

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



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The First Sunday of Christmas - 29th December 2019

10.30am **Benefice Eucharist & Coffee**

Readings: can be found on page 4

Introit: Rejoice and be merry *English trad. arr. Reginald Jacques*

Settings: *Cæsar St Mary's*

Hymns: 29, 21, 32 omit v.4 [28] 33 vv.1,4, & 7

Anthem: A Christmas Blessing *Philip Stopford*

Organ Voluntary: Chorale Prelude on 'In Dulci Jubilo'

(BWV 729) *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: 10.30am – Revd Michael Rogers
Smisby: – No Service
Stanton: – No Service
Ticknall: – No Service



Taking responsibility for Church life today:

10.30am Benefice Eucharist & Coffee

Acting Wardens: Joanna Hocknell, Margaret Brackenbury

Sidespersons: Griselda Kerr, Lisa Gilchrist

Crucifer: Brian Dollamore

Server: Mary Bolton

Reader: Mary Bolton

Intercessor: Alison Gregory

Coffee: Joanna Hocknell

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 winter's day. It's good to have them back again. We are very fortunate indeed to have such a talented team.

Kate Landenberger

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

Clive's quiz: This should reach Clive at the very latest by 5th January!

Angels' Delight: The first Angels' Delight meeting in church will be on January 15th from 9am – 11am.

There will be a planning meeting in the Rectory on the 8th January.

Parish Office closed:

Please note that the office will be closed for Christmas and New Year holidays until 2nd 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

Monday:	2pm	Full Peal Attempt
Thursday:	9.15am	Holy Communion
Saturday:	10am–12.30pm	District Ringing
	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 Florence Caroline Paget, Danny Blinco, Harriet Burden, Joseph Laban and Gladys Marston.

Next Week at Melbourne: Epiphany Sunday

8am **Holy Communion** (Sidespersons: Joe Laban, John Tatam)

10.30am **Parish Eucharist, Junior Church and Coffee**
(Sidespersons: Sheena Wilkins, Margaret Murray-Leslie)
(Coffee: Mary Bolton, Rachel Short, Roddy Lott)
(Junior Church: Rachel Coupe, Isobel Hall)

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

The Readings today:

First Reading: *Isaiah 63.7-9*

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,
because of all that the Lord has done for us,
and the great favour to the house of Israel
that he has shown them according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

For he said, 'Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely';
and he became their saviour
in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel
but his presence that saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 2.13-end*

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.' When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: 'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.' When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazorean.'

Additional Collect:

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ.