

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



The Bulletin

A weekly publication for the Parish of Melbourne



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The first Sunday of Lent - 1st March 2020

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Eucharist, Junior Church & Coffee

Readings: can be found on pages 10/11

Settings: *Willan Kyrie/Harris*

Gradual Psalm: 32 *plainchant (page 12)*

Hymns: 67, 383 [274, 357] 391

Anthem: Call to remembrance *Richard Farrant*

Organ Voluntary: 5 part Fantasia in C minor (BWV562) *J.S.Bach*

6.30pm Evensong

Hymns: 358, 245, 64, 383

Psalm: 50 vv.1-15

Organ Voluntary: Prelude on 'Rhosymedre' *Vaughan Williams*

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 Steve Short/
Revd Michael Rogers
6.30pm - Canon David Edwards
Smisby: 5.30pm - Revd Steve Short
Stanton: 11am - Dr Nick Gravestock
Ticknall: 9.15am - Dr Nick Gravestock

**Taking responsibility for Church life today:**

8am Holy Communion

Sidespersons: Tony Taylor, John Tatam

Server: John Tivey

Reader: Nigel Coupe

10.30am Parish Eucharist, Junior Church & Coffee

Acting Wardens: Kit Emery

Sidespersons: Lisa Gilchrist, Ros Bell

Crucifer: Mary Bolton

Server: Graham Truscott

Reader: Paul Chadwick

Intercessor: Margaret Brackenbury

Junior Church: Rachel Coupe, Martha Clements

Coffee: Griselda Kerr, Margaret Murray-Leslie, Steph Hughes

6.30pm Evensong

Acting Warden & Sidesperson: Victoria Hancock

Precautions for receiving Holy Communion as a result of the Coronavirus

The Church of England's, the Church of England's Adviser on health issues, Dr Brendan McCarthy, has issued some guidance concerning the distribution and receiving of Holy Communion.

Dr McCarthy advises;

Churches should already be following best-hygiene practices that include advising parishioners with coughs and sneezes to refrain from handshaking during The Peace and to receive Communion in one kind only.

At present, there is no Government advice that suggests the use of the Common Cup should be suspended.

It is also best practice for churches to have hand-sanitisers available for parishioners to use.

In addition, priests presiding at the Eucharist, communion administrators and servers should wash their hands, preferably with an alcohol-based (minimum 60%) hand-sanitiser.

Intinction is not recommended (even by celebrants or communion-administrators) as this represents an infection transmission route as well as a risk to those with certain allergies.

Best hygiene practice should continue to be observed in all pastoral contacts.

The biggest change for some will be, for the time being, being asked to refrain from **intincting** – dipping the bread in the chalice, as fingertips have been identified as a major cause of spreading the virus.

As per the guidance there will be hand sanitisers available for congregational and ministerial use.

Theologically and sacramentally, we receive Jesus in either the bread, the wine or in both kinds. Our Lord promises to be with us ‘even unto the end of the age.’

Most importantly, may I also commend the encouragement from Bishop James Newcombe, the bishop of Carlisle and Lead Bishop on health issues to pray for everyone throughout the world suffering from and treating the coronavirus. -Steve

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*

Mothers' Union News:

Our March meeting is on **Tuesday 3rd March at 2:00pm in the Honner Room**. Our speaker will be Revd. Margaret Jacques telling us of ' The Life and Times of a Diocesan Ecumenical Officer' a role she held before retiring. It is important that Christians of all denominations work together so it will be interesting to hear Margaret's experiences.

Our meetings are open to all so do come along to hear a good speaker and share in fellowship. *Ros Bell*

Living Waters:

The next meeting of Living Waters takes place on **Tuesday 3rd March at 10am at the Rectory**. Steve will celebrate home communion with us and Alison will lead us as we continue to reflect on the Lord's Prayer "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done."

Please let me know if you are coming and I will pass numbers on to Steve. Hope to see you there. *Linda Latchford*

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.

Half Term Events: Circus Fantastica and Messy Pancakes:

February Half Term Holiday started with an INSET Day and the opportunity to have some Circus fun with Christian teaching. Ian and Elaine Coules from Liverpool gave everyone a fantastic day of fun with stories, games, music and

craft. The children made a door hanger and a paper plate puppet with a big mouth! Games included shooting a ball into a bizarre football net guarded by a rotating clown. Christian songs are a lot more exciting when you can run up and down the aisle during the chorus! We learnt about 'magic water' from the Woman at the Well and the Wedding of Cana. Everyone had a wonderful time!

It can be a challenge not knowing how many will come to an event. Whilst there were less than last year at the INSET Day event, there were far more than expected at Messy Pancakes. This was, by a very long way, the best Messy Church that has ever been held in Melbourne. The families kept pouring in and Alison had to order extra registration sheets! 33 children and 36 adults were able to enjoy the activities and games on offer. They could decorate American Pancakes, mix the mixture and choose from chocolate, strawberry, honey, maple syrup or lemon and sugar to eat those fried. A big thank you to Nigel and Andrew Coupe for slaving over a hot stove making lots and lots of pancakes!!! Meanwhile Ros helped children build junk models to illustrate the height of the Jerusalem temple and the Rector dropped animals with parachutes from the balcony. Model tetrahedra told the story of Jesus' temptations and the time of celebration unpacked the reason for pancakes before Lent starts. After some yummy grub, there was the chance to practice flipping cardboard pancakes.

It was great to see so much activity within our church. There was a real buzz amongst the children and carers. The squeals of delight from one little one as she swallowed down yet another pancake made all the effort worthwhile. In view of the increasing popularity of Messy Church, we should be very glad to have more helpers. Come and join the fun! *Rachel Coupe*

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

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.

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Bishop Jan writes:

“So long, farewell, auf wiedersehen, adieu,” so sing the children in The Sound of Music.

Surely one of the toughest aspects of being a priest or bishop is that from time to time you have to uproot, leave behind the people and places you have grown to love so much, and move to pastures new. As you say your farewells you're reminded of the privilege of having been a part of so many people's lives, often sharing the sorrows as well as the joys, and knowing the stories behind the smiles.

For me, the most important symbol of my ministry is my pastoral staff. Not a beautifully decorated, bejewelled work of art in precious metal, but a real wooden shepherd's crook. It's a reminder that Jesus calls himself the Good Shepherd and calls his priests and bishops to tend his flock. When I arrived in Derbyshire as a shiny new bishop in 2016, I carried a shiny new shepherd's staff. Recently I said to my husband that I ought to give it a good polish as its beginning to look very scratched and battered. Andrew wisely said no, and reminded me that every scratch and imperfection is a reminder of a pastoral encounter.

Baptisms, confirmations, licensings; sermons preached from lofty pulpits and lowly steps; the Lord's Supper celebrated in cathedral and front room; joys and sorrows, confidences shared; stories received of the very many ways in which God is working in people's lives; I have loved it all.

Thank you for the cards and heartfelt messages received following the announcement of our departure. We will miss you all very much indeed. So many expressions of farewell invoke God's blessing; from goodbye (Godbwye - God be with you) to adieu (short for 'I commend you to God'). May God bless you all in all that lies ahead.

And pray for us, as we will surely pray for you.

The Rt Revd Jan McFarlane Bishop of Repton

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.

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 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 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 24th 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.

Fancy a Cuppa!

On Tuesday 10th March from 10.30am – 12pm at the Senior Citizens' Centre. The speaker will be Charlie Markin, Pension Credit Project. 'Millions of £s of Pension Credit goes unclaimed! Are you missing out? £1 for home-made refreshments, £1 tea/coffee. A warm welcome extended to all.

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 4th April: daytrip to Ely
- Bank Holiday Monday, 25th May: daytrip to Lincoln
- Saturday 20th June: daytrip to Tewkesbury
- 25th and 26th July: Weekend residency at Truro Cathedral
- Sunday 25th 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 or after services).

Simon Collins, Director of Music

Church goes green:

The Church of England's General Synod has set new targets for the church to work to become net zero by 2030.

At its meeting in February, members voted in favour of encouraging all parts of the organisation to take action and increase efforts to **reduce emissions** – and will now draw up an action plan to deliver it. The amended target brings the goal fifteen years forward from the original proposal of 2045.

Nick Holtam, Lead Bishop on Environmental Affairs, said:

“To reach Synod’s target of 2030 will not be easy and requires each of us to hear this as an urgent call to action, but this is a clear statement of intent across the Church and to wider society about our determination to safeguard God’s creation.

To those of us with a systems geography perspective on the multiple existential threats to God’s creation (I guess that’s me then!) any action of this sort by any organisation seems small relative to the problems, but welcome nonetheless. It sets the sort of example that the church should be setting and may encourage other organisations, businesses, authorities, communities and individuals to act more systemically and urgently too. It is the right thing to do.

Will it be enough? Does it have implications for us here in Melbourne? Well, “no”, and “yes”! What are your comfort zones, expectations, hopes and fears? The one certainty is that they/you/we need to change - or they/you/we will be changed anyway by circumstances sooner rather than later.

Perhaps a realisation that extreme weather, more frequent and more severe here (please don’t say you haven’t noticed yet!), is one of many interrelated problems, will help us . The implications for everything within the next few years (never mind all that “our children and grandchildren” tosh) from travel to health (“new” viruses anyone?) to basic food security are huge and startling. Take a moment to look at the facts and what can be done. 52climateactions.org is one of several excellent places to start.

It is, to be frank, (long overdue!) time to WAKE UP. Melbourne could sign up to the eco-church agenda and, for example, turn the grass around the church over to carbon-absorbing edible fruit bushes and other productive plants...

“Oh we can’t do that, never done that, people like the grass, that’s how it has always looked etc, etc!”

And if you think that is difficult...we really are in trouble! *Graham Truscott*

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

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| Monday: | 2pm | Caring Hands (HR) |
| | 7pm | Drum Corps Practice in church |
| | 7pm | Male Voice Choir Practice (HR) |
| Tuesday: | 10am | Living Waters at the Rectory |
| | 2pm | Mothers' Union (HR) |
| | 7.25pm | Bellringing Practice |

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| Wednesday: | 9am – 11am | Angels' Delight (in Church) |
| | 12pm – 1.30pm | Lent Lunch Honner Room |
| | 7.45pm | Choir Practice (SMH) |
| Thursday: | 9.15am | Holy Communion |
| | 10am | Concert Practice |
| | 7.30pm | Lent Course at St George's, Ticknall |
| Friday: | 2pm | World Day of Prayer at Methodist Church |
| Saturday: | 9am | Big Fair Trade Breakfast at Wesley Hall |
| | 4pm | Church prepared for Sunday Worship |
| | 7pm | Melbourne Festival Fringe Concert – the Apollon Duo (in Church) |

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 Constance Janet James-Davies, Dorothy Burden, Mary Ingram, Eric Foster and Ben Hamilton-Baillie.

Next Week at Melbourne: Lent 2

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

10.30am **Family Eucharist and Coffee**
(Sidespersons: Pam Starkey, Joanna Hocknell)
(Coffee: Sarah Kington, Rachel Short, Kate Landenberger)

6.30pm **Choral Evensong**
(Sidesperson: John Springthorpe)

The Readings today:

First Reading: *Genesis 2.15-17; Genesis 3.1-7*

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat

of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 4.1-11*

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written,

"One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." '

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you",
and "On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." '

Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." '

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

"Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him." '

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Additional Collect:

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gradual Psalm: Psalm 32 (plainchant, sung by the Choir)

(Please turn to face the Gospel Reader in the aisle during the singing of this psalm)

Blessed is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven *
and whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin *
and in whose spirit there is no guile.

For while I held my tongue *
my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.

For thy hand is heavy upon me day and night *
and my moisture is like the drought in summer.

I will acknowledge my sin unto thee *
and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.

I said, I will confess my sins unto the Lord *
and so thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.

For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto thee, in a
time when thou mayest be found *

but in the great water-floods they shall not come nigh him.

Thou art a place to hide me in, thou shalt preserve me from trouble *
thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go *
and I will guide thee with mine eye.

Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no understanding *
whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, lest they fall upon thee.

Great plagues remain for the ungodly *
but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every
side.

Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord *
and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.