

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

The Bulletin

A weekly publication for the Benefice

**5th December 2021
Advent 2**

Services across the Benefice

Melbourne

8.00am Holy Communion (Revd Alan Winfield)
10.30am Parish Eucharist (Revd Michael Rogers)

Smisby

5.30pm Holy Communion (Revd Alan Winfield)

Stanton

11.00am Morning Prayer (Canon David Edwards)

Ticknall

9.15am Morning Prayer (Canon David Edwards)

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,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3.1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Gospel Reading: Luke 3.1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,
'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." '

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
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 Betty Roddan, Barbara Mary Ransome, Dennis Twells and Jack Tivey.

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

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

Children's Society

After collecting the Children's Society boxes over the last few weeks and carefully counting the contents, I am very pleased to say that we reached the excellent total of £580.03. I have now paid this money to the Children's Society and am beginning to return the boxes to boxholders. If anyone would like to become a boxholder and start collecting their small change please let me know, every penny counts.

Thank you very much,
Jo Glaze

Mothers' Union – Advent Reflections on Mary

On Tuesday 7th December there will be a short Advent Service held in the Honner Room at 2:00pm and its theme centres on Mary, the Mother to be. Though this service is organised by Mothers' Union it is an opportunity for all (including men!) who would like to spend a short time of reflection during this Advent Season.

We will be collecting items to send to the food bank at Swadlincote so that families in need in the South Derbyshire area can have food on their table at this time of celebration.

Ros Bell

Living Waters

The next meeting of the Living Waters home group will be on Tuesday December 14th at 2 Dunicliffe Lane from 10.30 to 12. Coffee will be served from 10am. Everybody is welcome but please let me know if you would like to come (405303).

Alison Gregory

The week ahead...

Tuesday	7pm	Bellringing practice
Wednesday	7.30pm	Choir practice
Thursday	9.15am	Holy Communion

Musical matters

Melbourne Carol Services

A huge thank you to the choir for their lovely singing at the Advent Carol Service last Sunday evening. In spite of a very cold and snowy afternoon we still had a good attendance so a big thank you to everyone who came along and to the readers of the lessons for their important contributions. This was the first in a series of 3 such services marking the seasons of Advent then Christmas on Sunday 19th December and finally Epiphany on Sunday 9th January, all at 6.30p.m. Please do note the dates and join us for them if at all possible.

Future Cathedral Visits

I am still in the process of arranging visits for both 2022 and 2023 now that Cathedrals are once again accepting Visiting Choirs, but the following are some re-arranged dates of trips that had to be postponed during the various lockdowns:

Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May 2022: Hereford (*rearranged from 31 May 2021*)

Saturday 14th May 2022: Gloucester (*rearranged from 19 June 2021*)

Weekend of 19-21 August 2022: Truro (*rearranged from July 2020*)

As usual, there will be full details of each nearer the time.

Weekly music suggestions

This week I repeat last week's Advent music suggestions as they include many of the items we sing and hear at Melbourne during Advent and I hope that there is something for everyone to remind you of our usual marking of this particular Season. A second selection of Advent Music for you next week.

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=gcllZpnZPgo>

<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=STSq2u6vkql>

<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=IhYPBRedFnI>

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

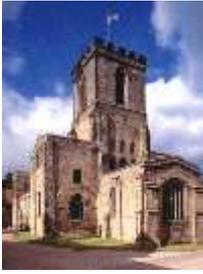
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QzeENeo5W8w>

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

With very best wishes,

Simon Collins, Director of Music



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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

