

**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 before Lent - 9th February 2020

8am Holy Communion

Readings: can be found on pages 7/8

10.30am Family/All-Age Eucharist & Coffee

(Please see Order of Service)

Organ Voluntary: Marche aux flambeaux *Scotson Clark*

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Introit: A Prayer of King Henry VI *Henry Ley*

Responses: *Leighton*

Hymns: 466, 54, 252

Psalm: 4

Canticles: *Howells Collegium Regale / Holst Nunc Dimittis*

Anthem: O Lorde, the maker of al thing *John Joubert*

Organ Voluntary: Final (Symphonie 2) *Louis Vierne*

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:	10.30am - At Swarkestone
Ticknall:	9.15am - Revd Michael Rogers

**Taking responsibility for Church life today:**

8am Holy Communion

Sidespersons: Joan Pass, Joy Hill

Server: John Tatam

Reader: Avril Harrison

10.30am Family/All-Age Eucharist & Coffee

Acting Wardens: Gordon Hughes, Brian Dollamore

Sidespersons: Victoria Hancock, Annabel Needham

Crucifer: Graham Truscott

Server: Ros Bell

Reader: Sophie Short

Intercessor: Brian Dollamore

Coffee: Mary Bolton, Sheena Wilkins, Roddy Lott

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Acting Warden: Gordon Hughes

Sidesperson: Karen Grewcock

Family Services:

To complement 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 today 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 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*

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. Please speak to Jen if you would like to 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.

Living Waters:

The next meeting of Living Waters will be at 10am (please note change of time) on Tuesday, February 11th at Linda Latchford's house, 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! *Alison Gregory*

Circus Fantastica: Friday 14th 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

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

Dementia Friends Awareness:

There will be an informal session of Dementia Friends Awareness on 11th February at 2pm in St Michael's House (to the right of the Rectory) and on Thursday 13th 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

Fancy A Cuppa!

The next session will be on Tuesday 11th 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.

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.

P.S. If anyone has an hour to spare during the day of Saturday 15th or Sunday 16th and could help me with selling teas and plants, they would be welcomed with open arms. The greenhouse can get quite cold so it is not the *best of fun*, but it is all in a good cause. Victoria Hancock is very kindly going to help once again with the selling of tickets and If you think you too could help for a little bit, let me know - by email preferably at griseldakerr@btinternet.com *Griselda Kerr*

PCC REPORTS:

To all the usual suspects: please begin to send in your PCC reports to the Parish Office so that Kate can begin to compile the Annual report for the APCM, which is on **April 26th after the 10.30am service. Please supply them by 15th March at the very latest. Many thanks in advance. Kate**

Youthwork Brainstorming Session report:

A meeting was convened by Churches Together in Melbourne to discuss youth work.

Four young people were present from the Methodist Church and 12 adults from the churches, plus Alistair Langton, diocesan youthwork advisor and Sarah from Burton Youth for Christ.

Sarah and Alistair described various youth work initiatives taking place in Derbyshire and Staffordshire. The meeting then divided into two groups for further discussion before re-convening. The following points emerged.

The young people would welcome:- an occasional youth worship event, livelier and less traditional than the weekly services currently held in the local churches plus an opportunity to meet regularly in a safe, non-judgemental place where they could explore difficult questions of faith and life.

The adults also expressed deep concern about the drug problem in Melbourne and the need to provide somewhere where vulnerable, bored and disaffected young people could meet socially. This would need to be somewhere where neighbours would not be disturbed (the Sports Partnership was suggested) and would need to be led by a paid, qualified youth leader. The Parish Council could be approached with regard to funding.

It was agreed that these were all good ideas and should be explored further but there was concern about who would be able to take responsibility for organisation as many people are already fully committed. Matters of safeguarding, insurance etc. would have to be fully implemented.

Bishop Jan moving to Lichfield:

The Bishop of Repton is moving on from the Diocese of Derby to become Residentiary Canon (House for Duty) at Lichfield Cathedral and Honorary Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Lichfield.

The Rt Revd Jan McFarlane will move to Lichfield with her husband Andrew and take on her new role in April, after almost four years as Bishop of Repton.

It will be a return to Diocese of Lichfield for Bishop Jan who was born in Stoke-on-Trent and began parish ministry in Stafford following her ordination as a priest in 1994. From there she served in Ely and Norwich dioceses before becoming the Bishop of Repton in 2016.

Bishop Jan said: "Andrew and I will be very sorry to leave the beautiful county of Derbyshire where we have been so happy. I feel blessed to have worked with some excellent colleagues and wonderful congregations. I came to the diocese knowing there would be a vacancy-in-see to cover. The completion of that task has coincided with the silver anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood, and much reflection during my recent sabbatical on the past 26 years since I was ordained at Lichfield Cathedral.

"In addition, following five years of hospital visits I have been formally declared in remission from cancer. All of this together has led to a desire to live life at a different pace. I look forward to being able to carve out time for

writing and to return to the rhythm of preaching, praying, presiding and pastoring for which I was first ordained. I'm much looking forward to returning to my home county and diocese, journeying from Repton to Lichfield quite literally in the footsteps of St Chad."

Bishop Jan will have a formal farewell at the meeting of the Derby Diocesan Synod on Saturday 7 March. She will preach at Evensong at Derby Cathedral on Sunday 8 March at 6pm and hopes to be able to say a less formal farewell after that service, to which everyone is welcome.

(From Diocese of Derby eNews – 29 January 20)

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

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Monday:	2pm	Caring Hands (HR)
	7pm	Drum Corps Practice in church
	7pm	Male Voice Choir Practice (HR)
Tuesday:	10am	Living Waters at 89 Jubilee Close
	1.30pm	Dementia Friends session (SMH)
	6.30pm	Wedding Open Office in church
	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
Wednesday:	7.45pm	Choir Practice (SMH)
Thursday:	9.15am	Holy Communion
Friday:	10am 3.30pm	Inset Day 'Circus Fantastica' in church
Saturday:	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 Hilda Cooper, George William Brame, Peter Hedley Mansfield and John Peter Glaze.

Next Week at Melbourne: 2nd Before Lent

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

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

(Sidespersons: Griselda Kerr, Pam Starkey)

(Junior Church: Rachel Coupe, Byrnece Turner)

(Coffee: Janet Warner, Carolyn Tasker, Kate Landenberger)

6.30pm **No Evensong**

The Readings today:

First Reading: *Isaiah 58.1-9a*

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practised righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgements,
they delight to draw near to God.

‘Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?’

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day,
and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,

and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator* shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 5.13-20*

‘You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

‘Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Additional Collect:

Eternal God,
whose Son went among the crowds
and brought healing with his touch:
help us to show his love,
in your Church as we gather together,
and by our lives as they are transformed
into the image of Christ our Lord.