

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



# The Bulletin

*A weekly publication for the Parish of Melbourne*



## **Candlemas - 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020**

8am **Holy Communion**

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

(Please see Order of Service)

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

**Introit:** *O nata lux Thomas Tallis*

**Setting:** *Darke* in E (including Kyrie)

**Hymns:** 234, Christ be our light, 33 omit \* [157, 156] 475

**Anthem:** *When to the Temple Mary went Eccard*

**Nunc Dimittis:** Short service *Gibbons*

**Organ Voluntary:** Herr Gott, nun schleuss den Himmel auf  
(BWV617) *J.S.Bach*

6.30pm **Evensong**

**Hymns:** 156, 494, 246, 362

**Psalm:** 122

**Organ Voluntary:** Mit Fried' und Freud' (BWV616) *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 - Revd Steve Short/  
Canon David Edwards

**Smisby:** 4pm - Revd Steve Short/  
Canon David Edwards

**Stanton:** 11am - Dr Nick Gravestock

**Ticknall:** 9.15am - Dr Nick Gravestock

**Taking responsibility for Church life today:**

**8am Holy Communion**

**Sidespersons:** Karen Grewcock, John Tatam

**Server:** Joy Hill

**Reader:** Ann Nicholls

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

**Acting Warden:** Cliff Warner, Roddy Lott

**Sidespersons:** Janet Warner, David Smith

**Crucifer:** John Tivey

**Server:** Jo Glaze

**Reader:** Pam Starkey

**Intercessor:** Graham Truscott

**Junior Church:** Rachel Coupe, Vicky Emery

**Coffee:** Griselda Kerr, Margaret Murray-Leslie, Rachel Short

**6.30pm Evensong**

**Acting Warden:** Linda Latchford

**Sidesperson:** Ann Hammond

**Family Services:**

To compliment the family services we've been developing at Mothering Sunday, Easter and Christmas we're now adding a regular slot in the month for a family/all-age Eucharist. These, for the most part, will be on the second Sunday each month so will begin on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February as we explore Valentines Day and the God of Love.

Being on the second Sunday of the month, it also means that there are other

styles of worship available too with the said 8 am Holy Communion and (more often than not) Choral Evensong in the evening.

A regular family service aims to give us further opportunities for growing our existing congregation both spiritually and numerically. They will be designed for all ages to participate in the service as we share the meal that Jesus gave us.

In my briefing document to our PCC on our family services, I stated that a new venture (building on what has gone before) will take time to develop and become part of our collective consciousness so we will be taking a longer term view of things over 18 months to two years to see where God is leading us.

Please do continue to pray for all the worship we offer and host as we aim always to 'serve a slice of heaven' to quote the former Bishop of Gloucester, Michael Perham. *Steve*

### **MOTHERS' UNION NEWS:**

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 4th February at 2pm** in the Honner Room and Ann Barnard will reflect on some of her experiences of visiting Malaysia through her involvement with USPG. Do come along, we always welcome visitors to our meetings. *Ros Bell*

### **Church Flowers:**

As reported in the Bulletin before the end of the year, Sheena Wilkins and Margaret Murray-Leslie have resigned from being the church flowers co-ordinators (they will be continuing as flower arrangers). We are pleased to say that Jen Smallwood has taken over from them. A meeting was held last Tuesday amongst the flower arrangers on the way forward. They are a small band and would like to encourage more people to join them.

Jen is giving a tutorial next **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm in church** for anyone who is interested in flower arranging: she will be showing how she decorates a pedestal. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you have any creative talent, why not give it a try?

Meanwhile if you would like to make a donation to the church flower fund, please see Jen after any 10.30am service.

### **Circus Fantastica:**

#### **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February from 10am – 3pm:**

Lots of fun for primary-aged children on INSET day.

Session 1: 10am – 12.30pm      Session 2: 1pm – 3pm

£3 per session or £5 for both

Ian and Elaine from Kids-inc will lead an exciting day with active games, puppets, quizzes, craft and bible stories. No need to book, just bring a packed lunch to the Church. Children may be left after being signed in by their carer. More details from Rachel Coupe: phone/text 07752686000 email: [rachel@coupe.me.uk](mailto:rachel@coupe.me.uk)

**Some dates for your diary:**

Fri 14 Feb: 10am – 3pm **INSET Day event** for Primary Children by Kids-inc

Sat 22 Feb: 4pm **Messy Pancakes:** crafts, worship and food

Sat 4 April: 4pm **Messy Easter:** Family friendly celebration

Sat 16 May: **Messy Church:** interactive outreach event

19 – 22 May: **Experience Pentecost Exhibition** in church

Sun 13 Dec: **Nativity Play Service**

**Living Waters:**

The next meeting of Living Waters will be at 10 a.m. (please note change of time) on Tuesday, February 11th at Linda Latchford's house at 89 Jubilee Close. We shall be beginning a study of the Lord's Prayer. All are welcome but please let Linda know if you are coming so that she can provide enough chairs!

**Dementia Friends Awareness:**

There will be an informal session of Dementia Friends Awareness on 11<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm in St Michael's House (to the right of the Rectory) and on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm at the Schoolroom, Melbourne URC. Cathy Read, who has many years of practical experience, will lead the sessions for anyone interested in knowing how to help people with dementia. If you have a heart for others, please do come along. A warm welcome is guaranteed at these one-hour sessions followed by refreshments. It will help Cathy if you can let her know you are coming.

Email: [cathy\\_f\\_read@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cathy_f_read@yahoo.co.uk)

**Fun and Friendship Tour to Bruges and Ghent 2020:****Monday 2nd November 2020 - Thursday 5 November 2020**

Thank you to everyone who has supported the annual 'culture tour' and 'Wendy Walk' these past few years. I hope 'fun and friendship' is a good summary and that is all down to you. To that end I would like to invite you to consider this year's tour to the lovely cities of Bruges and Ghent. The usual arrangements apply e.g. executive coach, Channel Tunnel crossing and top quality hotel (The NH Hotel Bruges)

As you might be aware, Bruges and Ghent have much to offer the tourist with easy access to many cultural and spiritual experiences, which includes marvellous food e.g. Moules et frites, chocolate galore and if you happen to like beer, over 700 varieties to choose from! The transfer from Calais to Bruges is also relatively quick (1hr) making more time to enjoy each destination. If you would like to hear more about this tour, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can supply a full and detailed itinerary upon request. *Wendy Robinson* email; [wamsport@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wamsport@yahoo.co.uk) or telephone 01530 810217 or 07790474889

## **Fancy A Cuppa!**

The next session will be on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February from 10.30am to 12 noon at the Senior Citizens' Centre. The speaker will be Tricia Ward on 'Serving the Derbyshire Constabulary in the 1950s and 60s'. £1 for tea/coffee; £1 for home-made cake. A warm welcome is extended to all.

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Archdeacon Christopher writes:

**LEARNING FROM ANGOLA** Last Advent Sunday I had the privilege of being present at the inauguration of a new diocese. I was in Angola, on my fourth visit, to join the celebrations as the diocese of Angola became a full diocese, having shown extraordinary growth both in numbers and its engagement with the pressing problems of Angolan society since it became a missionary diocese in 2002.

The inauguration service lasted almost five hours and was attended by nearly three thousand people in a, mercifully air-conditioned, conference centre. You can get an idea of the enthusiasm of the event from the fact that the Bishop of Angola was able to give an interview on national television during the offertory procession!

The new diocese is ambitious in its aspirations. Land has been secured for the building of a new cathedral and diocesan office, as well as housing, the rent from which will provide an income stream. There are also plans to build a theological college. As the diocese presently covers the whole of a country five times the size of the UK, with all the logistical problems involved, there is also an urgent need to multiply. The intention is to divide Angola into four dioceses within the next few years.

The diocese is equally ambitious in its vision. This is 'To have Angolan society evangelised and restored to human dignity'. We, in our rather timid church, have much to learn from this forthright statement. For evangelisation and human dignity and flourishing are, or ought to be, inseparable. And it doesn't really matter where you start. At a conference about the Angolan churches' leadership in the campaign to eradicate malaria, we were reminded that the churches' involvement in healthcare is good in itself, rather than a device to get people into church.

The experience in Angola is that a church which engages fully and accurately with what people are most concerned about will grow. People come to the church through God's activity, rather than the other way round.

Please pray for the diocese of Angola and for its continued growth. To say that the challenges it faces in that country are almost overwhelming would be an understatement. But we can be inspired by the faith and courage of our brothers and sisters there as they continue to tackle them.

*The Venerable Christopher Cunliffe Archdeacon of Derby*

The Parish Office is closed until 12<sup>th</sup> February. Any messages left on the phone will be answered on my return. Thanks. *Kate Landenberger*

## This week in connection with Melbourne Church

|                   |               |                                     |
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| <b>Monday:</b>    | 2pm           | Caring Hands (HR)                   |
|                   | 7pm           | Drum Corps Practice in church       |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | 7pm           | Male Voice Choir Practice (HR)      |
|                   | 2pm           | Mothers' Union in the Honner Room   |
|                   | 2pm           | Flower arranging tutorial in church |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | 7.25pm        | Bellringing Practice                |
|                   | 9am – 11am    | Angels' Delight in church           |
|                   | 7.45pm        | Choir Practice (SMH)                |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | <b>9.15am</b> | <b>Holy Communion</b>               |
|                   | 2pm           | Funeral of Alice Avery              |
| <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 Jeffrey 'Bill' Wooderson, Sarah 'Sally' Wooderson and Prim(rose) Heath.

### Next Week at Melbourne: 3<sup>rd</sup> Before Lent

8am **Holy Communion**  
(Sidespersons: Joan Pass, Joy Hill)

10.30am **Family/All-Age Eucharist and Coffee**  
(Sidespersons: Victoria Hancock, Annabel Needham)  
(Coffee: Mary Bolton, Sheena Wilkins, Roddy Lott)

6.30pm **Choral Evensong** (Sidesperson: Karen Grewcock)

## The Readings today:

### **First Reading:** *Malachi 3.1-5*

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

### **The Gospel Reading:** *Luke 2.22-40*

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,

which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

**Collect:**

Almighty and ever-living God,  
clothed in majesty,  
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,  
in substance of our flesh:  
grant that we may be presented to you  
with pure and clean hearts,  
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.