

**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 of Lent - 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

8am **Holy Communion**

10.30am **Parish Eucharist & Junior Church**

**Readings:** can be found on pages 9-11

**Settings:** *Willan Kyrie/Harris*

**Gradual Psalm:** 95 (page 11) *plainchant*

**Hymns:** 424, 65 [73, 414] 431

**Anthem:** *View me, Lord Richard Lloyd*

**Organ Voluntary:** *Prelude & Fugue in E minor*

*Arnold M. Brunckhorst*

6.30pm **Evensong**

**No Evensong at Melbourne tonight**

**Everyone is welcome at Smisby at 5.30pm**

**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 Michael Rogers
	6.30pm - <b>No Service (5.30pm at Smisby)</b>
<b>Smisby:</b>	5.30pm - Revd Steve Short
<b>Stanton:</b>	11am - Revd Steve Short
<b>Ticknall:</b>	9.15am - Revd Steve Short



## Taking responsibility for Church life today:

**8am**

**Holy Communion**

**Sidespersons:** Karen Grewcock, Joe Laban

**Server:** John Tatam

**Reader:** Avril Harrison

**10.30am Parish Eucharist & Junior Church**

**Acting Wardens:** Cliff Warner

**Sidespersons:** Janet Warner, David Smith

**Crucifer:** Graham Truscott

**Server:** Ros Bell

**Reader:** Victoria Hancock

**Intercessor:** Linda Latchford

**Junior Church:** Rachel Coupe, Byrnece Turner

**6.30pm No Service here tonight**

There will be a 5.30pm service at Smisby to which all are welcome

## From the Rector – a Coronavirus update

Dear All,

Please see below after the prayer listed for the latest statement on the coronavirus from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York. You will see that we are now being instructed not to offer the chalice but to receive communion in the form of the bread only. Theologically and sacramentally, we receive Jesus in the bread or the wine or the both – on the Road To Emmaus the disciples recognise Jesus 'in the breaking of the bread'. We can, too.

We will also refrain from sharing the peace with a handshake as advised.

The Archbishops rightly remind us to be mindful and prayerful of the needs of the most vulnerable as well as our NHS staff.

A prayer for our use:

*God of healing and hope, in Jesus you meet us in our places of pain and fear. Look with mercy on those who have contracted the new virus, on any who are vulnerable, and on all who feel in danger. Through this time of global concern, by your Holy Spirit bring out the best not the worst in us. Make us more aware of our interdependence on each other, and of the strength that comes from being one body in you. Through Christ our wounded healer. Amen.*  
[Revd Dr Sam Wells; St Martins in the Field, London]

Yours in Christ,

Steve

### **From the Church of England website:**

“Clergy are being advised not to share the chalice and to encourage worshippers not to shake hands during the ‘Sign of the Peace’ in services, as part of updated guidance on coronavirus issued by the Church of England.

A letter from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York advises priests to suspend the use of the shared chalice – known as the ‘common cup’ - as well as physical contact during the sharing of the peace when traditionally worshippers turn to each other during a service and shake hands.

The Archbishops are also advising that priests should suspend direct physical contact as part of a blessing or ‘laying on of hands’.

The Archbishops say that from today (11<sup>th</sup> March) when they preside at Communion services in their official residences – Lambeth Palace in London and Bishopthorpe in York – they will give communion in one kind only – bread – and they will not share the peace or lay on hands for blessings.

In their letter, they call for prayers and pay tribute to the ‘dedication, expertise and hard work’ of health service staff and those in leadership roles in the face of the continued increase in the number of Covid-19 cases.

They urge communities to pay particular attention to the needs of the elderly, the vulnerable and the isolated.

“We want to assure you all of our prayers and thoughts as across the country, communities consider what steps they can take to care and support one another,” they tell clergy in the letter.

“We are certain that plans are being made around the country to care in particular for the elderly, vulnerable and the isolated; it is crucial that we give attention to those most at risk.”

**[Stop Press: Steve has just heard that the collection plate should not be passed around. There will be two plates at the back of church where you may place your offerings so that they may be taken to the altar during the Offertory Hymn. Thank you for your co-operation.**

**Stop Stop Press: The Church of England website latest advice has asked for a suspension of catering for the time being. Therefore until further notice there will be no refreshments following the 10.30am service. Once again thank you for your co-operation]**

### **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 19th March - Stanton-By-Bridge in Church

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

### **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*

## **The Choral Road 2020.....**

..takes our Parish Church Choir to the following places:

- 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

**Sign-up notices are now up for the trips to Ely and to Lincoln.**

We value greatly the support of the congregation and other friends on our trips and are looking forward to singing at these Cathedrals, both of which are return visits after invitations received last time.

### **ELY**

**Ely Cathedral, Octagon Tour, Stained Glass Museum, take a River Trip, Jubilee Gardens, Oliver Cromwell's House, Cherry Hill Park, Waterside Antiques Centre – the largest in East Anglia.**

### **LINCOLN**

**Lincoln Cathedral tour, Walk the walls and explore Lincoln Castle with Magna Carta, follow the Roman Trail, explore Steep Hill, Mediaeval Bishop's Palace, Guildhall.**

**The Ely Coach is £18 per seat and leaves at 8.30a.m.**

**The Lincoln Coach is £17 per seat and leaves at 9.15a.m.**

**Special price: £30 for both trips, if paid by 4<sup>th</sup> April.**

**OUR COACHES THIS YEAR WILL HAVE A TOILET.**

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*



### **Lent Lunches:**

*Unfortunately due to current circumstances and in light of Church of England advice the Social Committee has decided to postpone Lent Lunches for the current year.*

*We don't want to take any chances on people's health.*

*We're sure you will understand the need for doing this.*

*Thank you to all who supported us this year.*

*Kate and Sheena on behalf of the Social Committee*

### **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*

### **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*

### **Friends Events:**

**Lessons in Leadership - from Nelson to now, a talk by Admiral Sir Trevor Soar KCB OBE DL, former Commander in Chief Fleet, 7.30 pm, Thursday 2 April, in church**

Born in Belper and educated at Loughborough Grammar School, Sir Trevor joined the Royal Navy in 1975, He commanded the submarines HMS Ocelot from 1987 to 1990 and HMS Talent from 1991 to 1994. He went on to command the frigate HMS Chatham from 1997 to 1998. He next appointment was ashore as Director of Naval Staff Duties at the Ministry of Defence from September 2000 to August 2002. Next appointed as commanding officer of the aircraft carrier HMS Invincible from 2002 to 2004. He was appointed Capability Manager (Precision Attack) in 2004 in the rank of rear admiral and was promoted to Chief of Materiel (Fleet), Defence Equipment & Support in

the rank of vice admiral in 2007. Sir Trevor was promoted to admiral and appointed as Commander-in-Chief Fleet and Allied Maritime Component Commander, Northwood in 10 June 2009. He also held the honorary position of Vice-Admiral of the United Kingdom from 2009 to 2012.

He is currently Chairman of the Chatham Historic Dockyard/Trust.

It should be an interesting evening!

**Free entry. Licensed bar.**

*Gordon Hughes*

**Antiques Roadshow-style event, 2 – 4 pm, Tuesday 5 th May, in church:**

We are delighted to welcome Charles Hanson of Hansons Auctioneers of Etwall, who will kindly conduct an Antiques Roadshow afternoon right on our own doorstep to raise funds for our projects. Anyone wishing to take advantage of Charles's famous expertise can have up to two items valued for just a fiver – a bargain. There will also be home-made refreshments, so only have a light lunch, if you are coming – we hope you are.

Free entry.

*Gordon Hughes*

**Annual Meetings – 11:45am Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April:**

Cliff has the revision of the electoral roll underway, ready for the annual meetings. This is only a revision, so those already on the roll do not need to re-apply. The paperwork is already on the Church Noticeboard, including nomination forms. We particularly need nominations for the important, prestigious role of Churchwarden. These two roles are voted every year at the first meeting – The Annual Meeting of Parishioners, which is followed by The Annual Parochial Church Meeting which will elect 3 Deanery Synod Representatives and 5 PCC Members. The Churchwardens and Deanery Synod Members are automatically on the Parochial Church Council. All members are required to undertake a DBS and attend a short safeguarding training course. There is a PCC Awayday on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May to share vision for the future ministry of the church.

*Rachel Coupe*

**Carnival Gate Stewards:**

Andrew Jansen came to the Churches Together in Melbourne meeting this week and invited us to support the carnival by providing some Gate Stewards. They need:

10 gate stewards 12 -1pm                      and 6 gate stewards 1 -2pm

If anyone thinks that they might be able to help, or could help recruit volunteers from groups that they belong to, please can you let Sheena or me

know by Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March so that we can let Rachel Hill know the level of interest before their next meeting.

Thank you! *Rachel Coupe*

**PCC REPORTS:**

***Please send in your PCC reports (deadline today) if you have not already done so. The APCM report needs to be ready for the APCM, which is on 26<sup>th</sup> April.***

***Many thanks,***

***Kate Landenberger***

## **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>	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
<b>Wednesday:</b>	9am -11am	Angels' Delight (in Church)
	7.45pm	Choir Practice (SMH)
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	2.30pm	Funeral of Ron Kenning
	7.30pm	Lent Course at Stanton Church
	7.30pm	PCC at Melbourne (SMH)
	7.30pm	12-bell Practice
<b>Saturday:</b>	3pm	Wedding at Melbourne
	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, 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 Bill Shone, Harold Worthington, Hedley Needham and Charles Edward Osbond.

## **Next Week at Melbourne: Mothering Sunday**

8am **Holy Communion**

(Sidespersons: Avril & Terry Harrison)

10.30am **All-Age Eucharist and Coffee**

(Sidespersons: Jenny Jackson, Gordon Hughes)

6.30pm **Evensong**

(Sidesperson: Sheena Wilkins)

## **The Readings today:**

### **First Reading:** *Exodus 17.1-7*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

### **The Gospel Reading:** *John 4.5-42*

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir,

you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?’ Jesus said to her, ‘Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.’ The woman said to him, ‘Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.’

Jesus said to her, ‘Go, call your husband, and come back.’ The woman answered him, ‘I have no husband.’ Jesus said to her, ‘You are right in saying, “I have no husband”; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!’ The woman said to him, ‘Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.’ The woman said to him, ‘I know that Messiah is coming’ (who is called Christ). ‘When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.’ Jesus said to her, ‘I am he, the one who is speaking to you.’

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, ‘What do you want?’ or, ‘Why are you speaking with her?’ Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ‘Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?’ They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, ‘Rabbi, eat something.’ But he said to them, ‘I have food to eat that you do not know about.’ So the disciples said to one another, ‘Surely no one has brought him something to eat?’ Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, “Four months more, then comes the harvest”? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, “One sows and another reaps.” I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.’

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

**Additional Collect:**

Eternal God,  
give us insight  
to discern your will for us,  
to give up what harms us,  
and to seek the perfection we are promised  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Gradual Psalm at 10.30am:** *Psalm 95 (plainchant, sung by the Choir)*

O come, let us sing unto the Lord \*  
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are all the corners of the earth \*  
and the strength of the hills is his also.  
The sea is his, and he made it \*  
and his hands prepared the dry land.  
O come, let us worship and fall down \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is the Lord our God \*  
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.  
To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts \*  
as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;  
When your fathers tempted me \*  
proved me, and saw my works.  
Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said \*  
It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my  
ways; Unto whom I swear in my wrath \*  
that they should not enter into my rest.