

**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 Baptism of Christ - 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

8am **Holy Communion**

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

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

**Setting:** *Paul Mealor* Missa Sancta Maria Tota Bona

**Hymns:** 137, 58, 55 v.3 Women/Children, v.4 Men [425, 347] 57

**Anthem:** Tomorrow shall be my dancing day *John Gardner*

**Organ Voluntary:** Hornpipe from 'Water Music' *Handel*

6.30pm **Epiphany 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 – Revd Canon Tony Barnard  
6.30pm - Revd Steve Short

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

**Stanton:** 10.30am – At Swarkestone

**Ticknall:** 9.15am – Revd Steve Short



## Taking responsibility for Church life today:

**8am Holy Communion**

**Sidespersons:** Joan Pass, Tony Taylor

**Server:** John Tatam

**Reader:** John Springthorpe

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

**Acting Wardens:** Gordon Hughes, Roddy Lott

**Sidespersons:** Carolyn Tasker, Gordon Hughes

**Crucifer:** John Tivey

**Server:** Ros Bell

**Reader:** Steve Webster

**Intercessor:** Linda Latchford

**Junior Church:** Rachel Coupe

**Coffee:** Janet Warner, Kate Landenberger, Annabel Needham

**6.30pm Epiphany Carol Service**

**Acting Warden:** Gordon Hughes

**Sidesperson:** John Springthorpe



## Epiphany Carol Service

Please join us tonight at 6.30pm for the Epiphany Carol Service, which is followed by refreshments. Your support will be warmly welcomed.

### **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 Wendy and Chris Moss in memory of their son-in-law, Richard Morrison.

### **Living Waters:**

What is Living Waters? It is a house group, open to all, which meets once a month for worship, study, discussion and a snack. Our first meeting this year will be at 10.30a.m. on Tuesday, January 14th at 2 Dunncliffe Lane. As Margaret is no longer able to lead the group, we shall be thinking about how we shall proceed and planning future dates and venues. If you think you might be interested in joining us, you would be most welcome but please let me know if you are coming so that I can make sure we have enough chairs and that the snack is adequate! Contact me on 01332 405303 or by email

– [alisongregory@uwclub.net](mailto:alisongregory@uwclub.net).

*Alison Gregory*

### **Caring Hands:**

Caring Hands is a group of ladies who meet at Church House every Monday afternoon between 2 and 3.30. They are drawn mainly from the different churches in Melbourne and they create knitted items for various causes such as a Police distribution centre for refugees, an impoverished area in Albania, the Special Care Baby Unit (a centre which distributes to hospitals in the U.K.), Derby Royal Infirmary and the Mothers' Union Moses basket project. In 2019 alone we have made 1986 squares to be made into blankets, 238 blankets, 294 cardigans and jumpers, 733 hats as well as gloves, teddies and tiny bereavement gowns. Members make a small contribution each week which covers the cost of wool and heating for the Honner Room. Of course, as well as the benefits to the recipients of our products, we all enjoy an afternoon of friendship and conversation plus a cup of tea and a biscuit. New members are always welcome. You don't have to be an expert knitter – help, needles, patterns and wool are provided if needed. Do come along if you think you would enjoy it.

*Caring Hands Group*

### **Choir Quiz (the hard one): And the Winners Are..**

..by the narrowest of margins, Stephanie and Gordon Hughes, with a score of 70. Your Congratulatory Scroll is in preparation. Very close runners-up, with 69, were Margaret Brackenbury teamed with Maureen and Beth Anderson, who shall receive a consolation prize selected from my extensive cellars (don't worry, not the stuff I make myself!). Thank you to everyone who bought a copy, and especially to those who sent their answers in. I do hope the rest of you at least had a few hours' fun. Answer sheets, together with details of subsidiary prizes (yes!) will be available at the back of Church. *Clive Avery*

## **Christian Unity Service – 6pm – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January:**

Everyone is warmly invited to Melbourne Baptist Church for the annual service for Christian Unity. It will be good to have as many representatives from the church as possible. This joint service has been organised by 'Churches Together in Melbourne' and it's a great way to meet members of the other churches. See you there!

*Rachel Coupe*

### **Future Choir trips.....**

Thanks to all those of you who supported our trips in 2019. The choir values greatly the company and support of the congregation and other friends on these occasions. Future dates are listed below.

### **Dates for 2020**

- ② Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April: daytrip to Ely
- ② Bank Holiday Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> May: daytrip to Lincoln
- ② Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June: daytrip to Tewkesbury
- ② 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> July: Weekend residency at Truro Cathedral
- ② Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October: services at Lichfield Cathedral

These trips are increasingly popular and I do encourage you to come along if you are yet to experience one. They are relaxing days "doing your own thing" and Choral Evensong to enjoy before the journey back home. All this, door-to-door, in the company of people you know!

**Truro:** we will need to finalise the accommodation for our weekend earlier than usual as it's High Season in Cornwall.

If you would be interested in staying with the choir, do ask for details. As on previous weekends, it's always lovely to have the support of familiar faces.

Please get in touch if you want any further information (07808 474236, [simon.e.collins@btinternet.com](mailto:simon.e.collins@btinternet.com) or after services).

*Simon Collins, Director of Music*

### **Mark Powell:**

I have heard during the week that Mark Powell, the former rector here, has had an operation to remove a cancerous tumour from his lung. I have spoken with the Windsor Chapel chapter office and, very thankfully, the operation has gone well and Mark expects to be back at work quite soon. I have passed on our best wishes to Mark and Helen and assured them of our prayers. There will also be a card for Mark at the back of church which you are warmly invited to sign. Thank you. Steve

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

**Epiphany Chalk:**

Included in last week's service was the blessing of chalk to then be used in writing an Epiphany blessing on our homes. If you would like to take part in this ancient tradition, there is a bowl of chalk at the back of church and copies of last week's service which include (on the back page) instructions on how to pray and write the blessing. *Steve*

**Thank you!**

On the Saturday before Christmas, the Rectory camper-van was loaded with six fully-equipped Moses baskets and a dozen bags full of nappies, blankets, baby-grows etc. Rachel, Ros and Alison clambered aboard and the sat-nav (with a little help from Ros) directed us to St. Ann's church hall in Derby – the home of the Derby Refugee Solidarity. There we were welcomed with warmth and excitement as we carried our gifts in. Photos were taken and tea and mince-pies consumed. We were introduced to many volunteers: some were asylum-seekers (unable to work while their applications were being processed but finding a welcome and help at the centre); some were validated refugees (still needing help with language, job-applications etc) and some were good local people giving up their time and expertise to help. One wall of the hall was lined with huge bins labelled Syria, Greece, Italy etc. These were being filled with clothing and bedding as they were sorted by the volunteers. At one end, where the stage was situated, a 'classroom' was screened off. This was used for language lessons, art classes etc. There was nothing glamorous about the hall but it was bright and cheerful, every square inch occupied and a real sense of purpose pervaded. It was good to feel that we had made a useful contribution to a well-organised, worthwhile enterprise. We were also able to hand over £145 to be spent on transport costs or to go towards the rent of the hall (£200 per month). We were assured that our baskets would be on their way abroad within a week.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed in any way to this effort – members of the Mothers' Union, Caring Hands, Mothers and grandmothers of our Angels' Delight and members of the congregation and, of course, to Rachel for driving the van. As Tiny Tim would say – 'God bless us, every one'.. *Alison Gregory*

**Children's Society:**

Just to say a big thank you to all who contributed towards the beautiful Christingle Service on Christmas Eve. Willing helpers big and small met in the morning to make the Christingle orange candle holders. The Church looked wonderful and was full to the gallery with excited children and their families.

The Collection came to a generous £409.64 which will be put to good use by the Society. Once again many thanks.

*Avril Harrison*

### **Be a Derby Cathedral Chorister for a day:**

Derby Cathedral Choir has had a busy December with the hectic Christmas schedule of Carol Services and special events but one thing is certain - the choir has loved every minute and had fun as a youthful energetic team. So what is it really like to be a Derby Cathedral Chorister? Boys and girls aged 7 - 13 years from across Derbyshire have the opportunity to find out on Saturday, 18 January 2020, when they can join the current choristers from 2.30pm to 6pm for an afternoon of fun musical activities, and the opportunity to sing in the choir for a short service at 5.15pm. Parents are warmly invited to stay for the afternoon to see what goes on behind the scenes! Places are limited - to book email [music@derbycathedral.org](mailto:music@derbycathedral.org) or call 01332 202231.

### **Dower House Garden Opening:**

The Dower House garden is once again opening for the National Gardens Scheme on 15th and 16th February 10am - 3.30pm. If anyone would like to come please bring a bulletin with you to gain half price admission (£2 instead of £4) - children are free anyway. If it is nice crisp weather the garden will look sparkly with snowdrops and all the usual late winter flowers - aconites, daphne, witchhazel, iris, early crocus, sarcococca, mahonia, but if it is raining and miserable there will at least be a fire beside which you can keep warm!

Being without a gardener at the moment the garden may well look less tended than usual but I am quite sure no one will mind. Thank you to everyone for their support of these charities.

For more information please email [griselda@btinternet.com](mailto:griselda@btinternet.com). *Griselda Kerr*

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

<b>Monday:</b>	2pm	Caring Hands (HR)
	7pm	Drum Corps Practice in church
	7.30pm	Male Voice Choir Practice (HR)
<b>Tuesday:</b>	10.30am	Living Waters at 2 Dunncliffe Lane
	6.30pm -7.30pm	Wedding Open Office in church
	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9am	Angels' Delight
	7.45pm	Choir Practice (SMH)
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	7.30pm	PCC (SMH)
<b>Saturday:</b>	9.30am	Pre-wedding seminar
	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, Mark Powell, 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 Rex Hallifield, William Sims and Dorothy Clifford.

### **Next Week at Melbourne: Epiphany 2**

8am **Holy Communion** (Sidespersons: Sue Dore, Ann Rafferty)

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

(Sidespersons: Carolyn Tasker, Nigel Tasker)

(Coffee: Margaret Brackenbury, Maurice & Pam Starkey)

(Junior Church: Rachel Coupe, Charlotte Hall)

6pm **Ecumenical Service at Melbourne Baptist Church for the week of prayer for Christian unity (No Evensong here)**

### **The Readings today:**

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 42.1-9*

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
He will not grow faint or be crushed

until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:  
I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,  
to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
I am the Lord, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.  
See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

**The Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 3.13-end*

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

**Additional Collect:**

Heavenly Father,  
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:  
may we recognize him as our Lord  
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.