

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



The Bulletin

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The Second Sunday of Lent - 25th February 2018

8am **Holy Communion**

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

Readings: pages 7/8

Settings: *Willan* Kyrie/*Harris*

Gradual Psalm: 22 vv.23-end *plainchant* (page 8)

Hymns: 238, 410 [70, 357] 339

Anthem: Call to remembrance *Richard Farrant*

Organ Voluntary: Allegro in D minor *Mendelssohn*

6.30pm **Evensong**

Hymns: 416, 376, 417, 381

Psalm: 135 vv.1-14

Organ Voluntary: Ciacona in E minor *Buxtehude*

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 Margaret Jacques
 6.30pm – Dr Nick Gravestock

Smisby: 5.30pm – Revd Steve Short

Stanton: 11am – Revd Steve Short

Ticknall: 9.15am – Revd Steve Short

**Taking responsibility for Church life today:**

8am Holy Communion
Sidespersons: Avril & Terry Harrison
Server: John Tivey
Reader: John Heydon

10.30am Parish Eucharist, Junior Church and Coffee
Sidespersons: Victoria Hancock, Gordon Hughes
Crucifer: Paul Fletcher-Read
Server: Graham Truscott
Reader: Jan Gibson
Intercessor: Margaret Brackenbury
Junior Church: Kit & Vicky Emery
Coffee: Mary Bolton, Steph Hughes, Kate Landenberger

6.30pm Evensong
Sidespersons: Paddy & Joe Laban

**Lent Lunches:**

Lent Lunches continue this Wednesday, February 28th, and 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 second Lent Course Session is on Tuesday 27th February at 7.30pm in the Honner Room, Melbourne. 'So What! The implications of the Resurrection'. Everyone is very welcome!

Lent Retreats!

Throughout my ministry I have generally taken a Retreat in Lent, mostly escaping to the Norfolk Salt Marshes, and committed to doing some reading and keeping a Spiritual Journal. Just recently I decided to make a scrapbook out of the readings and poems that are in those journals; not that I'm the least bit artistic (having got thrown out of Art in favour of Music at the age of 14), but it seemed a good idea at the time! On retreat in 2014, which was 100 years since the beginning of WW1, my reading was focussed around the WW1 Chaplains and Poets. This year as we come to 2018 and 100 years since the end of WW1, I thought I would share with you two of the poems that I found 4 years ago. We don't seem to have any forum, small group, house-group, or anything in which to share and reflect spiritually on art or poetry (perhaps we should), so I offer them to you in the Bulletin. Both poems are by Revd. G.A. Studdart Kennedy, and are from the Book "The Unutterable Beauty". They should be read and reflected upon in the context of WW1.

"Solomon in all his Glory"

**Still I see them coming, coming
in their ragged broken line.
Walking wounded in the sunlight,
clothed in majesty divine.**

**For the fairest of the lilies
that God's summer ever sees,
ne'er was clothed in royal beauty
such as decks the least of these.**

**Tattered, torn and blooded khaki,
gleams of white flesh in the sun.
Raiment worthy of their beauty
and the great things they have done.**

**Purple robes and snowy linen
have for earthly kings sufficed,
but these bloody, sweaty tatters
were the robes of Jesus Christ.**

"He was a gambler too!"

**And sitting down, they watched him
there,
the soldiers did;
there, while they played with dice,
He made his sacrifice
and died upon the cross to rid
God's world of sin.
He was a gambler too, my Christ,
He took his life and threw
it for a world redeemed.
And ere His agony was done,
before the westering sun went down,
crowning the day with its crimson
crown,
He knew that He had won.**

Revd Margaret Jacques

Women's World Day of Prayer:

On the first Friday of March every year women from all denominations around the world meet together in prayer and worship. Each year women from a different country compile a service highlighting some of their concerns. This year it is the turn of Suriname and their chosen theme is 'All God's Creation is Very Good'.

In Melbourne the Churches and Chapels have taken it in turns to host this service and this year it is the turn of The United Reform Church and of course there is an invitation for us to join in this ecumenical service. It will be held at **2pm on Friday 2nd March at the URC** and will be followed by refreshments. Do come along and join us all at this thought provoking service which reflects our widespread concerns for our environment...all are welcome. *Ros Bell*

Readers Required for Palm Sunday!!

This Sunday 25th Feb I shall be looking for Readers to read parts of the Dramatised Gospel of Mark on Palm Sunday, and volunteers are much better than pressed men or women!. So if you know you will be available on Palm Sunday for the 10.30am Service then please see me at the end of the service this Sunday (25th Feb) I know this request looks a little early, but I'm down for the 8am next Sunday and then booked off for 2 Sundays - and then - guess what - it will be Palm Sunday, so a little early planning seems to be necessary. How time flies! Many thanks, *Revd Margaret*

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

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

Thank you!

Our grateful thanks are due to the clergy team who led services last Sunday. Despite officially being on holiday the Rector presided at 8 o'clock, Michael Rogers kindly stood in at short notice for the 10.30 as Margaret Jacques was

unwell and Tony Barnard took Evensong. We are very fortunate. Thanks also to Roger Kington for organising the rebinding of the lectionary (the large red book which sits on the lectern during Sunday morning services). This was donated some years ago by Joanna and David Ingram to mark their 25th wedding anniversary but had become rather tatty. Matthew Edwards of Derby has done a superb job of repairing the book, matching the colour and preserving the original inscription. *Joanna Hocknell*

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.

“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 Citizens' 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!

Church grass cutting:

We lose two stalwarts off the church grass cutting rota this year in the shape of John Tatam and Terry Harrison, who have hung up their lawnmowers after after many years of devoted service. They deserve our thanks. Clive Avery has kindly stepped forward to plug one of these gaps but do you know anyone else who would be willing to step forward and cut the grass on two or three occasions this year. Or would anyone currently on the list be willing to take on another slot?

The job takes about an hour and, if necessary, a petrol-driven lawnmower is provided. Let me know. *Gordon Hughes 07837 592 596*

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

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| Monday: | 2pm | Caring Hands |
| Tuesday: | 7.25pm | Bellringing Practice |
| | 7.30pm | Benefice Lent Course at Melbourne (Honner Room) |
| Wednesday: | 12 noon | Lent Lunch (Honner Room) |
| | 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 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 Bert Boocock, David Williamson, Beryl Barton and Constance Janet James-Davies.

Next Week at Melbourne: The Third Sunday of Lent

8am **Holy Communion** (Sidespersons: Karen Grewcock, Joy Hill)

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

(Sidespersons: Sheena Wilkins, Margaret Murray-Leslie)

(Coffee: Griselda Kerr, Annabel Needham,

Margaret Murray-Leslie)

(Junior Church: Bronwen Truscott, Rachel Hill)

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

The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:

First Reading: *Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16*

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

The Gospel Reading: *Mark 8.31-end*

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up

their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Additional Collect

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gradual Psalm at 10.30am: *Psalm 22. 23-end (plainchant, sung by the Choir)*

O praise the Lord, ye that fear him *
magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and fear him, all ye seed of
Israel;

For he hath not despised, nor abhorred, the low estate of the poor *
he hath not hid his face from him, but when he called unto him he
heard him.

My praise is of thee in the great congregation *
my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.

The poor shall eat, and be satisfied *
they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; your heart shall live for
ever.

All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned
unto the Lord *

and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.

For the kingdom is the Lord's *
and he is the Governor among the people.

All such as be fat upon earth *
have eaten, and worshipped.

All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him *
and no man hath quickened his own soul.

My seed shall serve him *
they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.

They shall come, and the heavens shall declare his righteousness *
unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.