

**THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN MELBOURNE,
SMISBY,
STANTON-BY-BRIDGE AND TICKNALL**

The Bulletin

A weekly publication for the Benefice

**28th November 2021
Advent Sunday**

Services across the Benefice

Melbourne

8.00am Morning Prayer (Dr Joanna Hocknell)
10.30am Parish Eucharist (Canon Tony Barnard)
6.30pm Advent Carol Service (Revd Alan Winfield)

Smisby

5.30pm Evening Prayer (Canon David Edwards)

Stanton

11.00am Holy Communion (Revd Alan Winfield)

Ticknall

9.15am Holy Communion (Revd Alan Winfield)

Welcome!

**Welcome to all worshipping here today with a special welcome
to those who are visitors or newcomers.**

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Bible Readings

Collect

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 33.14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Gospel Reading: Luke 21.25-36

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A pattern for daily prayer, so that at home or at church we can pray together:

Monday: World leaders.

Tuesday: Those who have asked for our prayers: Anne Brazier, Roo Hubbard, Bob Smith, Hanna King, Campbell Laird, Christopher Browne, Christine Young, Colin Moore, Enoch Tweed, Nadine Worthington and Revd Steve Short.

Those in Derby's hospitals and hospices. All at Pool Cottage. All who are suffering from Covid-19.

Wednesday: Our benefice and our diocese. For our bishops, Bishop Libby and Bishop Malcolm, our Cathedral Dean, Peter and Area Dean, Mike.

Thursday: Our schools. The church worldwide.

Friday: All in need, especially the hungry, poor and homeless.

The Departed

In our prayers this week, we remember those who have died recently and also those whose anniversaries occur near this time, among them Winnie Tipping, Fred German, Vera Brookbanks, Mary Sugars, Geoffrey Collins, Stanley George Truscott, Leslie Greenwood, John William Wright, Ann Pass, Harry Wilkins, Jean Brookbanks and Arthur Robey.

If there is anyone you know who would like to go on our prayer list or who would appreciate a phone call, do please contact our Curate, Revd Alan Winfield, or the churchwardens. Thank you.

Daily Hope from the Church of England

It is very important to remember those who do not have access to the internet especially when it comes to sharing in public worship. Please do recommend Daily Hope to anyone you think would benefit from it.

0800 804 8044

A free phonenumber of hymns, reflections and prayers



What child is this?

The Ministry Team have been doing some planning to mark the keeping of Advent. Advent Sunday is not the beginning of the Church's year, when we change to the C (third) set of readings, but the beginning of a four-week period which has, traditionally, been kept as a time of preparation for Christmas. Our intention this year, across the churches of the Benefice, is to use these four Sundays to think about what the 'child born in a manger' would become.

At one level the answer is obvious. Jesus was the Son of God and the Messiah, the Saviour of the world, who died for us, but what does this mean in terms of the life he lived and the life which we can live, as his disciples, travelling along the same way of love? Every child born into this world has enormous potential and the story of the birth of Jesus, with singing angels, wondering shepherds and adoring Kings or Magi, suggests that this child will be something special. In brief, we shall discover someone who became a prophet, priest and king. However, the question remains, what does that mean for us?

The set readings, whilst not deliberately tied to these themes, nevertheless help us on our way and so we will be adding an insert to the Bulletin encouraging us all to take a look at them during the week, and spend a little time reflecting on them. Why not give it a try and see what comes out?

Have a blessed Advent and get ready for Christmas!

Tony Barnard

Working together with God ***“Framing the Future”* at Melbourne Parish Church**

I am glad to be able to tell you that the following Action Teams have now begun their work together:

Christian nurture and Education

Developing followers of Christ - all ages and stages

Tony Barnard, Rachel Coupe, Nick Gravestock,
Alison Gregory, Julie McLean

Community and Care

Demonstrating God’s love in our relationships

Andrew Baldwin, Ros Bell, Maggie Dobby,
Linda Latchford, **Rachel Reid**, Alan Winfield

Communication and Outreach

Clarifying our faith and activities

Mary Bolton, Margaret Brackenbury,
Gordon Hughes, **Roddy Lott**

Welcome and Hospitality

People won’t forget how you made them feel

Simon Collins, Luke Harmer, Deb Lynch,
Wendy Robinson, Rachel Short

If you think you have some ideas or suggestions for a particular Action Team, please have a word with the relevant Action Team Assistant (team assistant’s names in bold) or send your details and ideas to:

Marcus Nolan email: thewordsmith@gmail.com

Meanwhile, please continue to pray for the Action Teamsters who are looking at how to develop our shared ministry as we work together with God in the parish:

A prayer for our ministry:

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people;
that each in their vocation and ministry
may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, Amen.

Marcus Nolan
11 November 2021

Ticknall

Christmas Concert

There is a Christmas Concert by BEATUS at Ticknall Parish Church on Friday the 10th December at 7.30pm. £10 including refreshments.

Tickets available from Mary Hirst on 01332 862647

This will be the first big event since 2019 and we look forward to seeing all our musical friends once again. Please come and join us.

Mary Hirst

Christmas for the children.

Thank you to everyone who responded so quickly to our request for volunteers to help with Experience Christmas and Messy Christmas. We now have 22 people directly involved with these events and may try to recruit a few 'out workers' to cut out angels! As well as 180 children from the Infant School participating in the morning sessions of Experience Christmas, some of the classes from the Junior School will be visiting the church in the afternoons and they will have worksheets or information sheets to guide them round the various displays. It is so good to see the enthusiasm of the schools and the willingness of our own congregation to help to welcome them.

Alison Gregory

Melbourne Late Night Shopping, 3rd December

The Communication and Outreach Team are planning to have a stall in the Market Place on this evening to hand out leaflets informing the Village of Services to be held in the Parish Church over the Christmas Period. We shall have the Travelling Crib on display and would like to offer star-shaped biscuits to the children. If anyone could make us any biscuits, star-shaped or otherwise, we would be very grateful...Please let Roddy Lott 07966 715509 or Margaret Brackenbury 07926 349033 know. Thank you very much.

Musical matters

Melbourne Carol Services

A reminder that tonight's Advent Carol Service is the first in a series of three such services marking the seasons of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, all at 6.30p.m. The Christmas Carol Service is on Sunday 19th December and the Epiphany Carol Service will be on Sunday 9th January. Please do come along tonight and note the dates of the others to join us for those if at all possible.

Kings College Commissioned Carol

I was very pleased to see that composer Cecilia McDowall, who celebrates her 70th birthday this year, has been asked to write the Annual Commissioned Carol for the Kings College Cambridge Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on Christmas Eve on Radio 4. Except for last year, a new carol has been commissioned for this service every year since 1983 in an initiative started by Sir Stephen Cleobury. She was asked to write something that would bring 'a moment of stillness' to the service and so she has chosen the medieval poem *There is no rose*. Cecilia McDowall is a multi-award-winning British composer, known particularly for her choral music and who was most recently awarded the Ivor Novello Award for her 'consistently excellent body of work'. We have sung a couple of her anthems at Melbourne and I look forward to hearing her new carol. I note that both the Annual BBCTV and Live BBC Radio Carol Services from Kings College Cambridge will be broadcast with congregations again this year – the atmosphere was noticeably different last year but the opportunity to join in with the worship at home was still there, as ever.

Weekly music suggestions

This week's suggestions include many of the items we sing and hear at Melbourne during Advent and I hope that there is something for everyone. This is the first of two selections of Advent Music I will be providing over the Advent Season. Please stay in touch: 07808 474236 or simon.e.collins@btinternet.com

Hymns

O come, O come Emmanuel
Hark! a herald voice is calling
Come thou long expected Jesus
Longing for light (Christ be our light)
Hark the glad sound
Lo he comes with clouds descending

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qclIZpnZPgo>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQUEkBiPBvw>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WBGx_4PxO3g
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kt3Qc04uIOM>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1MwtRebFIMA>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PrzmHLiAsuQ>

Choral Music

Palestrina: Matin Responsory
Malcolm Archer: Creator of the stars of night
arr. Martin Shaw: People look east
Paul Manz: E'en so Lord Jesus
Herbert Howells: A spotless rose
Andrew Carter: Mary's Magnificat

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7R8EnwW4nVg>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KziVeobdPHs>
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Duo1Hu1_pZE
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nt_VfmasZDY
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=STSq2u6vklq>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OI3Gx77fIQE>

Organ Music

Bach: Wachet auf (BWV645)

Andrew Carter: Toccata on Veni Emmanuel

Buxtehude: Nun komm der Heiden Heiland

Bach: Herr Christ, der einig Gottes Sohn

Kenneth Leighton: Fantasy on Helmsley

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lhYPBRedFnI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m1Pu-irMyOA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WiejP5Y-ZWw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QzeENeo5W8w>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NSpDSYXNfek>

With very best wishes,

Simon Collins

Director of Music

The Dower House carols are back.

The Choir have kindly agreed to sing carols at The Dower House on Tuesday 21st December, 7.30 - 9pm.

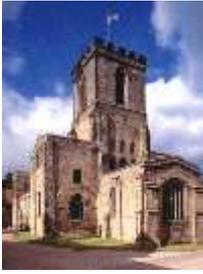
There will only be 20 tickets for sale this year so it will be first come, first served - with no block bookings. Tickets will be £10 each and all the proceeds will be donated to Melbourne Community Care.

Could you please email me griseldakerr@btinternet.com or catch me in church if you would like a ticket.

Griselda

The week ahead...

Tuesday	7pm	Bellringing practice
Wednesday	9.00-11.00am 7.30pm	Angels' Delight Choir practice
Thursday	9.15am	Holy Communion
Sunday 5th Dec	2.30pm 3.30pm	Baptism at Stanton – Freddie Palmer Baptism at Melbourne – Sophia Swindell



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CHRISTMAS 2021
AT MELBOURNE PARISH CHURCH

Saturday 18th December
Messy Christmas - 4.30-6.30pm

Sunday 19th December
Carol Service - 6.30pm
followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Friday 24th December - Christmas Eve
Christingle and Nativity - 4pm

Midnight Mass - 11.30pm

Saturday 25th December - Christmas Day
Holy Communion - 8am
Parish Eucharist - 10.30am

