

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



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The Third Sunday before Lent - 17th February 2019

8am **Holy Communion**

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

Readings: pages 9/10

Setting: *Bourne* Melbourne Service

Gradual Psalm: 1 (page 10)

Hymns: 297, 103 [277, 365] If Christ had not been raised (page 11)

Anthem: Thou art God *Lionel Bourne*

Organ Voluntary: Toccata in C (BWV564) *J.S.Bach*

6.30pm **Evensong**

Hymns: 433 omit *, 415, 386, 252

Psalm: 6

Organ Voluntary: Gloria *Sydney Nicholson*

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 – Dr Nick Gravestock

Smisby: 5.30pm – Revd Steve Short

Stanton: 11am – Canon David Edwards

Ticknall: 10.30am – Mrs Mary Hirst

**Taking responsibility for Church life today:**

8am Holy Communion

Sidespersons: Sue Dore, Joy Hill

Server: David Dore

Reader: John Springthorpe

10.30am Parish Eucharist, Junior Church & Coffee

Acting Wardens: Margaret Brackenbury, Victoria Hancock

Sidespersons: Jenny Jackson, Matthew Needham

Crucifer: Paul Fletcher-Read

Server: Kate Landenberger

Reader: Janet Warner

Intercessor: Gordon Hughes

Junior Church: Bronwen Truscott, Isobel Hall

Coffee: Kate Landenberger, Carolyn Tasker, Janet Warner

6.30pm Evensong

Acting Warden: Sheena Wilkins

Sidesperson: Ann Hammond

Relief Organists

I would like to thank Laurence Rogers and Henry Wilkins for playing the Organ today at the 10.30a.m. Eucharist and Evensong respectively. I count myself very fortunate that I can leave both the Choir and the Organ in such capable hands when I'm away, knowing that their willing contributions to our church's musical life are much appreciated. Laurence was my predecessor here for 27 years and Henry, a former Churchwarden, is now regular organist at Melbourne Catholic Church on alternate Sunday mornings.

Simon Collins, Director of Music

Men's Breakfast!

Our new(ish!) home group Living Waters came up with the fabulous idea of having a Men's Breakfast. I'm delighted to announce that we are holding our first event on:

Saturday 23rd March 2019, 8.45 am at the Senior Citizens' Centre, Melbourne.

Our friends from the Blue Bell Inn are providing our cooked breakfast which can be ordered in advance (please see the sign up sheets in church or email through to: stephen.short71@btinternet.com).

The format will be very straightforward - eating a fabulous breakfast and then input from a guest speaker. To kick us off (there is a pun here) the Revd Tony Luke, vicar of the Aston Benefice, will be telling us about his exciting role as chaplain to the Derby Rams Football Club (the 'rams rev').

To whet the appetite here's the breakfast menu from the Blue Bell:

Choosing from; Bacon, Sausage, Egg, Mushroom, Tomatoes, Beans, Hash Brown or fried Bread, Black Pudding, Toast.

5 items - **£3.95**

6 items - **£4.45**

7 items - **£4.95**

8 items - **£5.45**

Bread and butter or extra items **50p**

This is an ideal event to invite non church people to so do get thinking about who you could invite for great food and fellowship!

Steve

Sunday 24th February - Evensong at Melbourne

Apologies that due to half term holidays, there will be no Evensong at Melbourne next Sunday.

-Steve

Mothers' Union: The speaker at our February meeting was the Revd Michael Rogers. He took us on a lightning tour of his career from leaving school at 16, through National Service to the Metropolitan Police. It was clear that he thoroughly enjoyed his time in the police and he entertained us with many lighthearted anecdotes. He said that his Christian faith had always helped him when things were difficult in his job and he believed his experiences in the police had been an excellent preparation for his later career as an ordained priest. The next step will be later this year when he hopes to graduate with an Open University degree.

Members were reminded that the World Day of Prayer service will be held at Melbourne Catholic Church at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 1st. Everybody is welcome at this service.

Alison Gregory

APCM Reports for 2018:

The APCM is fast approaching! Could all groups, committees and organisations within the church please let me have their reports by mid-March at the absolute latest so that I can draw them all together in one document ready for the APCM. Many thanks, *Kate Landenberger*

Living Waters House Group:

We next meet on Monday February 18th at 10.30am at No. 63 Jubilee Close when Dr Nick Gravestock will be leading us with a Taizé 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. margaret@ajacques.plus.com

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*

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 attached to indicate which doors they unlock together with your name. Please return through the Rectory letterbox or via an acting church warden.

Many thanks, *Linda Latchford*

World Day of Prayer: This year the World Day of Prayer is on Friday 1st March. The Service in Melbourne is at 2pm in the The Catholic Church. You are all very welcome to be part of this wave of Prayer.

2019 Social Committee Events for your diaries:

The Social Committee met last Thursday to plan events for 2019. Here are some of the dates to note in your diaries.

Lent Lunches: begin on 13th March 2019 up to 10th April from 12noon to 1.30pm. Prices the same as last year. A simple lunch of soup and bread and cheese; we will be supporting CCRS once again.

Garden Fete: Saturday 8th June from 2pm - 4pm in the Rectory Garden. Details to follow...

Hospitality Sunday: 23rd June.

Sunday Teas: from Easter Monday and then every Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday up to Festival Weekend on 14th - 15th September.

Harvest Festival: 13th October. We would welcome any ideas for celebrating Harvest this year. Please be in touch with any member of the Social Committee.

Autumn Fair: 16th November at MARs

Social Committee Members: Rachel Short, Linda Latchford, Carolyn Tasker, Sheena Wilkins, Allan Jacques, Janet Warner and Kate Landenberger

A Mercia Deanery Prayer Afternoon:

A Mercia Deanery Prayer Afternoon 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; and 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!

Help for a garden opening:

The Dower House garden is open for the NGS over the weekend of 23rd and 24th February. If anyone has a spare hour to come and help sell tickets (there will be a roaring fire in the cottage where tickets are sold so you will not get cold) or serve tea/cakes in the heated greenhouse, I would be so grateful. I shall be taking orders for my new book, *The Apprehensive Gardener*, the bulk of which arrive in March so that will be another job to do. Anytime between 10am and 3.00pm - please email me

at griseldakerr@btinternet.com if you think you could help. Huge thanks.

Griselda

LETTER FROM LUNDY (Puffin Hunters' News):

February 4th - 11th 2019

It was an excellent journey down to the Hoops at a sedate 69mph where we met up with all our fellow Puffin Hunters for an excellent meal with entertainment; everyone chipped in but the Star of the Show was the 'whirlpool bather', rather too much foam bath used!!

On the Monday morning, a hassle-free helicopter ride over to Lundy Island in glorious sunshine, which lasted ALL day - deckchairs out and T-shirts on! Tuesday saw quite a change: fog, mist, low cloud, haar moved in followed by sideways rain - we were all soaked through - TWICE! A few Vicar of Dibley moments getting back to the Castle but we made it there safely.

All those expecting to ring handbells one step forward - but not so fast all of you as the music had disappeared since last year. We compensated for this with Alison's splendid fruit cake and cheese (v. Yorkshire). Warden's Walk on Wednesday am and ringing in the afternoon. Thursday we enjoyed a communal breakfast in Government House, no lunch needed after that - many thanks to all plus Stefan and Julie from Nantwich. After that a few hardy souls went down to the harbour for a paddle in memory of our dear friend Erica (scene of her accident before being air-lifted to Barnstaple Hospital)!

Evening Prayer was on offer at 5.30pm daily, weather permitting, thanks to Margaret and her helpers, making it an oasis of calm and contemplation after the buzz of the day.

Seals, deer, ponies, foal, Soay sheep, goats, lots of birds and gulls were seen (with a record number of kittiwakes this year). And even the drinking water is almost on tap, just waiting the OK from the Council over on the mainland.

Ferocious winds blew in on Wednesday/Thursday night sending bins flying and coal scuttles dancing round the courtyard cobbles. More rain and winds were forecast for Friday, and into Saturday squawly showers so we Castle Girls battened down the hatches and stayed put through all this. Marooned in the Castle by the weather we wondered what constituted an emergency? We were running low on eggs, bread, milk and fish - Friday is fish day after all! - also toilet paper! Should we phone the office to send emergency rations delivered by quad bike:- answer - no phone signal and no-one knew the number!! Kate's face was a picture on hearing the news we must eke out the food - tea and biscuits for lunch and the beans on toast was to be dinner!

Still we survived and carried on regardless with lots of socialising between the properties; Jenga in the Tavern; jigsaws, Bananarama, crosswords, walks, letterboxing, exploring, all such fun and so much to do and see. The bell ringers were busy most days and even 2 staff members, Ash and Philippa, had their first lesson in handling the bells and will continue.

We missed and prayed for Ruth and Bob who had begun this venture so many years ago, and for Mike Orme who had died in the past year. This report comes with huge thanks to Anne Orme for her excellent organisational skills in getting us there and back in one piece and for taking on next year's PUFFIN HUNTERS' HOLIDAY!

P.S. The "Castle girls" will be returning next year to stay in the Village, not because we've heard the Castle is HAUNTED but because we miss out on a lot of the fun and games! *Christine Franks*

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 member. *Romey Cunnington*

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!

Probus trip to Liverpool:

On Monday 25th March there will be a coach trip to Liverpool leaving Castle Square at 8am, an hour earlier than previous trips in order to give more time there. We aim to be back in Melbourne by 6.30pm. The price for the trip is £17 each. Places available from John Williams on 863854 or from me on 862013. We ask for payment by 10th March to confirm your seat. *Terry Harrison*

'Wendy' Events for your Diary:

Back by popular demand, I am putting together another 'Wendy Walk'! Saturday 1st June 2019. Destination Alstonefield Derbyshire. Roughly a 5 mile walk (mostly easy) around Alstonefield and The Peaks, followed by early supper at The George, Alstonefield. Meeting about 13.30 for tea and cake and setting off at 14.00, supper is booked for 18.00 and everyone is welcome. If you would just like to join us for the supper you are also very welcome. Please let me know your interest in either the walk with supper or just supper. Arrangements and menus to be advised accordingly...

Meanwhile I am also putting together another 'Tour'. After the success of Honfleur, I am considering another destination within easy driving distance of Calais with lots to offer, I thought this year Rouen in Normandy. Dates, Monday 4 November 2019 departure by coach. Channel Tunnel crossing and return Thursday 7 November (3 nights B&B)Please let me know if you are interested and further information will follow...Many thanks,

Wendy Robinson wamsport@yahoo.co.uk 01530 810217 or 07790 474889

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Monday:	10.30am	Living Waters Group at 63 Jubilee Close
	2pm	Caring Hands in Honner Room
Tuesday:	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
Wednesday:	7.45pm	Choir Practice
Thursday:	9.15am	Holy Communion
	7.30am	PCC in St Michael's House
Friday:	7.30pm	Melbourne Male Voice Choir Practice SMH
Saturday:	10am	Big Fair Trade Breakfast in Catholic Hall
	10am - 3pm	Dower House Garden open
	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, 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 Alice Worthington, Wilmoure Warner, Betty Barker, Linda White and Cyril Webster.

Next Week at Melbourne: Second Sunday before Lent

8am **Holy Communion**

(Sidespersons: Sheena & Henry Wilkins)

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

(Sidespersons: Victoria Hancock, David Smith)

(Coffee: Mary Bolton, Margaret Brackenbury, Janet Warner)

(Junior Church: Rachel Coupe, Martha Clements)

6.30pm **Evensong:**

(There will be no Evensong on the 24th)

The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:

First Reading: *Jeremiah 17.5-10*

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse —

who can understand it?

I the Lord test the mind
and search the heart,

to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

The Gospel Reading: *Luke 6.17-26*

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

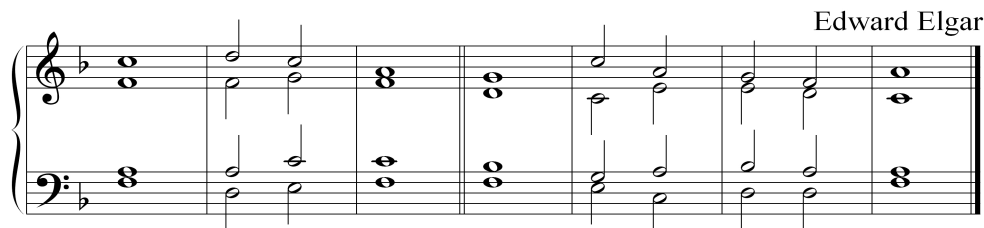
‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

‘Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. ‘Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ‘But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ‘Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. ‘Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ‘Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Additional Collect:

Eternal God,
 whose Son went among the crowds
 and brought healing with his touch:
 help us to show his love,
 in your Church as we gather together,
 and by our lives as they are transformed
 into the image of Christ our Lord.

Gradual Psalm at 10.30am: *Psalm 1*



1 Bless-ed are they who have not walked in the | counsel • of the |
 wicked:

nor lingered in the way of sinners *
 nor sat in the as- | sembly | of the | scornful.

2 Their delight is in the | law • of the | Lord:
 and they meditate on | his law | day and | night.

3 Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season*
 with | leaves that • do not | wither:
 what- | ever • they | do • it shall | prosper.

- 4 As for the wicked it is | not • so with | them:
they are like | chaff • which the | wind • blows a- | way.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not be able to | stand • in the |
judgement:
nor the sinner in the congre- | gation | of the | righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the | way of • the | righteous:
but the | way of • the | wicked • shall | perish.

Recessional Hymn at 10.30am:

1. If Christ had not been raised from death
our faith would be in vain,
our preaching but a waste of breath,
our sin and guilt remain.
But now the Lord is risen indeed;
he rules in earth and heav'n:
his gospel meets a world of need —
in Christ we are forgiv'n.

2. If Christ still lay within the tomb
then death would be the end,
and we should face our final doom
with neither guide nor friend.
But now the Saviour is raised up,
so when a Christian dies
we mourn, yet look to God in hope —
in Christ the saints arise!

3. If Christ had not been truly raised
his Church would live a lie;
his name should nevermore be praised,
his words deserve to die.
But now our great Redeemer lives;
through him we are restored:
his word endures, his Church revives
in Christ, our risen Lord. (*tune: Kingsfold*)

Christopher Idle (*b.1938*)

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