

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 Second Sunday before Lent - 16th February 2020

8am **Holy Communion**

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

Readings: can be found on pages 6-8

Setting: *Bourne* Melbourne Service

Gradual Psalm: 136 vv.1-9 (insert)

Hymns: 238, 263 omit * [480, 278] 466

Anthem: O sing joyfully *Adrian Batten*

Organ Voluntary: *Carillon Louis Vierne*

6.30pm **No Evensong here tonight**

(There is a service of Evening Prayer at 5.30pm at Smisby)

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 - Fr Neil Roberts
10.30am - Fr Neil Roberts
6.30pm - No Service

Smisby: 5.30pm - Dr Nick Gravestock

Stanton: 11am - Dr Nick Gravestock

Ticknall: 10.30am - Mrs Mary Hirst

**Taking responsibility for Church life today:**

8am Holy Communion

Sidespersons: Sue Dore, Ann Rafferty

Server: David Dore

Reader: Karen Grewcock

10.30am Parish Eucharist, Junior Church & Coffee

Acting Wardens: Margaret Brackenbury, Victoria Hancock

Sidespersons: Griselda Kerr, Pam Starkey

Crucifer: Brian Dollamore

Server: Kate Landenberger

Reader: Maurice Starkey

Intercessor: Sheena Wilkins

Junior Church: Rachel Coupe, Byrnece Turner

Coffee: Janet Warner, Annabel Needham, Kate Landenberger

6.30pm No Evensong service here tonight

No Evensong at 6.30pm tonight:

Despite Steve's best efforts there will be no Evensong at Melbourne this evening. There is a service of Evening Prayer at Smisby at 5.30pm tonight, to which everyone is welcome.

Relief Organist:

I would like to thank Laurence Rogers for playing the Organ here today at the 10.30a.m. Eucharist. I count myself very fortunate that, when I'm absent, I can leave both the Choir and the Organ in such capable hands knowing that his willing contribution to our church's musical life is much appreciated. Laurence was my predecessor here for 27 years and often sings with the Church Choir both here and on its travels.

Simon Collins, Director of Music

Ash Wednesday:

There will be two services in the Benefice to mark the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday (26th February):

Melbourne: Holy Communion at 9.15am (said)

Ticknall: A Sung Eucharist with combined Choirs at 7.30pm

It would be good if we could mark the day with a large congregation.

Lent Course 2020:

Everyone is warmly invited to take part in our 2020 Lent course. Each session will be on a Thursday beginning at 7.30 pm ending with Compline finishing no later than 8.45 pm. The venues for the course are, as usual, spread across our benefice.

Thursday 5th March - St George, Ticknall

Thursday 12th March - St James, Smisby

Thursday 19th March - Stanton-By-Bridge Village Hall

Thursday 26th March - The Honner Room, Church House, Melbourne

Thursday 2nd April - St George, Ticknall

We will be following the newly-reprinted 'I Thirst: The Cross - The Great Triumph of Love' by Bishop Stephen Cottrell. Bishop Stephen is currently the bishop of Chelmsford and is the archbishop-designate of York. He is a widely published author and evangelist.

Each week, ahead of the session, we will read the relevant chapter of the book and discuss it facilitated by one of the ministry team. If you are unable to join the course, why not buy a copy of the book and read it as your Lent book? The cost is around £7.50 and you can sign up via one of the sheets at the back of church. -Steve

Electoral Roll:

This year our Church Electoral Roll has to be revised and up-dated: That time is now upon us. During the next few weeks Application forms will be available from Cliff Warner or the Acting Church Wardens, and will also be available from the table underneath the Noticeboard in the Church. Everyone wishing to be included on the Electoral Roll of our Church at our APCM is asked to fill-in a form and return it to the box which is being left at the back of the Church. Alternatively, the forms may be handed to Cliff Warner. All forms **MUST** be returned by **11 April** for your name to be entered on to the Roll in time for the APCM. The new Roll will be displayed in the Church after 12 April, should you wish to check the inclusion of your name. Any further additions will be made at any time after 26 April.

My thanks to you all for your co-operation in the compilation of this important document. *Cliff Warner – MPC Electoral Roll Officer*

Angels' Delight:

19 little angels flew in last week and enjoyed a morning playing with some new toys and learning about the wise and foolish builders. After the story, Janet led us in a lively rendition of 'The wise man built his house upon a rock with full percussion accompaniment. The angels must have anticipated a strenuous craft session as every last morsel of the snacks was devoured. A splendid house (and Linda) was painted green and you can see this (not Linda) on the board with the remnants of the wrecked house beside it. The children also made pictures with stuck on shapes to take home. Perhaps the highlight of the session was the building of towers with cardboard boxes and the destruction of same by hurled beanbags. A great stress-buster! Having spent time as stand-in third kitchen elf, I really appreciated what our faithful triumvirate of elves do each time, unseen and unheard. Thank you, elves and thank you, bell-ringers for laying the foam 'carpet' after Tuesday practice.

Mothers' Union:

Members and guests enjoyed a lively talk by Mrs. Anne Barnard about her experiences travelling under the auspices of the USPG – United Society of Partners in the Gospel. She and her husband have spent a lot of time in Malaysia, particularly in the diocese of Kuching, where the church is thriving. Although there are no women priests, the ministry of women is very powerful in evangelism and caring. There are strong differences of views with the church in the West, especially on matters of gender, homosexuality etc. and this sometimes makes relationships difficult. In Africa, there is a wonderful spirit of hospitality, even in the poorest parishes and the church is at the forefront of projects to tackle issues such as health provision, women's education, justice for women, HIV etc. In the West Indies, there are campaigns for climate justice. Anne feels that in many ways, in this country, the church is tired but we are still looked up to by Christian communities abroad.

Defibrillator training:

The Parish Council has arranged for training on using the new defibrillator to be given in Church Square on Saturday 14th March at 10.00am. It is expected to take no more than an hour and will, of course, provide a 'transferable skill' applicable to all defibrillators.

Everyone is welcome. To give us an idea of numbers, however, please let me know in person, or by text (preferably) or phone that you are planning to be there. *Gordon Hughes* 07837 592596

The Apollon Duo:

Saturday 7 March, 7 for 7.30 pm. Licenced bar. Tickets £10 from the Arts Melbourne Gallery in the Market Place or ring 07990 582381

The Friends of Melbourne Parish Church are putting together a great programme of events for 2020 - more on this soon.

But in the meantime, we are also pleased to publicise other, 'non-Friends' events which bring people into this fantastic building to appreciate its history, architecture and atmosphere.

One such event is **The Apollon Duo**, a violin and organ recital being organised under the Melbourne Festival. Violinist Dora Chatzigerrgiou and organist Alexander Binns will take us from Johann Sebastian Bach in the 17th century to William Lloyd Webber in the 20th in an evening to remember. Founded in 2015, The Apollon Duo duo have performed and promoted this seldom heard combination of instruments audiences across the UK in venues including Saint Paul's Cathedral, Peterborough Cathedral, St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Derby Cathedral and Waltham Abbey. *Gordon Hughes*

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**

Dower House Garden Opening: Still time to see:

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. *Griselda Kerr*

Deanery Newsletter for February:

Take a look at the Deanery News for February, which is now on the noticeboard at the back of church. We have four mentions in it and a couple of good photographs.

Office closed this week: until Thursday 17th. Please send emails in the usual way. Messages will be answered on my return. Thanks, Kate

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:	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
Thursday:	9.15am	Holy Communion
	7.30pm	PCC (SMH)
Saturday:	4pm	Messy Pancakes
	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 Alice Worthington, Wilmoure Warner, Betty Barker, Linda White and Cyril Webster.

Next Week at Melbourne: The Sunday Next Before Lent

8am **Holy Communion**
(Sidespersons: Avril & Terry Harrison)

10.30am **Parish Eucharist, Junior Church and Coffee**
(Sidespersons: Sheena Wilkins, Margaret Murray-Leslie)
(Junior Church: Rachel Coupe, Isobel Hall)
(Coffee: Margaret Brackenbury, Pam & Maurice Starkey)

6.30pm **Evensong**
(Sidesperson: Ann Hammond)

The Readings today:

First Reading: *Genesis 1.1-2.3*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God

said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 6.25-end*

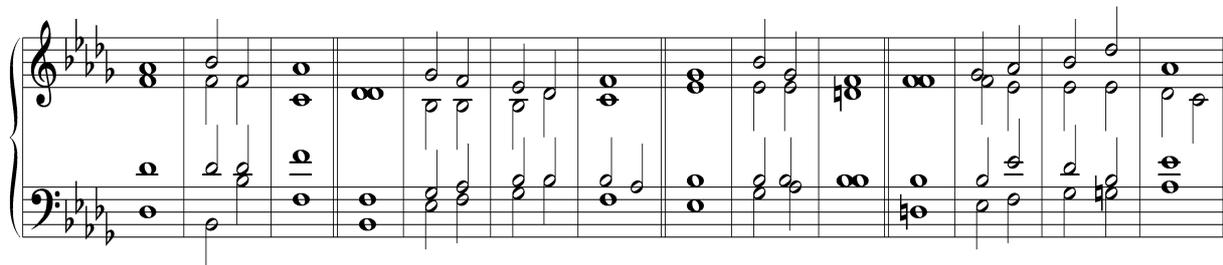
'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

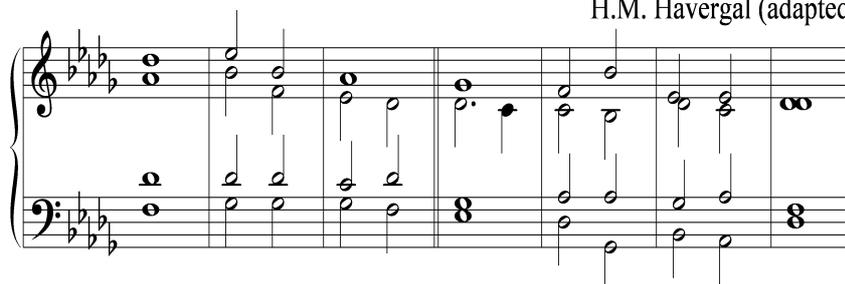
Additional Collect:

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gradual Psalm: 136 vv.1-9



H.M. Havergal (adapted)



- 1 Give thanks to the | Lord for • he is | gracious:
for his | mercy en- | dures for | ever.
- 2 Give thanks to the | God of | gods:
for his | mercy en- | dures for | ever.
- 3 Give thanks to the | Lord of | lords:
for his | mercy en- | dures for | ever.

- 4 Who a- | lone • does great | wonders:
for his | mercy en- | dures for | ever.
- 5 Who by | wisdom • made the | heavens:
for his | mercy en- | dures for | ever.
- 6 Who laid out the | earth up-on the | waters:
for his | mercy en- | dures for | ever.

- 7 Who | made great | lights:
for his | mercy en- | dures for | ever.
- 8 The sun to | rule the | day:
for his | mercy en- | dures for | ever.
- 9 The moon and the stars to | govern the | night:
for his | mercy en- | dures for | ever.