

The United Benefice of the parishes of Melbourne,
Smisby, Stanton by Bridge and Ticknall



The Bulletin

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Harvest - 8th October 2017

- 8am **Holy Communion**
Readings: pages 7/8
- 10.30am **All-Age Harvest Thanksgiving with Eucharist & Coffee**
(Please see Order of Service)
Introit: Sing to the Lord of Harvest *Basque arr. Ferguson*
Setting: Glory be to God / *Eleanor Daley* Missa Brevis No. 4
Hymns: see Order of Service
Anthem: The Flower *Alec Roth*
Organ Voluntary: Nun danket alle Gott *Karg-Elert*
- Please join us for refreshments after the Service if you are able*
- 6.30pm **Choral Evensong followed by refreshments**
(Music on page 2)

Welcome!

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

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Melbourne: 8am – Revd Steve Short
 10.30am – Revd Steve Short
 6.30pm – Dr Nick Gravestock

Smisby: 5.30pm – Canon David Edwards

Stanton: 10.30am – At Swarkestone

Ticknall: 9.15am – Revd Margaret Jacques

**Taking responsibility for Church life today:**

8am Holy Communion
Server: Karen Grewcock
Sidespersons: John Tatam, Joy Hill
Reader: Nigel Coupe

10.30am All-Age Harvest Thanksgiving with Eucharist and Coffee
Sidespersons: Janet Warner, Linda Latchford
Crucifer: Brian Dollamore
Server: Graham Truscott
Reader: Rachel Reid
Intercessor: Linda Latchford
Coffee: Mary Bolton, Maurice and Pam Starkey

6.30pm Choral Evensong followed by refreshments
Sidesperson: Victoria Hancock

***Illuminating the Tower:** To make your booking, please call the church office–862153. Donations to sponsor the lights for an evening should be placed in a clearly marked envelope and put in the Sunday collection or put through the Rectory letterbox.*

Music for Choral Evensong tonight at 6.30pm**Introit:** For the beauty of the earth *Stopford* **Responses:** *Radcliffe***Hymns:** 262, 260, 261 **Psalm:** 65 **Canticles:** *Sunsion in A***Anthem:** Jubilate Deo *John Sanders***Organ Voluntary:** Nun danket alle Gott *Egil Hovland*

*Old £1 coins will no longer be legal tender after 15th October. Please make sure they are not used on the collection plate after **today** or the church will lose your contributions. They can still be cashed in at the bank until Saturday 14th October. Many thanks for your co-operation.*

Harvest Festival Choral Evensong

The Choir would like to invite you to Harvest Festival Choral Evensong at 6.30pm followed by beer and bread. A chance to experience a simple supper enjoyed by worshippers for hundreds of years. We will be offering 'Horsebread' which is a nutritious medieval bread given to weary travellers (and the poor) by monasteries throughout the land. Beer was always offered because the brewing process made it safer to drink than water and most often given after evening prayers. Hope you can join us... *The Choir*

Forthcoming events for the Friends:

A Feast of Choral Music

Melbourne Parish Church Sunday 15 October 2017

We're looking forward to another visit from South Derbyshire Choir, *Cantabile* on Sunday afternoon, 15th October. *Cantabile* have given many concerts in our church, and this time they are joining forces with Sutton Coldfield Choir *B Natural*.

The first half of the programme will be a performance of the very lovely Fauré's *Requiem*. Each choir will sing three pieces in the second half, ending with Parry's rousing anthem *I was glad*.

The conductors are Philip King and Richard Jeffries, and the organist is Tom Corfield.

We hope you'll join us for this feast of choral music. The programme starts at 3-30pm; there will be interval drinks; and the concert ends at 5-15pm.

Tickets are £8 (children £3), and are available at the door.

Saturday 4th November 12 noon - 3.00pm The Survival of Church Architecture - a talk by Professor Janet Spencer to be given either side of a buffet lunch at The Dower House. Tickets £20 each available from griseldakerr@btinternet.com

MacMillan Coffee Fundraiser:

A huge thank you to all who contributed to my MacMillan fundraiser in any way: helpers, cake makers, attendees and those who donated items, time or money. I was delighted by your support and at the time of going to press the total raised is £355. Thank you one and all. If anyone still wishes to donate money I am able to send 'extras'. If you don't see me in Church then Simon Collins will pass it on. Thank you again, *Romey Cunnington*

HARVEST 2017:

Following the Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday services:

Volunteers are needed on Monday morning from approximately 9am to prepare the offerings for collection by Padley. Please speak to the Wardens or Kate if you could spare an hour. Many thanks, *Kate*

Bishop of Derby's Harvest Appeal 2017

The Edwardes College School Multi-Faith Education

Parachinar in Northern Pakistan is in a tribal area of high radicalisation with many refugees as it lies only twenty-five miles from the Afghan border. The people have suffered greatly because of terrorism and sectarian clashes and they need to experience healing and to discover a better way of living together harmoniously based on understanding and tolerance rather than fear and prejudice.

After eight years of negotiation with the government, Bishop Humphrey (Diocese of North Pakistan) has been given a disused building and permission to open the first Church School in the area on the understanding that Muslims and Christians, boys and girls will be educated together. This timely project will help prevent further radicalisation and extremism and give children in the area hope and the possibility of a different future.

Through your donations and support, Muslim and Christian children can build a future for themselves free from radicalisation.

Talking about the appeal, Bishop Alastair said:

"This year's Harvest Appeal offers a timely opportunity for us to bear witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to show solidarity with the Anglican Church in Pakistan. Please support it generously - so that God's grace can be a blessing through our commitment."

Angels' Delight:

For our second session, we were able to cover the entire floor area under the tower with colourful inter-locking mats, making a warmer, softer, safer surface for the children to play on. This is thanks to a generous donation from a member of the congregation. The number of children attending increased from 11 to 16. Steve led a song and story slot on the theme of creation and the children made 'plates of food' which we have displayed on the south aisle wall, and apple prints which you can see on the pillars. We are grateful for all the wonderful gifts of high quality toys and puzzles; we now have to solve a storage problem! Parents make a voluntary contribution which more than covers the cost of snacks and goes towards buying craft materials. Thank you for your support - these are your 'angels' too, so please feel free to pop in some time to see them in action. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, October 18th from 9-11am.

Alison Gregory

St Michael's Players Present:
STAR WARDS - A Space Oddity
2nd, 3rd and 4th November 2017
At Melbourne Assembly Rooms
Doors open 6.45pm. Curtain up 7.30pm
Licensed bar. Tickets £10, from Fortey's!

Mothers' Union:

Our speaker this month was Jane Foster from the Children's Society. She told us that, since their records began in 1985, Melbourne Parish Church has contributed over £35 000 through boxes and Christingle. The work of the society has changed a lot since its inception as 'Waifs and Strays' in 1881. There are now no residential homes and no work in the field of adoptions. The main focus is on vulnerable young people aged 10-18, including missing children, mental health issues, victims of alcohol and substance abuse, young carers, victims of child exploitation and sexual abuse. Much work is done in lobbying and campaigning about 16-18 year olds who are not protected by the care system, cycle of debt, fuel poverty, links between debt and mental health and how this affects young people.

Just a few sad statistics:

180 unaccompanied child asylum seekers in the East Midlands. In Derbyshire: 32,792 children living in poverty; 556 runaway children; 768 victims of sexual crimes. Council and government money allocated for early intervention in mental health problems has been reduced by 43 per cent.

What can we do? Pray; Continue to give financial support; Talk about the work of the Children's Society; Invite Children's Society speakers to schools, companies, groups etc.

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Our Diocese

Bishop Alastair writes... Happy Birthday to You

A Birth Day

On 28th October our Diocese will celebrate its 90th birthday. There was a special occasion called 'The Hallowing', with "a celebration of the Holy Communion in the Churches of the Diocese" - and a further rubric "so far as may be possible, in all parishes the flag of St George shall be flown upon the churches, and a joyous peal of bells shall be rung".

The Service of Hallowing involved the Bishop of Southwell and the Bishop of Lichfield - the two dioceses from which Derby was formed.

So What Are We Celebrating?

The Diocese is not an organisation or an admin team! The Diocese is everyone in Derby and Derbyshire - all have a right to come and claim our ministry.

That is why we exist. The celebration of this commission provides an important opportunity to ask about our fulfilment of the task, and to seek God's Blessing for this privilege of being among those who are called to serve His mission.

The Secret of Survival

When many people reach the age of 90, they are often asked to what they attribute their long life and health – our answer is not too dissimilar. We have a careful diet, of bread and wine (Eucharist) and we try to keep clean and pure (baptism and confession). With God's grace we are thereby nourished in body and mind. But the key is the precious gift of the Holy Spirit, source of life and love in each of us, between us, and joining us more deeply to our Creator God.

How Do We Celebrate?

We celebrate regularly, weekly – joining in the blessing of God's call to be His people. For this special anniversary we should think once more about how our formation around celebration, even though remembering suffering and death, needs always to become Good News for others too.

Please give time on Saturday 28th October to pray for our Diocese, with thanksgiving for our call to mission and ministry in these times. On Sunday 29th October encourage others to join you in one of our churches – to taste the celebration of Life and the Promise of Glory. And continue faithfully on... between these precious markers is the daily journey of witness and worship – the calling to which each of us has been made to respond. Many happy returns! † *Alastair*

MacMillan Coffee Morning:

Thank you to all from Melbourne who generously supported our Breedon-on-the-Hill Coffee Morning on Friday 29th September. The weather was not as hoped but we had a lovely happy and successful morning and were very thrilled to raise over £1500 for this worthy cause.

It was disappointing that the rain stopped the beautiful garden at The Old Chapel being enjoyed by all but we had fun with a Tombola and various stalls and guessing the weight of joints of pork and venison and a very comfortable home to sit and enjoy homemade cakes and coffee. Many thanks to all, *Roddy*

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Monday:	2pm	Caring Hands
Tuesday:	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
Wednesday:	12.15pm	Funeral of Dennis Jackson in Church
	7.45pm	Choir Practice
Thursday:	9.15am	Holy Communion
Saturday:	5pm	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, Edna Brame, Anne Brazier, John Hubbard, Roo Hubbard, Madge Limbert, Wendie Moore, Ruth Smith, Erica Stewart and Margaret Stockley. Also 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 Dennis Jackson, and those whose anniversaries occur near this time, among them Margaret Weston, Maurice Baker, Jean Williamson and Mary Pass.

Next Week at Melbourne: 18th Sunday after Trinity

8am **Holy Communion** (Sidespersons: Avril & Terry Harrison)

10.30am **Parish Eucharist, Junior Church and Coffee**

(Sidespersons: Jenny Jackson, Gordon Hughes)

(Coffee: Sarah Kington, Janet Warner, Kate Landenberger)

6.30pm **Evensong** (Sidesperson: John Springthorpe)

Grass cutting rota 13th October: Maurice Starkey

The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:

First Reading: *2 Corinthians 9.6-end*

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.'

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry

not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

The Gospel Reading: *Luke 12.16-30*

Then Jesus told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you – you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

Additional Collect:

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.