

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



# The Bulletin

*A weekly publication for the Parish of Melbourne*



*He was transfigured  
before their eyes*

## The Sunday Next before Lent - 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020

8am **Holy Communion**

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

**Readings:** can be found on pages 6/7

**Setting:** *Bourne* Melbourne Service

**Gradual Psalm:** 99 (page 7)

**Hymns:** The Kingdom of God is Justice (page 8), 177 [176, 389]  
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**Intercessions:** O Lord hear my prayer *Taizé* (page 2)

**Anthem:** *Ubi caritas Ola Gjeilo*

**Organ Voluntary:** Nun danket alle Gott *Karg-Elert*

6.30pm **Evensong**

**Hymns:** 178, 176(84), 339, 475

**Psalm:** 84

**Organ Voluntary:** Cornet Voluntary in Eb *George Green*

**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 Michael Rogers  
10.30am - Revd Michael Rogers  
6.30pm - Canon David Edwards  
**Smisby:** 5.30pm - Revd Steve Short  
**Stanton:** 11am - Revd Steve Short  
**Ticknall:** 9.15am - Revd Steve Short

**Taking responsibility for Church life today:****8am Holy Communion**

**Sidespersons:** Avril & Terry Harrison  
**Server:** Karen Grewcock  
**Reader:** Joe Laban

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

**Acting Wardens:** Linda Latchford  
**Sidespersons:** Sheena Wilkins, Margaret Murray Leslie  
**Crucifer:** John Tivey  
**Server:** Kate Landenberger  
**Reader:** Jan Gibson  
**Intercessor:** Ros Bell  
**Junior Church:** Rachel Coupe, Isobel Hall  
**Coffee:** Margaret Brackenbury, Pam & Maurice Starkey

**6.30pm Evensong**

**Acting Warden:** Linda Latchford  
**Sidesperson:** Ann Hammond

**Ash Wednesday:**

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

**Melbourne:** Holy Communion at 9.15am (said)

**Ticknall:** A Sung Eucharist with combined Choirs at 7.30pm

**Intercessions at 10.30am:**

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, when I call answer me,  
O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, come and listen to me.

*Taizé*

## **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

## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:**

Every year the First Friday of March is the day when the World Day of Prayer Services are held around the globe. This Service used to be known as the Women's World Day of Prayer but it has now become an inclusive service welcoming everyone. Every year the service is written by a different country and this year it was prepared by the women of Zimbabwe. Our tradition here in Melbourne is to rotate the services around our Churches and this year it will be hosted by the **Methodist Church on Friday 6th March at 2:00pm**. These services are always very varied and very thought provoking so please put the date in your diary and come along and support this special day.     *Ros Bell*

## **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*

**Let us pray:**

At the 10am Eucharist every Sunday, our prayers of intercession are led by a member of the congregation. Some people write the prayers themselves; others use one of the books which are kept in a cupboard at the back of church. I shall soon be preparing a rota for April to August and would be very pleased to add to my list of names. If you feel that this is something you could/would like to do, please have a word with me as soon as possible. It may seem a little daunting, but it is a valued contribution to our worship and I would urge you to consider it. *Alison Gregory*

**Volunteer needed:** A volunteer is needed to launder the white altar cloths that are in use every week. This is not by any means a weekly task but a very necessary one. Advice will be given on how to go about it. Please contact Joy Hill or Ann Hammond via the Parish Office (862153).

**PCC REPORTS:**

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 26<sup>th</sup> after the 10.30am service. Please supply them by 15<sup>th</sup> March at the very latest. Kate**

*Many thanks to all who have sent them in so far*

**Lent Lunches:**

Lent Lunches begin on Wednesday 4th March from 12 till 1.30pm in the Honner Room. Soup, bread and cheese, and a hot drink all for £3.50 (£3 for OAPs). We will be sending the monies raised to the Kolkata Cathedral Relief service as we have for many years. They are always deeply grateful. Last year we sent £412. If you would like to make soup or help serve please contact us through the parish office or at a lunch.

We hope you can join us.

*Sheena and Kate on behalf of the social committee.*

**Fair Trade Breakfast:** The Methodist Church are hosting the big breakfast again this year on Saturday 7th March from 9am in the Wesley Hall. Please go along and support this if you can. If somebody would like to help the team making or serving breakfast they would be very welcome. Thank you.

*Sheena Wilkins and Rachel Coupe.*

**Lundy Report:**

Once again a wonderful time was had by all who braved the trip to Lundy this year. A new departure for the group was that four of them stayed in Tibbetts, a tiny military outpost about a mile and a half from the tavern. It seemed to be a catalogue of disasters from start to finish – carbon monoxide alarms going

off in the middle of the night; bunk beds that were too high up to get into and the long walk back from the tavern at night over rough, puddled ground. One interesting feature was that you could sit on the loo, clean your teeth and have a shower at the same time! A very bijou residence indeed!

Our dear Ruth had asked for some of her ashes to be scattered as she loved Lundy so much so Margaret took them and they were duly scattered in the lovely old cemetery under sparkling skies, the neighing of the ponies in the background and the reading of a hymn – I think she would have been pleased. This was followed by a little wake of barm brack (thank you, Alison) with cheese and port to follow.

Otherwise great fun was had by all, afternoon teas, good food at the tavern, lots of good walks and laughs, and even some ringing, Evening Prayer to end the day. Inevitably we shall be going again next year. We've booked already!  
*Kate Landenberger*

### **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 Apollon Duo will be giving a violin and organ recital in church under the Melbourne Festival banner. Violinist Dora Chatzigerrgiou and organist Alexander Binns will take us from Johann Sebastian Bach in the 17<sup>th</sup> century to William Lloyd Webber in the 20<sup>th</sup> in an evening to remember.

Founded in 2015, The Apollon Duo duo have performed and promoted this seldom heard combination of instruments to audiences across the UK in venues including Saint Paul's Cathedral, Peterborough Cathedral, St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Derby Cathedral and Waltham Abbey.

*Gordon Hughes*

**'Reaching Towards'** is an exhibition being held at the Manger Gallery until 24<sup>th</sup> April of the work produced during Michael Cook's residency at The Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield, from late August to mid-October 2019. Mostly on the theme of the raising of Lazarus, the exhibition includes charcoal, pencil and ink drawings, and acrylic and oil pastel paintings. Mirfield Publications have also produced a booklet of extracts from the journal he kept there, with photographs of the place and the work he produced. There are also ceramics by Ann Bates and Richard Pearson. Please email or telephone 01332 862365 ahead of your visit.

## This week in connection with Melbourne Church

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|-----------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday:</b>        | 2pm           | Caring Hands (HR)                                      |
|                       | 7pm           | Drum Corps Practice in church                          |
|                       | 7pm           | Male Voice Choir Practice (HR)                         |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>       | 7.25pm        | Bellringing Practice                                   |
| <b>Ash Wednesday:</b> | <b>9.15am</b> | <b>Holy Communion at Melbourne</b>                     |
|                       | <b>7.30pm</b> | <b>Sung Eucharist with combined choirs at Ticknall</b> |
| <b>Thursday:</b>      | <b>9.15am</b> | <b>Holy Communion</b>                                  |
|                       | 7.30pm        | Friends Executive meeting (HR)                         |
| <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 Bert Boocock, David Williamson, Beryl Barton and John Parker.

### Next Week at Melbourne: Lent 1

8am **Holy Communion**

(Sidespersons: Tony Taylor, John Tatam)

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

(Sidespersons: Lisa Gilchrist, Matthew Needham)

(Junior Church: Rachel Coupe, Martha Clements)

(Coffee: Griselda Kerr, Annabel Needham, Steph Hughes)

6.30pm **Evensong**

(Sidesperson: Victoria Hancock)

### The Readings today:

**First Reading:** *Exodus 24.12-end*

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there;

and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.’ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, ‘Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.’

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

### **The Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 17.1-9*

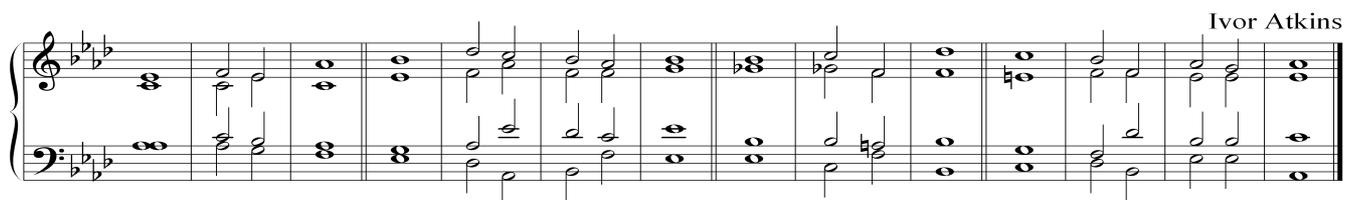
Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ while he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!’ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Get up and do not be afraid.’ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, ‘Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.’

### **Additional Collect:**

Holy God,  
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:  
set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Gradual Psalm:** *Psalm: 99*



1 The Lord is King \* let the | peoples | tremble;  
he is enthroned above the | cherubim | let the earth | shake.

- 2 The Lord is | great in | Zion:  
and | high a- | bove all | peoples.
- 3 Let them praise your name which is | great and | awesome;  
the | Lord our | God is | holy.
- 4 Mighty King who loves justice \* you have es- | tablished | equity;  
you have executed | justice and | righteousness in | Jacob.
- † 5 Exalt the | Lord our | God;  
bow down before his | footstool for | he is | holy.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests \*  
and Samuel among those who | call up-on his | name;  
they | called up-on the | Lord • and he | answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the | pillar of | cloud;  
they kept his | testimonies • and the | law • that he | gave them.
- 8 You answered them O | Lord our | God;  
you were a God who forgave them and | pardoned | them for • their  
of- | fences.
- 9 Exalt the Lord our God \* and worship him upon his | holy | hill;  
for the | Lord our | God is | holy.

### **Processional Hymn at 10.30am:**

1. The kingdom of God is justice and joy,  
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy;  
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,  
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

2. The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,  
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,  
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,  
and hope is awakened instead of despair.

3. The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,  
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!  
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,  
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

4. God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,  
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;  
the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,  
and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all. (*Tune: Paderborn*)

*Bryn Rees (1911–1983)*

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## 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

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