

**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 of Lent - 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**8am Holy Communion**

**Readings:** can be found on page 8

**10.30am Family/All-Age Eucharist & Coffee**  
*(Please see Order of Service)*

**6.30pm Choral Evensong**

**Introit:** Hide not thou thy face *Richard Farrant*

**Responses:** *Leighton*

**Hymns:** 434, 59, 65

**Psalm:** 135

**Canticles:** *Tallis* Short service Magnificat / *Holst* Nunc dimittis

**Anthem:** Remember not, Lord, our offences *Henry Purcell*

**Organ Voluntary:** Rondeau from 'Abdelazer' *Henry Purcell*

**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**

<b>Melbourne:</b>	8am - Revd Steve Short
	10.30am - Revd Steve Short
	6.30pm - Revd Steve Short
<b>Smisby:</b>	5.30pm - Canon David Edwards
<b>Stanton:</b>	10.30am - At Swarkestone
<b>Ticknall:</b>	9.15am - Revd Michael Rogers

**Taking responsibility for Church life today:**

**8am**

**Holy Communion**

**Sidespersons:** Sue Dore, Ann Rafferty

**Server:** David Dore

**Reader:** John Heydon

**10.30am Family/All-Age Eucharist & Coffee**

**Acting Wardens:** Joanna Hocknell, Brian Dollamore

**Sidespersons:** Pam Starkey, Joanna Hocknell

**Crucifer:** Sarah Kington

**Server:** Jo Glaze

**Readers:** Sophie and Autumn

**Intercessor:** Joanna Hocknell

**Coffee:** Sarah Kington, Kate Landenberger, Rachel Short

**6.30pm Choral Evensong**

**Acting Warden:** Joanna Hocknell

**Sidesperson:** John Springthorpe

**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 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 £8 and you can sign up via one of the sheets at the back of church.    -Steve

### **Compline.....**

will be sung by the choir during Lent at 9.15 pm in Church on Wednesday 25th March, marking the Feast of the Annunciation. Lasting about 20 minutes, this is a hauntingly beautiful service in the half light of the church at night. Do come along if you haven't experienced it before.

*Simon Collins, Director of Music*

### **Mothers' Union News:**

At our meeting this week, we welcomed the Revd. Margaret Jacques who spoke about her six years as Ecumenical Officer for the Derby Diocese. She was well qualified for this as she had spent many years in her youth exploring different denominations and traditions before returning to her roots in high Anglicanism. She reminded us that the Church of England is a very small drop in the ocean of world-wide Christianity and she described various different ways in which denominations in Derbyshire have shared buildings and much more. Such cooperation has often been rooted in poverty and necessity but has grown into a rich experience. Now, in retirement, she is very happy that she can support the Baptist and United Reformed churches in Melbourne as they are currently without ministers. *Alison Gregory*

### **Angels' Delight:**

After a deceptively quiet start to Wednesday morning we were joined by 29 enthusiastic and energetic angels accompanied by parents and carers. Our activities this week were based on the parable of the Lost Son. Steve recounted the story, with lots of helpful and (mainly) appropriate sound effects from the angels, followed by singing two of our favourite songs. This clearly had made everyone very hungry and more than ready for snack time which, as usual, included delicious cakes made by Alison. There was still time and spare energy for craft activities organised by Geraldine and Rachel before the children headed home with pig masks and pictures of happy and sad faces. Our next meeting is on **Wednesday March 18th, 9 to 11am**, when we will be considering the parable of the Sower and doing some planting of our own. Thanks as ever to our kitchen elves who cheerfully manage to keep on top of the washing up. What would we do without you?! *Linda Latchford*

### **Living Waters:**

Living Waters met on Tuesday of this week at the Rectory. Steve presided as nine of us shared the Eucharist and Steve provided a short biography of St Chad.

Over refreshments Alison then led us in reflecting on the words 'Thy will be done, Thy kingdom come' from the Lord's Prayer which resulted in lively and interesting discussion.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday April 14th at the home of Carol Jenkins, 35 Church Street from 10am. We will continue to reflect on the Lord's Prayer, in particular the words 'Give us this day our daily bread'.

Please let Carol know if you are coming by the weekend before the meeting at [caj@pfh.me.uk](mailto:caj@pfh.me.uk) or 079772 70477 or 864707. Everyone is very welcome.

*Linda Latchford*



### **Lent Lunches:**

The next session is **Wednesday 11th 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.*

### **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. **NB. Those who's names were entered on the new Roll in 2019 DO NOT need to fill in another Application Form this year!** My thanks to you all for your co-operation in the compilation of this important document. *Cliff Warner – MPC Electoral Roll Officer*

### **Fancy a Cuppa!**

**On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.**

### **PCC:**

The February PCC meeting approved the January minutes which can be seen on the church noticeboard. Great appreciation was expressed for the work of Sheena Wilkins and Margaret Murray-Leslie leading the flower arranging group and we were grateful to Jen Smallwood for taking over that leadership role. Brian Bolton has completed the 2019 accounts ready for audit and approval at the March meeting. He was pleased to report that the financial year ended optimistically. We are looking for a volunteer to undertake the

small task of reclaiming VAT on bills paid. Please talk to Brian or the Rector if you can help out! There was wide-spread praise for the first of the regular, monthly family services. The new guidelines for hygiene at communion have been noted and acted upon, including the article printed in this bulletin. Issues around improvements to Church House and our tenants were discussed - these being Midlands Music Services, the Male Voice Choir and the Drumming Corps. A discussion on Risk assessments will form a major part of the March PCC meeting. *Rachel Coupe*

### ***Past Case Review 2***

If you have a safeguarding concern, please go to the safeguarding pages on the Derby Diocese website

[www.derby.anglican.org/en/about-us/safeguarding-information-menu.html](http://www.derby.anglican.org/en/about-us/safeguarding-information-menu.html)

or you can email our **Parish Safeguarding Officers:** Nigel 864842 or Ros 863139. Individual survivors who wish to make representations to the PCR2 process in the Diocese or who need to come forward with information or make any disclosures regarding church related abuse are encouraged to make direct contact with the Diocesan Safeguarding Team 01332 388678.

However, recognising that this may not feel safe for those with experience of abuse from within the church, a dedicated national helpline

– 0800 80 20 20 – This help line is operated independently from the church, by the NSPCC, was set up in September 2019 and remains available.

*Revd Steve Short 01332 864741*

### **Church goes green: (Climate erratum)**

Last week's bulletin note about Synod's decision to aim for a zero-carbon church by 2030 gave the wrong email address for the excellent [www.52climateactions.com](http://www.52climateactions.com) . Entirely my haste-induced error and apologies to those good people who struggled with the erroneous .org address before finding the correct .com. This site is probably the single best practical resource I have found for individuals and families and highly commended for its excellent navigation, format and content. Do please take a look and take action as you think appropriate. *Graham Truscott*

### **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

## This week in connection with Melbourne Church

<b>Monday:</b>	2pm	Caring Hands (HR)
	7pm	Drum Corps Practice in church
	7pm	Male Voice Choir Practice (HR)
<b>Tuesday:</b>	6.30pm	Wedding Open Office
	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
<b>Wednesday:</b>	12pm – 1.30pm	Lent Lunch (HR)
	7.45pm	Choir Practice (SMH)
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	7.30pm	Lent Course at Smisby
<b>Friday:</b>	2.30pm	Quarter Peal Attempt
<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, among them Ron Kenning and John Rooks and those whose anniversaries occur near this time, among them Graham Moore, Harry Kerton, Ethel Bailey, Nancy Kirkland, Katy Hamilton-Baillie, Mary Pipes, Olive Hatton, Jean Osbond and Ruth Smith.

### Next Week at Melbourne: Lent 3

8am **Holy Communion**

(Sidespersons: Karen Grewcock, Joe Laban)

10.30am **Parish Eucharist and Coffee**

(Sidespersons: Janet Warner, David Smith)

(Junior Church: Rachel Coupe, Byrnece Turner)

(Coffee: Joanna Hocknell, Margaret Murray-Leslie, Janet Warner)

6.30pm **Evensong**

(Sidesperson: Sheena Wilkins)

## The Readings today:

### **First Reading:** *Genesis 12.1-4a*

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

### **The Gospel Reading:** *John 3.1-17*

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

### **Additional Collect:**

Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,  
and by following in his Way come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.