

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



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Advent Sunday - 2nd December 2018

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Eucharist, Junior Church and Coffee

Readings: pages 7/8

Introit: The Advent Prose *Rorate Cæli Mode i*

Settings: *Willan Kyrie/Harris*

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

Hymns: 14, 9, [3, 15] 5

Anthem: Rejoice in the Lord always *16th Century anon.*

Organ Voluntary: *Wachet Auf! J.S. Bach*

6.30pm Advent Carol Service followed by refreshments
(Please see Order of Service)

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 Steve Short
6.30pm – Revd Steve Short

Smisby: 5.30pm – Revd Richard Tebb

Stanton: 11am – Canon David Edwards

Ticknall: 9.15am – Canon David Edwards



Taking responsibility for Church life today:

8am Holy Communion

Sidespersons: Tony Taylor, Ann Rafferty

Server: John Tivey

Reader: Rosemary Jackson

10.30am Parish Eucharist, Junior Church & Coffee

Sidespersons: Pam Starkey, Ken Gibson

Crucifer: Sarah Kington

Server: Jo Glaze

Reader: Kit Emery

Intercessor: Margaret Brackenbury

Junior Church: Rachel Coupe, Martha Clements

Coffee: Mary Bolton, Annabel Needham, Steph Hughes

6.30pm Advent Carol Service followed by refreshments

Sidesperson: John Springthorpe

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

Tonight at 6.30pm

Readings, hymns and choral music

followed by refreshments

All are very welcome!

Advent Meditation:

As usual the first Tuesday of Advent is a time when Mothers' Union members take a step back from the preparations for Christmas and reflect on the Advent Season. As always we extend a warm welcome to friends from our local Churches and Chapels and of course there is always a warm welcome

for our own congregation...men, women, old and young...all are welcome. This year Revd Margaret Jacques has prepared a reflection using material from the Iona Community and we have decided to meet in the more informal setting of The Honner Room rather than Church. Our service will start at 2pm and will be followed by tea and of course biscuits. When all around us we are targeted by the commercialised aspects of Christmas consumerism take a little time out and come and join us as we prepare ourselves for the real Christmas. *Ros Bell*

Thanks from our Rector:

Hospitality Sunday – Many thanks indeed to all those who participated in last Sunday's fellowship meals whether as hosts or guests. After good reports, we'll look to have another in the new year. Watch this space!

Church Cleaning – also many thanks to all those at high and low level who have given the church a pre-Advent clean. The church is looking resplendent going forward into Advent and into the festive season.

Bible Study Day – Canon Tony Barnard led a fantastic introduction to the Bible day on the eve of Christ the King. Many thanks to him and to all who participated and helped administer the day. We'll look to plan more teaching sessions next year by popular demand!

Finance Group – also a very big thanks to the Finance Group who have been working overtime in analysing our finances and producing a draft budget for the PCC to discuss in a few week's time. *Steve*

News from the Living Waters House group.

The next meeting of Living Waters is on **Tuesday December 11th at 10.30am at 63 Jubilee Close**. Please bring something with you that is special to you at Christmas to share. It can be sacred or secular e.g. item, poem, music, scripture or other. The liturgy for the morning will be prepared by me, and Mary will share in the leading of it. If someone in the group would like to prepare and lead the prayers that would be great! Please let me know if that's you!

It was also thought, that as we share God's blessings inside the group, we might want to send these blessings out as The Mass directs us to, and look outwards this Christmas. Ros is finding out if there is a suitable Refuge or need in the Derby area to where we might contribute small gifts this Christmas. Watch this space for details as they become available.

Yours in the love of Christ. *Revd. Margaret and Allan.*

What a weekend! Food for thought and for the inner man (and woman):

On Saturday, 16 eager but apprehensive students crowded into the Honner Room for a Bible Study Day, conducted by the Revd. Canon Tony Barnard.

The room was dauntingly reminiscent of an exam hall – small tables, piles of papers....But we needn't have worried: after a short, meditative service led by Nick, Tony led us a merry dance through the synoptic gospels – looking at their sources and different characteristics; we learned about REDACTION; we understood how the foundation of the Kingdom of God was laid in the Old Testament and, in our final session, we peered into the mysteries of John's Gospel. Whew! It was good that Margaret, Allan and Joanna were able to stoke our energies with tea, coffee and very superior biscuits. I look forward to the next one.

On Sunday morning, Tony's students were able to nod wisely as he developed in his sermon some of the ideas about Christ the King which he had touched on the previous day. Later on, some of us sampled the delights of Hospitality Sunday – either as guests or as hosts. . What a great idea! When is the next one? *Alison Gregory*

Hospitality Sunday:

When this was first announced, most of us went into overdrive about what this entailed, and how it worked. The list went up, two columns for host and guest, seems if one is a guest it's a no-brainer, going out to lunch cooked by someone else! What does the host get except unknown people. As the date drew near, more people signed up and the task of matching up went to Rachel and Steve, interesting who they'd put with whom. However, apart from telling the guests to go straight to their 'hosts' straight after church, which drew a few gasps from the 'hosts', we arrived at our allotted place and were duly welcomed in to find two other couples already there. I can only say that we had a wonderful time, very good food, some good wine and very pleasant company. Plenty of laughs, exchanges and - as the original purpose stated - getting to know people better. As we would deem this a success in its first year, I am sure we will be expecting it to happen next year - not too near Christmas, please. So anyone who missed out, have a think about joining in next time, it really was good fun. *Carolyn Tasker*

Christmas Decoration:

We realise that Advent is only just upon us but we must prepare.

Contributions towards the cost of flowers will be much appreciated also of course offers of foliage. Please are there are any volunteers to put up and decorate the Christmas tree? Thank you. *Sheena Wilkins and Margaret Murray-Leslie.*

Messy Christmas - Sat 15th December:

Our next Messy Church will celebrate Christmas from 4 to 5:30pm. Flyers are available from the back of church. Please invite any families you know who might be interested. Volunteers are needed; please contact Rachel Coupe (416152) or Rachel Short.

Cardboard boxes needed!

Please can you collect cardboard boxes for Messy Christmas on 15th December and bring them to church any time beforehand. We will be making a model Bethlehem. Large size boxes are needed from cereal boxes to anything that can be fitted into a standard family car. Thanks for helping us to have fun!

Rehearsed nativity play - Sun 16th December:

In addition to the usual tableau at the Christingle service, there will be a presentation of the Christmas Story at the 10:30am service. Rachel Coupe will create a special part for any children she knows about by Sunday 9th. There will be a rehearsal at 9:30am on the 16th. *Rachel Coupe*

Autumn Fair:

The Treasurer estimates that the figure raised for the Autumn Fair this year is around £1300, which is slightly down on the previous year, nevertheless very good for 2 hours of opening! Once again, many thanks to everyone who helped in any way. *Kate Landenberger*

Carols at the Dower House:

This annual event will be held on Saturday 22nd December starting at 5.30pm and finishing, after wine and mince pies, at about 7.15pm. Tickets on a first come first served basis will be £10 a head (or more if you kindly throw in an extra donation for Melbourne Community Care to whom *all* the proceeds go). Please email Griselda (griseldakerr@btinternet.com) if you would like a ticket (do not wait to see me in church as I am away on Sundays till 15th December now). Thank you to everybody for supporting this event every year and for making it such a happy part of our Christmas. *Griselda Kerr*

Christmas Quiz:

The quiz is available at the 10:30am service and any other the Choir appears at until mid December. Or contact me direct. There is no escape and no excuse. The price is a miniscule £2, and this year the closing date is the second of January so you have all of the "week between the years" to continue to "enjoy" the teasers and polish your answers to perfection. *Clive Avery*

Christmas Tree Festival at St George's, Ticknall:

The Christmas Tree Festival at St George's will take place on the 8th and 9th December from 10.30am to 4.30pm. Home made soup and cakes will be on sale, plus come and see the newly restored clock in the bell tower.

Our Diocese:

A monthly snapshot of Church of England life around Derbyshire

Bishop Jan writes... As I went to brush my teeth the other morning, I was halted in my tracks by a news item on the radio. The Church of England's

attendance figures had just been published. It wasn't sounding good. The number of people attending church regularly on a Sunday had declined once again. I picked up the toothpaste with a sigh. And then I paused once again when the reporter went on to say, "But the number of people attending mid-week and occasional services is on the rise." This, they concluded, was "evidence that the Church's desire to relate to cultural change was beginning to bear fruit."

We are so used to going to church on Sunday morning that we sometimes fail to see that those around us are out shopping. Or playing football. Or cleaning the car. Or working in Tesco's. The 'cultural change' the news item referred to is the 24-hour culture we find ourselves in, where Sunday is no longer seen as a special day. Christians will always meet on a Sunday morning. We are, after all, celebrating the resurrection that first Easter Sunday. But for those on the fringes of the church, or for those with no church background at all, any day will do.

Christmas is the time when special services abound. Visitors will come to our churches for carol services, Christingles, school nativities and Midnight Mass. How will we welcome them? For those of us who preach, how will we connect the old familiar story with the lives of those sitting in front of us? How will we use our noticeboards and websites and parish magazines to invite them in?

The Church of England has produced some excellent materials called Follow the Star. Posters, invitation cards, ideas for families and churches are all included. You can find out more at www.churchofengland.org/christmas But whichever resources you choose, thank you to clergy, lay ministers, churchwardens, sidespeople, organists, choristers, bell ringers, welcomers, tea makers and washer-uppers who will make our churches across Derbyshire places of light and hope and joy this Christmas.

Amidst the busyness may you find time to ponder anew the mystery of our God who, "became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighbourhood." (John 1:14)

A very happy Christmas to you all.

The Rt Revd Jan McFarlane Bishop of Repton and Acting Bishop of Derby

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Monday:	2pm - 3.30pm	Caring Hands
Tuesday:	2pm	Mothers' Union Advent Service
	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
Wednesday:	9am -11am	Angels' Delight in Church
	7.45pm	Choir Practice
Thursday:	9.15am	Holy Communion
Friday:	3.30pm	Rehearsal for Puppet Show in Church
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, Roo Hubbard, David Ingram, Madge Limbert, Vicky Murray, Betty Park, Ruth & Bob Smith and Margaret Stockley. 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 Stanley George Truscott, John William Wright, Ann Pass, Dennis Twells, Harry Wilkins, Betty Roddan, Barbara Mary Ransome, Leslie Greenwood, Arthur Robey and Jean Brookbanks.

Next Week at Melbourne: Advent 2

8am **Holy Communion** (Sidespersons: Sheena & Henry Wilkins)

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

(Sidespersons: Carolyn & Nigel Tasker)

(Coffee: Linda Latchford, Cliff & Janet Warner)

(Junior Church: Rachel Coupe)

6.30pm **Evensong** (Sidesperson: Ann Hammond)

The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:

First Reading: *Jeremiah 33.14-16*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

The Gospel Reading: *Luke 21.25-36*

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves.

People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’ Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ‘Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

Additional Collect:

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Gradual Psalm at 10.30am: *Psalm 25.1-9 (plainchant, sung by the Choir)*

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.