

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 Sunday next before Lent - 11th February 2018

8am **Holy Communion**

10.30am **Parish Eucharist and Coffee (Junior Church starting at
Senior Citizens' Centre, finishing in church)**

Readings: pages 7/8

Setting: *Cæsar* St Mary's Mass

Gradual Psalm: 50 vv.1-6 (page 8)

Hymns: 336, 177 [176, 389] 494

Anthem: *Christe Jesu, pastor bone* *John Taverner*

Organ Voluntary: *Nun danket alle Gott* *Karg-Elert*

6.30pm **Choral Evensong**
(Please see the music for this service on page 3)

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 Michael Rogers
6.30pm – Dr Nick Gravestock

Smisby: 5.30pm – Canon David Edwards

Stanton: 10.30am – At Swarkestone

Ticknall: 9.15am – Revd Steve Short

**Taking responsibility for Church life today:**

8am Holy Communion
Sidespersons: Karen Grewcock, Joan Pass
Server: John Tatam
Reader: John Springthorpe

10.30am Parish Eucharist and Coffee (Junior Church starting at the Senior Citizens' Centre, finishing in church)
Sidespersons: Janet Warner, Linda Latchford
Crucifer: John Tivey
Server: Ros Bell
Reader: Janet Spencer
Intercessor: Joanna Hocknell
Junior Church: All Leaders and Helpers
Coffee: Jane Cox, Maurice & Pam Starkey

6.30pm Choral Evensong
Sidespersons: Victoria Hancock

Events for Children:

Today – Magical Mayhem – Junior Church will be starting at the Senior Citizens' Centre and finishing in the church, from 10.30am to 12 noon. This will be followed by a Pancake Lunch Party in St Michael's House.

Inset Day Event on Friday 16th February. An exciting day of fun, games and adventure run by Pulse Ministries.

Phone Rachel Coupe on 01332 864842 for more information.

No need to book.

Music for tonight's Choral Evensong:

Introit: O nata lux *Thomas Tallis*

Responses: *Ayleward*

Hymns: 475, 178, 177

Psalm: 89 vv. 20-36

Canticles: Magnificat: *Sumsion* in A / Nunc Dimittis: *Holst*

Anthem: Jubilate Deo (Collegium Regale) *Howells*

Organ Voluntary: Allegro (Symphonie IV) *Vierne*

Everyone very welcome

Ash Wednesday Services:

This year Ash Wednesday falls on **Wednesday February 14th**. There will be two services in the Benefice that day. The service at Melbourne will be at 9.15am; the service at Ticknall will be at 7.30pm, a sung Eucharist with combined Choirs. If you need a lift or could offer a lift, please sign up on the list on the noticeboard at the back of church. Thank you.

Social Events Programme for 2018

Please don't forget to put these dates in your diaries

- Lent Lunches will begin on 21st February (every Wednesday until 21st March from 12noon to 1.30pm)
- Sunday Teas begin Easter Monday (2nd April) and then from 6th/7th May until Melbourne Festival weekend
- Sunday 20th May - A Bring and Share picnic lunch in the Rectory Garden
- Garden Party - Saturday 9th June in the Rectory Garden
- Harvest - 14th October followed by lunch in the Senior Citizens' Centre
- Christmas Bazaar on 17th November at the Assembly Rooms from 10am to 12 noon
- Hospitality Sunday - 25th November

Lent Lunches:

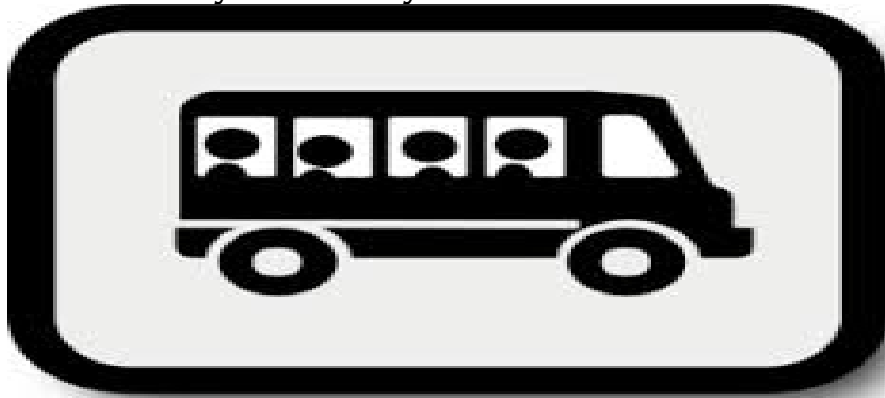
We will be offering Lent Lunches again this year, beginning on February 21st and continuing every Wednesday until March 21st from 12 noon to 1.30pm. This is a simple lunch of soup, bread and cheese followed by tea or coffee. Any profits will once again be going to Calcutta Cathedral Relief Services.

All are very welcome to attend. The price will be £3 for pensioners and £3.50 for others - the same as last year. If you can help by bringing a soup, washing up etc, please contact the Social Committee.



Mothers' Union: A reminder that February's Mothers' Union meeting will be on **Tuesday February 13th**. This is Shrove Tuesday. There will be a talk by David Edwards. Everyone is very welcome!

Normandy & Brittany Tour November 12 - 15 2018:



Dear All. I am putting together another European Tour! This year it will be Normandy and Brittany staying at Honfleur. Please let Wendy Robinson know if you would like more information about this trip and please feel free to tell friends and family and all are more than welcome... Our tours include Executive coach, Channel Tunnel crossing, excellent hotel, French hospitality, food, wine, amazing sight seeing and most of all friendship!

You can reach Wendy in Church or the following...

email: wamsport@yahoo.co.uk Landline: 01530 810217 Mobile: 07790 474889

Future Choir trips..... Dates for 2018

- Saturday 17th February: daytrip to Southwell, Notts
 - Low Sunday, 8th April: daytrip to Tewkesbury
 - Bank Holiday Mon, 7th May: daytrip to Worcester
 - Bank Holiday Mon, 28th May: daytrip to St Albans
- 25th and 26th August: Weekend at Chichester, West Sussex
 - Saturday 27th October: daytrip to Peterborough via Stamford

These trips are increasingly popular and I do encourage you to come along if you are yet to experience one. They are relaxing days "doing your own thing" and Choral Evensong to enjoy before the journey back home.

All this, door-to-door, in the company of people you know!

(Enquiries: 01543 258777, simon.e.collins@btinternet.com or after services).

Simon Collins, Director of Music

Choir trip to Southwell - Sat 17th February:

Choral Evensong will be at 5.30p.m. and it would be lovely to see some familiar faces at the service (the regular time has changed from this month from 5.45p.m. to 5.30p.m. so please note the earlier start!). As usual when we sing at Southwell we travel by car as it is so near. Therefore, this is one of the few trips where we don't arrange a coach. However, there will be sign-up lists for the other day trips nearer the time. Thank you for the interest and enthusiasm already shown.

Simon Collins, Director of Music

Lenten Music:

Lent starts on 14th February and I am again seeking volunteers to play some instrumental music before the 10.30am service each week. This has become a much-valued part of marking this season so I do encourage you to take part. The music can be with or without accompaniment on any instrument - previous participants and new faces equally welcome! If you wish to volunteer or discuss it further, please contact me:

Tel: 01543 258777, simon.e.collins@btinternet.com or after a service.

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Fancy A Cuppa!

Tuesday February 13th from 10.30am - 12 noon at the Senior Citizens' Centre. John Williams will be talking on "Reflections and Anecdotes", topics that will amuse and instruct his neighbours in Melbourne. £1 for tea/coffee, £1 for homemade cake. A warm welcome extended to all.

Dower House Garden Open:

The Dower House garden is open for the brave hearted on Saturday 17th February and Sunday 18th February from 10am - 4pm as part of a nationwide 'Snowdrop Festival' (there are a few snowdrops at The Dower House but not thousands like in many places). There is also some very good Daphne, winter aconites, crocus coming through, hellebores, Christmas box, winter clematis and a few things I may have overlooked. Admission is £3 but £2 to anyone carrying this bulletin! Children are free. There will be tea, coffee and cake for sale in the greenhouse and an open fire in the cottage where tickets will be sold. Your support for the National Gardens Scheme is gratefully received - all the proceeds from the opening go to charity - mostly charities dealing with cancer research and support - these nationwide garden openings are an important means of fundraising for these causes.

Griselda Kerr

Probus trip to Liverpool:

Probus has arranged a coach trip to Liverpool leaving Castle Square at 8.45am on Monday 19th March. Tickets are available at £17 each from John Williams on 863854 or Terry Harrison on 862013. The coach is expected to return to Melbourne at around 6.30pm. *Terry Harrison*

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Monday:	2pm	Caring Hands
Tuesday:	2pm	Mothers' Union
	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
Wednesday:	9.15am	Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday at Melbourne
	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Sung Eucharist at Ticknall with combined Choirs
Thursday:	9.15am	Holy Communion
Saturday:	4.30pm	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, John Glaze, John Hubbard, Roo Hubbard, Madge Limbert, Vicky Murray, Betty Park, Ruth Smith, Margaret Stockley and Sheena Wilkins. 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, and those whose anniversaries occur near this time, among them Hilda Cooper, George William Brame and Peter Hedley Mansfield.

Next Week at Melbourne: The First Sunday of Lent

8am	Holy Communion	(Sidespersons: Sheena & Henry Wilkins)
10.30am	Parish Eucharist, Junior Church & Coffee	
		(Sidespersons: Ros Bell, Ken Gibson)
		(Coffee: Kate Landenberger, Cliff & Janet Warner)
		(Junior Church: Rachel Coupe, Ruth Parkinson)
6.30pm	Evensong	(Sidesperson: Ann Hammond)

The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:

First Reading: *2 Kings 2.1-12*

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The Gospel Reading: *Mark 9.2-9*

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.'

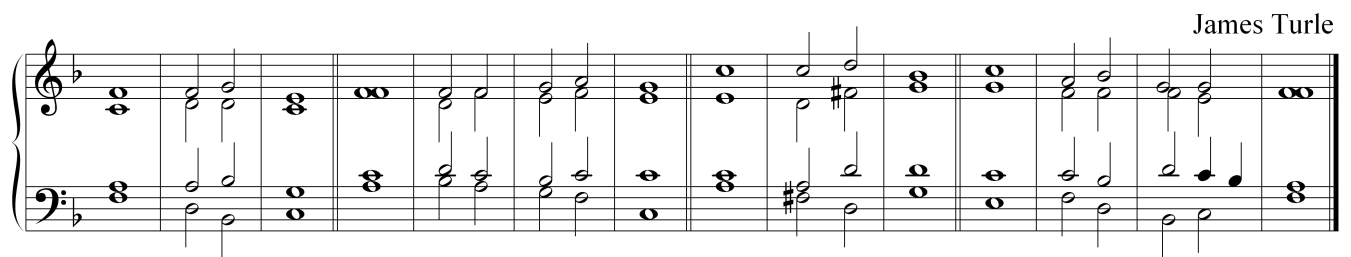
He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Additional Collect

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gradual Psalm at 10.30am: *Psalm 50.1-6*



- 1 The Lord the most | mighty • God has | spoken:
and called the world from the | rising • of the | sun • to its |
setting.
- 2 Out of Zion perfect in beauty | God shines | forth;
our God | comes • and will | not keep | silence.
- 3 Consuming | fire goes • out be- | fore him:
and a | mighty | tempest • stirs a- | bout him.
- 4 He calls the | heaven a- | bove:
and the | earth that • he may | judge his | people:
- 5 'Gather to | me my | faithful:
who have | sealed my | covenant • with | sacrifice.'
- 6 Let the heav'ns de- | clare his | righteousness:
for | God him- | self is | judge.