

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

# **The Bulletin**

**A weekly publication for the Benefice**

**19<sup>th</sup> December 2021  
Advent 4**

## **Services across the Benefice**

### **Melbourne**

8.00am	Holy Communion (Revd Alan Winfield)
10.30am	Parish Eucharist (Revd Alan Winfield)
6.30pm	Carol Service (Revd Alan Winfield)

### **Smisby**

6.00pm	Carol Service (Canon David Edwards)
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### **Stanton**

4.00pm	Carol Service (Revd Michael Rogers)
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### **Ticknall**

2.30pm	Carol Service (Revd Alan Winfield)
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**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

Eternal God,  
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,  
so we wait for his coming in glory;  
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age  
to see, with her, our great salvation  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Old Testament Reading: Micah 5.2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labour has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,  
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;  
and he shall be the one of peace.

If the Assyrians come into our land  
and tread upon our soil,  
we will raise against them seven shepherds  
and eight installed as rulers.

## Gospel Reading: Luke 1.39-45 [46-55]

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

And Mary said,  
'My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.  
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.  
His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.  
He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.  
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;  
he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.  
He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Heavenly Father,  
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of the promised saviour:  
fill us your servants with your grace,  
that in all things we may embrace your holy will  
and with her rejoice in your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **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 phoneline of hymns,  
reflections and prayers



## **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, Revd Steve Short and Anna.

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, especially Guillermo Martínez, and also those whose anniversaries occur near this time, among them Marjorie Ashman, John Simms, Heather Cope, John Rowatt and Kathleen Winifred Jackson.

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.

### **Christmas Break**

The Parish Office will be closed from Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December until Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

### **The Dower House carols are back.**

The Choir have kindly agreed to sing carols at The Dower House on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:griseldakerr@btinternet.com) or catch me in church if you would like a ticket.

Griselda

## **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

## **Decorating the Church**

If anyone has any foliage they could spare to help decorate the church, please take it to church at 10.00am on 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Or if anyone would like to make a monetary contribution to our Christmas flowers, please let me know.

Many thanks,  
Margaret Murray-Leslie (01332 862921)

# Working together with God at Melbourne Parish Church

## “Framing the Future” Advent Update

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The recently formed Action Teams have begun meeting during the autumn and we are delighted to report their progress:

### **Nurture and Education**

- We plan to restore the Children’s Corner. (We have received an offer of money to pay for a new carpet.)
- The Infant School will send three groups of 60 children for ‘Experience Christmas’ on December 13, 14, and 17. (Junior School 14, 15, 16 December).
- Messy Christmas will be held on Saturday 18th December from 4.30-6.30.
- Chrstingle will be held as usual on Christmas Eve.
- Tony Barnard has prepared notes for the Sundays in Advent to be published in the Bulletin.

### **Community & Care**

- Developing a Community List in parallel with our electoral roll.
- Preparing Christmas communications to those who have recently been out of touch.

### **Communication & Outreach**

Current:

- Website & Facebook development - broadband provision in Church to enable streaming (special thanks to Nigel Coupe)
- Stall at Melbourne Late Night Shopping 3rd December including Travelling Crib, free donated biscuits and service leaflet distribution

Future planning:

- Developing an MPC Logo
- Promoting service details more widely.
- Expanding use of social media

### **Welcome and Hospitality**

- Name Badge Sunday - to aid fellowship after the service.
- Refreshments after services - eg Carol Service
- Christmas cards to encourage belonging across the congregations

If you think you might like to come alongside any of the teams to partner for any of the mini-projects described above, please let me know.

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## Children's Society

I was very pleased to make a final payment to The Children's Society recently, taking our total up to £608.13. Thank you very much to everyone who helped us reach this figure.

If anyone would like to become a box holder and start collecting their small change, please let me know.

Happy Christmas and best wishes to all,

Jo Glaze

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### Church Family News

News from Deborah Lynch and Marcus Nolan



“We would like our friends at Church to know that we are to be married next Spring. We are delighted that the wedding will take place at Melbourne Parish Church on the 1st of May”

### Church Internet Installation

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December, BT Openreach will be installing cabling into the church building. As such, please can you not park in front of Church House, the Rectory or St. Michael's House. This is to allow BT Openreach to park their vehicles in the space in order to install the overhead cabling.

Nigel Coupe

### Experience Christmas

A very big 'thank you' to the many volunteers who made 'Experience Christmas' such a great success. Over 400 children from Melbourne Infant and Junior Schools visited our church during this last week. They heard about the Christmas story and thought about preparing for the festival. It was a wonderful way to 'Experience Christmas'.

Rachel Coupe

## Christmas Music suggestions

I provide a selection of Christmas Music including many items we have sung and heard over the past few years at Melbourne, serving as it does as a reminder of our usual marking of the Season.

As this article is appearing in the last Bulletin of 2021, I would like to record here my thanks to our Choir for their continued commitment and for achieving once more a consistently high standard of singing which so enriches our weekly and Festive worship – it has been a challenging 21 months since the pandemic began! However, I do believe that the experience of singing regularly in Cathedrals, where we have to adapt quickly to sitting in various formations and singing in different acoustic properties, has helped enormously with singing socially-distanced in a different part of our church building. I join the Parish Church Choir in wishing you all a very Happy Christmas.

### Hymns

Once in Royal David's City  
O little town of Bethlehem  
It came upon the midnight clear

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8xeZOnW2v6k>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MTPyKwqUUgc>  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rSn0\\_Zi6gjQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rSn0_Zi6gjQ)

God rest ye merry, gentlemen  
Hark the herald angels sing  
O come all ye faithful

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CDcSyaW-tTI>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=89k5cLsnx4Q>  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l1wHyMR\\_SCA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l1wHyMR_SCA)

### Choral Music

Philip Stopford: In the bleak midwinter  
William Mathias: Wassail Carol  
Bob Chilcott: Shepherd's Carol

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iRyLmNjAB\\_o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iRyLmNjAB_o)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BKdPMnNaGOQ>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j8N2YTikOsc>

Philip Ledger: On Christmas night  
James Whitbourn: A great and mighty wonder  
John Rutter: Nativity Carol  
John Tavener: The Lamb

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Oef14kh3V0>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bt4ZbluobMg>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GiWpOXyNtZw>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h-mSmEfLmZc>

### Organ Music

John Cooke: Paeon on Divinum mysterium  
Bach: In dulci Jubilo (BWV729)  
Bedard: Noel Huron  
Herbert Sumsion: The Holly and the Ivy  
Buxtehude: In dulci jubilo

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hbcWFerDyyY>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7MYcZoUsxPo>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XWWpYSwTf80>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbvSVAr4VJY>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T2B8JV6fc7s>

Garth Edmundson: Von Himmel Hoch

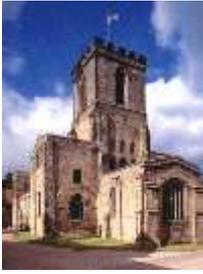
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qnxVALwvNcA>

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With very best wishes,

Simon Collins

*Director of Music*



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## SmartPhone Donations (via Give A Little)

Please use the QR code below or go to the web site:

[tiny.one/mpc-donations](https://tiny.one/mpc-donations)



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**To donate £10, text MELBPCC to 70191**

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