons:** Sue Dore, Joy Hill  
**Server:** David Dore  
**Reader:** Ann Nicholls

**10.30am Parish Eucharist, Junior Church & Coffee**  
**Acting Wardens:** Gordon Hughes, Brian Dollamore  
**Sidespersons:** Annabel Needham, David Smith  
**Crucifer:** Sarah Kington  
**Server:** Jo Glaze  
**Reader:** Joanna Hocknell  
**Intercessor:** Sheena Wilkins  
**Junior Church:** Rachel Coupe, Martha Clements  
**Coffee:** Linda Latchford, Sheena Wilkins, Margaret Murray-Leslie

**6.30pm Carol Service followed by mulled wine and mince pies**  
**Acting Warden:** Gordon Hughes  
**Sidesperson:** Ann Hammond

*Tonight at 6.30pm  
Festival of Lessons and Carols  
Mulled wine and mince pies served  
afterwards  
All are welcome!*



*In keeping with tradition the collection from tonight's Carol Service goes to the Padley Centre, and the Christingle Service collection goes to the Children's Society.*

## **Happy Christmas!**

Thank you to so many people who have contributed to making our Christmas celebrations all the more special and, accordingly, a fitting offering to the God who became one of us in the manger at Bethlehem. This Christmas we have another opportunity to gaze in wonder at the manger as God invites us again into the story of His salvation. We are very blessed and we offer back the gift of our hearts and our lives as we join in the song of the angels 'Glory to God in the Highest and peace to his people on earth'!

*-Steve*

## **Flowers:**

Many, many thanks to the flower arranging team for making our church look so beautiful for our Christmas services. The flowers bring such a transformation and celebratory feeling when we enter from the dank, drab experience of a cold and wet day as it was on Friday lunchtime when I looked in. Once again, many thanks to all.

*Kate Landenberger*

## **Angels' Delight:**

What an array of Christmas jumpers, tutus, antler headbands (and that was just Steve) arrived for the Christmas party on Wednesday. Of course, there were plenty of toys to play with but, in a change from our usual schedule, craft activities were available from the start and little fingers were soon busy making table decorations, colouring pictures, cutting and sticking etc. Then it was story-time with some new songs to sing, followed by an angel hunt. Little angels were hung on the tree and then it was time for Festive Snacks – no left-overs today! Ding-dong merrily at the South door and in came Santa Claus complete with big red sack.. Only two angels cried and they were soon consoled with lovely books. The morning ended with finishing off the crafts and then a frantic clear-up to restore the church in readiness for a wedding! A big thank-you to all helpers, behind the scenes or front of house. Our next term starts on January 15th (with a planning meeting on the 8th).

## **Mothers' Union:**

Our January meeting is as usual our Annual General Meeting when we look at all we have accomplished in the past year and look forward to the events of 2020. We will meeting at 2pm 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

### **Choir Quiz 2019. Where Were We singing?**

"I'd like to talk to you about 3 Winners!!" In the spirit of The Booker Prize and Turner Prize 2019 we have collective winner(s) for the Choir Quiz 2019. Congratulations go to David Bowen (with Ruth Pickering), Simon and Wendy Mann and Steph and Gordon Hughes who correctly identified all 10 choir destinations. We had a tremendous response this year and thank you to all contributors and to all supporters for our latest brain tickler.... We'll have another 'silly' quiz next year so watch this space as they say.

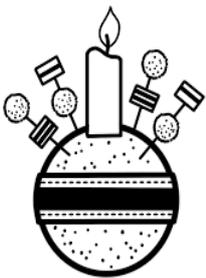
Meanwhile if you are curious about the correct answers they are as follows...

1) Anglo Saxon king and saint buried here? Answer: *Bury St Edmunds (or St Edmundsbury Cathedral)*. 2) Named for the first British Martyr whose shrine it contains? Answer: *St Albans*. 3) An association with Leonard Bernstein? Answer: *Chichester*. 4) Our second visit to the Big City - South of the river? Answer: *Southwark*. 5) Home to a remarkable library and Map(a)? Answer: *Hereford*. 6) Yorkshire? Answer: *Ripon*. 7) On the edge of the Fens? Answer: *Peterborough*. 8) Our second-furthest excursion to the South West - so far? Answer: *Bristol*. 9) Has a distant connection with our own church? Answer: *Carlisle* 10) Unnecessarily large, bearing in mind (according to the locals) there's a spare one just down the road? Answer: *Liverpool (Anglican Cathedral)*

Thank you again for your continued support and wishing you all a Happy and Peaceful Christmas!

*Wendy Robinson on behalf of the The Choir*

*[Don't forget to return Clive's Christmas Quiz by 5<sup>th</sup> January. He is ready and waiting with his red pen!]*



**Christingle Making: Please don't forget Christingle Making will take place in the Honner Room from 10am on Christmas Eve morning. As many people as possible will be needed to help.**

**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*

### **A message from the flower co-ordinators:**

Sheena Wilkins and Margaret Murray-Leslie would like to thank all those who have contributed so generously of their time, talent, money and foliage to decorating the church for this Christmas and over the years. We have decided that the time has come for us to retire so we thank you all for your support and we wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Sheena and Margaret*

### **Derby Churches Nightshelter:**

Working with an army of volunteers, the nightshelter provides safe accomodation and a substantial meal for up to 35 guests each night during the coldest months of the year (December - March). Seven churches in or near the city centre provide a welcoming venue, each opening their doors for one night each week .

As guests bed down for the night in new, warm sleeping bags and blankets, night staff are there to offer support and prayer throughout the night. Before leaving at 8am the next morning, guests tuck into a healthy breakfast of cereals, toast and fresh fruit. Many are given ongoing support to address their needs. **It costs £137,000 every year to run a winter nightshelter. To**

**donate please visit: [www.derbycitymission.org.uk](http://www.derbycitymission.org.uk)**

Nightshelter locations:

Monday: Derby Cathedral, DE1 3GP

Tuesday: Hope Centre, Curzon St, DE1 1LL

Wednesday: Peartree Baptist Church, 154 Peartree Road, DE23 6QD

Thursday: Ashbourne Rd Church, DE22 3AG

Friday: New Life Church, Normanton Rd, DE23 6UU

Saturday: Ozzy Road Baptist Church, Charnwood St, DE1 2GU

Sunday: St Mary's Church Hall, Darley Lane, DE1 3AX

### **Parish Office closed:**

**Please note that the office will be closed for Christmas and New Year holidays from 20<sup>th</sup> December until 2<sup>nd</sup> January. Messages may be left on the answerphone over the break and will be answered on my return.**

**Many thanks, *Kate Landenberger***

## **This week in connection with Melbourne Church**

<b>Tuesday:</b>	10am	Christingle Making in the Honner Room
	4pm	<b>Christingle Service</b>
	11.30pm	<b>Midnight Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	8am	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	10.30am	<b>Family Eucharist for Christmas Day</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	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, John Rooks, 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 John Simms, Heather Cope, John Rowatt, Wendie Elizabeth Ann Moore and Kathleen Winifred Jackson.

### **Next Week at Melbourne: The First Sunday of Christmas**

10.30am **Benefice Eucharist and Coffee**

(Sidespersons: Griselda Kerr, Lisa Gilchrist)

(Coffee: Joanna Hocknell)

**Please note: There will be no 9.15am Communion on 26<sup>th</sup> December.**

**There will be no 8am Holy Communion or 6.30pm Evensong on 29<sup>th</sup> December.**

### **The Readings today at 8am and 10.30am:**

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 7.10-16*

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

**The Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 1.18-end*

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel',  
which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

**Additional Collect:**

Eternal God,  
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,  
so we wait for his coming in glory;  
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age  
to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Gradual Psalm at 10.30am:** *Psalm 80.1-7*

Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep \*

shew thyself also, thou that sittest upon the cherubims.

Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasses \*

stir up thy strength, and come, and help us.

Turn us again, O God \*

shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

O Lord God of hosts \*

how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth?

Thou feedest them with the bread of tears \*

and givest them plenteousness of tears to drink.

Thou hast made us a very strife unto our neighbours \*

and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Turn us again, thou God of hosts \*

shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

**Reading For Christmas Day at 8am: *Isaiah 52.7-10***

How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,  
who brings good news,  
who announces salvation,  
who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'  
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,  
together they sing for joy;  
for in plain sight they see  
the return of the Lord to Zion.  
Break forth together into singing,  
you ruins of Jerusalem;  
for the Lord has comforted his people,  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.  
The Lord has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations;  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

**CHRISTMAS 2019 SERVICES AT  
MELBOURNE PARISH  
CHURCH**



**SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER**

**Carol service – 6.30pm**

**(followed by mulled wine and mince pies)**

**TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS  
EVE**

**Christingle Service – 4pm**

**Midnight Mass – 11.30pm**

**WEDNESDAY 25TH - CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Holy Communion 8am  
Family Eucharist – 10.30am**

**SUNDAY 29TH – FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

**Benefice Eucharist – 10.30am**