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



The Bulletin

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The First Sunday of Lent – 18th February 2018

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Eucharist, Junior Church and Coffee

Readings: pages 7/8

Settings: Willan Kyrie/Harris

Gradual Psalm: 25 vv.1-9 plainchant (page 8)

Hymns: 67, 65 [382, 425] 64

Anthem: View me, Lord *Richard Lloyd*

Organ Voluntary: Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr

(BWV676) J.S.Bach

6.30pm **Evensong**

Hymns: 70, 414, 357, 393 **Psalm:** 119 vv.25-32

Organ Voluntary: Elegy William Walton

Welcome!

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

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Across the Benefice Today

Melbourne: 8am – Revd Steve Short

10.30am – Revd Margaret Jacques

6.30pm - Revd Canon Tony Barnard

Smisby: 5.30pm – Canon David Edwards
Stanton: 11am – Canon David Edwards

Ticknall: 10.30am – Mrs Mary Hirst



Taking responsibility for Church life today:

8am Holy Communion

Sidespersons: Henry & Sheena Wilkins

Server: Tom Mills **Reader:** Ann Nicholls

10.30am Parish Eucharist, Junior Church and Coffee

Sidespersons: Ros Bell, Ken Gibson

Crucifer: Allan Jacques

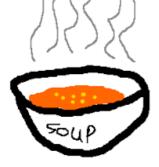
Server: Jo Glaze **Reader:** Ros Bell

Intercessor: Graham Truscott

Junior Church: Rachel Coupe, Ruth Parkinson Coffee: Kate Landenberger, Cliff & Janet Warner

6.30pm Evensong

Sidespersons: Ann Hammond



Lent Lunches:

Lent Lunches begin this Wednesday, February 21st, and continue 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.

LENT COURSE: The First Lent Course Session is on Tuesday 20th February at 7.30pm at St George's Ticknall. 'Have I got good news for you'. Everyone is very welcome!

Mothers' Union:

The M.U. met on Tuesday for a talk by David Edwards about Shrove Tuesday. As always, he had done his research thoroughly and he regaled us with many anecdotes, facts and traditions about the day and especially about PANCAKES! Fittingly, the cup of tea afterwards was accompanied by a plateful of delicious Scotch pancakes. *Alison Gregory*



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.ukLandline: 01530 810217 Mobile: 07790 474889

Future Choir trips...... Dates for 2018

- 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

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*

Guitar concert: at Ticknall Parish Church 7.30pm Saturday February 24th.

Proceeds towards the church. A varied programme of music for 1 to 4 guitars plus some songs with guitar and lute accompaniment.

Players include Nick Gravestock and Ticknall resident Gethin Davies. *Nick Gravestock*

Lenten Music:

Lent begins 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. Simon Collins, Director of Music

Dower House Garden Open:

The Dower House garden is open for the brave hearted **today** 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*

Puffin Hunters 2018:

"It won't be the same without Bob and Ruth", we said, as we set off on the annual Lundy trip a fortnight ago... and, of course, it wasn't, but it was a wonderful week. Bob and Ruth were always in our thoughts; they were in our prayers as we met each evening for Evening Prayers at Old House South. St. Helena's Church was out of bounds this year as it is nearing completion of a major refurbishment, but the bell-ringers were well catered for thanks to Bob and Ruth's generous gift to the island of a set of 12 handbells. Sessions were held twice a day – in the morning for an hour of tune-ringing and in the afternoon for method-ringing. Furious concentration and much laughter resulted in marked improvement over the week.

The elements threw everything at us – snow, frost, rain, ferocious winds, fog and sunshine. Hardy souls walked the length and breadth of the island;

letter-boxes were sought and found; Sian, the deputy Warden, led an excellent guided walk; a small group of crazy people even paddled in the sea in honour of Erica! Sadly, sketch-books remained unopened but several jigsaws were completed and the Jenga tower reached uncharted heights.

It was very sad that Maureen's desire to listen to the Rams' match was thwarted by an over-hasty descent of her stairs and the awful weather that day meant her rescue was delayed for hours. But the wonderful staff on the island, the air-sea rescue helicopter, the RNLI lifeboat and an NHS ambulance meant that she was safely delivered to Barnstable Hospital where she eventually received the treatment she needed. We wish her a speedy and complete recovery.

Our special thanks go to Ruth for all the initial planning and organisation and to Margaret Jacques for picking up the reins and for leading our services. Plans are already afoot for another trip next year and I, for one, am 'raring to go.' *Alison Gregory*

An Exhibition for Lent and Eastertide: 'Still' from February 12th to May 20th Contemplative paintings by Michael Cook, Thoughtful book sculptures by Maggie Cullen, Beautifully simple ceramics by Ann Bates and Inspiring lettering by Elizabeth Forrest, will be on display at The Manger Gallery, Kings Newton. To view the work, telephone Michael on 01332 862365 or go to mangergallery.co.uk

CALLING ALL KNITTERS - MELBOURNE FESTIVAL POP UP POPPIES NEEDS YOUR HELP!

At the risk of sounding melodramatic – **MELBOURNE FESTIVAL NEEDS YOU!** It may only be February but plans are already coming together for the 2018 Melbourne Festival and the Festival team need your help with a **BIG PROJECT!**

If you are a knitter, or a member of an established knitting group and you would like to help us, please contact Viv Toon 07779 571695 or 01283 350581 or Melbourne Festival on 07765 819428 or info@melbournefestival.co.uk or pop into one of the "Knit & Natter" sessions and pick up a pattern and starter pack of wool and maybe cast-on your knitting and meet some friends. This year we are working with Viv Toon to create a display made up of 4680 knitted or crocheted Poppies to commemorate the Grenadier Guards killed during WW1 and their colleagues whose lives were shaped by their experiences during the war. The Poppies will be sewn onto a huge net and displayed during Melbourne Festival in September and on Armistice Day in November. After Armistice Day in 2018 the Poppies will be removed, washed and sold in aid of Melbourne Royal British Legions 2019 Poppy Appeal. You may remember the wall-hanging Viv created to commemorate the Melbourne Men who lost their lives at war which was displayed at

Melbourne Assembly Rooms during November 2017. The idea for a more ambitious project to knit 4680 Poppies for Melbourne's Pop Up Poppies was inspired by conversations with Frank Green, her Stepdad, about the Grenadier Guards. Frank lived in Pool Cottage until he died in December and was a Grenadier Guard in WW2.

The "Knit & Natter" sessions start on Friday 16th February at Melbourne Library 10.30 to 12pm. There will be an official launch event at Melbourne Senior Citizen Centre on Saturday 10th March from 10.30 to 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome to drop in to knit, natter or have a cup of tea! Look out for Pop Up Poppy Posters with details of other events.

The finished Poppies can be dropped off at the Community Care Office in Derby Road or Melbourne Senior Citizen Centre. Unfortunately the Project didn't get funding as part of "Melbourne Remembers" but if anybody has time to knit, red or black wool they would like to donate or some time to make tea, please contact Melbourne Festival.

Thank you for your support!

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Monday: 2pm Caring Hands

Tuesday: 7.25pm Bellringing Practice

7.30pm Benefice Lent Course at St George, Ticknall

Wednesday: 7.45pm Choir Practice
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: Maureen Anderson, Ruth Barkaway, Anne Brazier, John Glaze, John Hubbard, Roo Hubbard, Madge Limbert, Vicky Murray, Betty Park, Ruth Smith, Margaret Stockley and Sheena Wilkins. 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 Alice Worthington, Wilmoure Warner, Betty Barker, Linda White and Cyril Webster.

Next Week at Melbourne: The Second Sunday of Lent

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

10.30am Parish Eucharist, Junior Church & Coffee

(Sidespersons: Victoria Hancock, Gordon Hughes)

(Coffee: Mary Bolton, Sheena Wilkins,

Margaret Murray-Leslie)

(Junior Church: Kit & Vicky Emery)

6.30pm **Evensong** (Sidespersons: Joe & Paddy Laban)

The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:

First Reading: Genesis 9.8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

The Gospel Reading: Mark 1.9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan;

and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

Additional Collect

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gradual Psalm at 10.30am: Psalm 25.1-9

(plainchant, sung by the Choir. Please turn to face the Gospel Reader in the aisle during the singing of the Psalm)

Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee *

O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.

For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed *

but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.

Shew me thy ways, O Lord *

and teach me thy paths.

Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me *

for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my hope all the day long.

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies * and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.

O remember not the sins and offences of my youth * but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

Gracious and righteous is the Lord *

therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement * and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth * unto such as keep his covenant, and his testimonies.