

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



The Bulletin

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Candlemas - The Presentation of Christ in the Temple - 3rd February 2019

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Eucharist, Junior Church and Coffee

Readings: pages 6-8

Introit: O nata lux *Thomas Tallis*

Settings: *Grayston Ives* Missa Brevis

Hymns: 234, Christ be our light (page 8) , 33 omit * [157, 156] 494

Anthem: When to the Temple Mary went *Eccard*

Organ Voluntary: Herr Gott, nun schleuss den Himmel auf
(BWV617) *J.S.Bach*

6.30pm Evensong

Hymns: 156, 33 omit *, 246, 338 omit *

Psalm: 122

Organ Voluntary: Mit Fried' und Freud' (BWV616) *J.S.Bach*

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 Canon Tony Barnard
6.30pm – Canon David Edwards

Smisby: 4pm – Revd Steve Short (Village Hall)

Stanton: 11am – Revd Steve Short

Ticknall: 9.15am – Revd Steve Short

**Taking responsibility for Church life today:**

8am Holy Communion

Sidespersons: Ann Rafferty, Tony Taylor

Server: Joy Hill

Reader: Joanna Hocknell

10.30am Parish Eucharist, Junior Church & Coffee

Sidespersons: Janet Warner, Linda Latchford

Crucifer: John Tivey

Server: Ros Bell

Reader: Avril Harrison

Intercessor: Sheena Wilkins

Junior Church: Rachel Coupe, Martha Clements

Coffee: Griselda Kerr, Margaret Murray-Leslie, Sheena Wilkins

6.30pm Evensong

Sidesperson: Victoria Hancock

From the Rector and the Chair of the Finance Committee:

Over the past 3 weeks we have been reflecting on a questionnaire devised by our Diocesan Missioner, the Revd Jason Kennedy. These questions concern the nature of God's church as part of the bigger picture – what is God calling us *in this generation* to do and to be? This important process is to help us, together and under God, formulate a vision that will shape our mission and ministry over the coming years.

In the ordination service, the Bishop reads aloud 'The Declaration of Assent'. It includes this challenge:

*'The Church of England professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds, which faith the Church is called upon to **proclaim***

afresh in each generation.'

As we continue to pray and reflect on our vision, it is also right that at this time, leading into Lent, we consider how we respond to and fund that vision. So along with questions of vision, we also now consider our stewardship – the offering to God of our time, our talents and our money.

As we seek to 'proclaim afresh' in Melbourne, we must be mindful of the past and those who have gone before us as well as being aware of the challenges of today.

Over the past two years the Common Fund requested by the wider diocese has, for us, increased significantly and it will increase further still this year. The Common Fund, put simply, is money given by each parish to provide, support and further the work of the clergy across the Diocese.

This presents us with significant challenges as well as further opportunities. The immediate challenge is that, although our expenditure and maintenance has remained fairly static over the past year (which is good news), we are operating at a deficit of around £7,500 for the most part due to the increased Common Fund requirement.

The bigger picture across the whole of the Derby Diocese is that the Common Fund supports 255 parishes, 330 churches, 110 church schools, 222 readers and 136 stipendiary clergy. We in Melbourne (and across our benefice) are called to play our part in supporting God's mission locally and further afield. Although we are still in the Epiphany season, Lent will soon be upon us. Lent is a season of self-examination in the light of the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. For Lent this year, we invite you to consider the stewardship of your time, your talents and your money as we seek to address, once again, the challenge to 'proclaim afresh'.

Over the coming weeks, there will be further opportunities for reflection and prayer that will lead us, nearer Easter, to a pledge day when everyone will be invited to respond to our prayerful reflections over Lent.

Steve Short
Rector

Brian Dollamore
Chair of Finance Committee

PCC away day:

Very sadly Jason Kennedy, our diocesan missionary, is currently unwell which means that we have had to postpone the scheduled PCC away day. Please do pray for Jason as he continues his recovery.

Steve

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.

Keys:

A polite request please for keys no longer needed for Church, Church House and St Michael's House to be returned to save the unnecessary expense of having new keys cut.

If you no longer have responsibility to unlock, lock or access any of these buildings it would be extremely helpful to have keys returned with a label or note to indicate which doors they unlock.

Please return through the Rectory letterbox or via an acting church warden.

Many thanks,

Linda Latchford

Church Electoral Roll:

This year our Church Electoral Roll has to be completely re-created: That time is now upon us. During the next few weeks Application forms will be handed out with The Bulletin and will also be available from the table underneath the Noticeboard in the Church. Everyone wishing to be included on the Electoral Roll of our Church at our APCM is asked to fill-in a form and return it to the box which is being left at the back of the Church. Alternatively, the forms may be handed to Cliff Warner. All forms **MUST** be returned by **24 March** for your name to be entered on to the Roll in time for the APCM. The new Roll will be displayed in the Church after 7 April, should you wish to check the inclusion of your name. Any further additions will be made at any time after 30 April.

My thanks to you all for your co-operation in the compilation of this important document.

Cliff Warner – MPC Electoral Roll Officer

The Travelling People:

The Choir is pleased to present The Travelling People, in an evening of laughter, supper and song, on Friday 29th March 2019 at Melbourne Assembly Rooms. Doors open at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm. Ticket price £16.00 includes our usual popular two course supper. There will be a licensed bar. Please book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets available from Romey 01332 863379 or talk to any choir members.

Romey Cunnington

Living Waters House Group:

We next meet on Monday February 18th 10.30am at No. 63 Jubilee Close when Dr Nick Gravestock will be leading us with a Taize style service and then a Bible study on John 17: 1-5. For refreshment purposes will our regulars please let me know whether or not they are coming, and if anyone would like to join us for the first time you will be very welcome. Again please let us know. See you then.

Revd Margaret & Allan.

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The Village Quiz:

The Village Quiz 2019 continues at the Melbourne Sporting Partnership, not the Legion, starting as usual at 7.30pm, and then every Friday. The bellringers have 2 teams in and the choir 1. Ask them how they're getting on. The charity this year is Treetops Hospice. We raised £1,600 for them last year and they are our chosen charity again. The Committee would be delighted to see anyone from the church come to lend their support. *Phil Dobby*

Deanery Newsletter:

Please take time to have a look at the Deanery Newsletter on the noticeboard at the back of church. There are some good shots of our Christmas and New Year church activities in it.

There is also an advertisement for:

A Mercia Deanery Prayer Afternoon, which will take place here at Melbourne on **Saturday 9th March from 2pm - 4pm in and around the Church**. There will be interactive prayer stations - an opportunity to spend time quietly reflecting on your journey with God using interactive and reflective stations; a children's activities corner - an opportunity for children to explore prayer through craft. Cakes and drinks will be served all afternoon. At 3.30pm there will be a short reflective act of worship to close the event. Everyone is very welcome at this event!

**Churches Together in Melbourne invites you to
THE BIG FAIR TRADE BREAKFAST!**

on

**Saturday 23rd February from 10am to 12 noon
at St Mary's Catholic Church Hall
(in support of Fair Trade Fortnight)**

ALL WELCOME!

Mothers' Union February Meeting:

Our February meeting will be on the second Tuesday of the month, (12th Feb) at our usual time of 2:00 in The Honner Room. Our speaker is the Revd. Michael Rogers who will talk about some of his experiences whilst in the Police Force. We would like to extend a warm welcome to all, we are not a closed shop, so do come and join us. *Ros Bell*

Office closed:

Please note the Parish office will be closed from 1st February to 12th February inclusive. Emails and phone messages will be answered on return. Thank you. *Kate*

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Monday:	2pm	Caring Hands in Honner Room
Tuesday:	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
Wednesday:	9am - 11am	Angels' Delight
	7.45pm	Choir Practice in St Michael's House
Thursday:	9.15am	Holy Communion
Friday:	7.30pm	Melbourne Male Voice Choir Practice SMH
Saturday:	4pm	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, Marjorie Heydon, Roo Hubbard, David Ingram, Revd Jason Kennedy, Margaret Kent, Madge Limbert, 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 Jeffrey "Bill" Wooderson, Sarah "Sally" Wooderson and Primrose Heath.

Next Week at Melbourne: Fourth Sunday before Lent

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

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

(Sidespersons: Annabel Needham, Ken Gibson)

(Coffee: Linda Latchford, Maurice & Pam Starkey)

(Junior Church: Rachel Coupe, Charlotte Hall)

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

The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:

First Reading: *Malachi 3.1-5*

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the

covenant in whom you delight – indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

The Gospel Reading: *Luke 2.22-40*

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At

that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Collect:

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:

grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Hymn at 10.30am:

1. Longing for light, we wait in
darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

3. Longing for food, many are
hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for
others,

shared until all are fed.

Christ, be our light!

2. Longing for peace, our world is
troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save
us.

Make us your living voice.

Christ, be our light!

4. Longing for shelter, many are
homeless,

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering
others,

walls made of living stone.

Christ, be our light!

5. Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

Christ, be our light!