

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



# The Bulletin

*A weekly publication for the Parish of Melbourne*



## The Third Sunday of Lent - 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Eucharist, Junior Church and Coffee

Readings: pages 7/8

Setting: *Willan Kyrie/Harris*

Gradual Psalm: 63 vv.1-8 *plainchant* (page 8)

Hymns: 374, 468 [445, 276] 368

Anthem: Thou knowest, Lord *Henry Purcell*

Organ Voluntary: When I am laid in earth (Dido & Aeneas)

*Henry Purcell*

6.30pm Evensong

Hymns: 70, 294, 471, 414

Psalm: 12

Organ Voluntary: Herzliebster Jesu (O Blessèd Jesu) *Brahms*

**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 Michael Rogers  
6.30pm – Revd Ed Backhouse (curate,  
Aston Benefice)

**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 Tatam  
**Reader:** Paddy Laban

**10.30am Parish Eucharist, Junior Church & Coffee**  
**Acting Wardens:** Margaret Brackenbury, Roddy Lott  
**Sidespersons:** Annabel Needham, Linda Latchford  
**Crucifer:** Paul Fletcher-Reed  
**Server:** Ros Bell  
**Reader:** Graham Truscott  
**Intercessor:** Margaret Brackenbury  
**Junior Church:** Bronwen Truscott, Martha Clements  
**Coffee:** Kate Landenberger, Gordon & Steph Hughes

**6.30pm Evensong**  
**Acting Warden:** Joanna Hocknell  
**Sidesperson:** John Springthorpe

## Lent Addresses 2019:

Everyone is warmly invited to our Lent Addresses that will take place each Tuesday of Lent beginning at 7.30 pm in one of our benefice churches. A member of the ministry team will each give a talk with Compline ending the evening.

**Tuesday 26th March – Stanton** Michael Rogers on Julian of Norwich, 14<sup>th</sup> century spiritual writer, mystic.

**Tuesday 2nd April – Melbourne** Nick Gravestock on 'The Law, Justice and Mercy – thoughts from a Panel Member.'

**Tuesday 9th April – Ticknall** Tony Barnard 'Lent is about Love'

*'Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.'*

These are powerful words that conclude Isaac Watts' hymn 'When I survey the wondrous cross'. It is most often sung on Good Friday but is more than appropriate for the entire Passiontide season which we begin on April 7<sup>th</sup> this year.

The hymn is a reflection on how the writer and ourselves respond to the stark image of a crucified Saviour who willingly gave his life for all. A few weeks ago, we wrote a previous bulletin article that provided some detail concerning our current financial situation especially with regard to the significant increases in our Common Fund payments to the wider diocese (and these will increase further next year).

The season of Lent is rightly a time to consider our response to the love of God we see enthroned on the cross - how we respond with our time, gifts and talents.

For our reflection and prayer, our giving as a church community roughly averages out at around £12 per week. This means that, statistically, some will give more and some less as they are able.

Ultimately, what each of us gives is a private matter between us and God. However, as Rector and Chair of Finance, we would like to ask you to consider, once again, how much you feel able to contribute to the ministry and mission of God's church here in Melbourne. As we hope to have made clear, these are challenging times but they are also times of opportunity.

To give a focus to our prayer and reflection, we are designating Palm Sunday (14<sup>th</sup> April) as a Gift Day when you will be invited to re-pledge or pledge anew to the regular giving of our church. The church will be open all day and there will be a locked box in which to place your pledge for the future. Forms for this will be supplied over the coming weeks.

Here's to moving forward with confidence and hope in the victory of the cross and the victory of Easter Day.

*Steve Short*      *Brian Dollamore*  
Rector              Chair of Finance

**Compline.....**

will be sung by the choir during Lent at **9.15 pm in Church this Wednesday 27th March**. Lasting about 20 minutes, this is a hauntingly beautiful service in the half light of the church at night. Do come along if you haven't experienced it before.      *Simon Collins, Director of Music*

### Sunday Teas:

This year Sunday Teas begins on Easter Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April from 2.30pm to 5pm. We will be serving Teas every Sunday and Bank Holiday from then until the Festival Weekend. This is a big fundraiser for the church over the summer period and we hope to get as much help from the congregation and friends as possible. If you can offer cakes, serve teas or wash up, we would be very grateful if you could sign up on the Teas rota at the back of church. 10% of our takings will be going to support the work of the Padley Centre in Derby. Many thanks from the *Social Committee*

### Lent Lunches:

Lent Lunches are running on **Wednesdays during Lent (last one April 10th)**. There will be the usual menu: homemade soup, bread, cheese and a hot drink all for £3.50 or £3 for those of us over 60!



If you would like to help either by making soup, serving or washing up, please could you contact me on 865053 or via the Parish Office. The money we raise will go to support the Kolkata Cathedral Relief Service that aims to help the poorest of the poor in Kolkata. We have supported this work for many years, some of our congregation have been to visit and seen the work they do. Thank you, *Sheena Wilkins*

### Angels' Delight:

Our Angels celebrated the vernal equinox in colourful fashion this week. Steve told the story of Joseph and one intrepid little girl was arrayed in an amazing technicolour dreamcoat of an ecclesiastical nature. After snacks children made a little Joseph on a stick to take home, helped to make a larger Joseph for the display board and then enjoyed the wonderful spring sunshine to create the little bit of paradise you may have seen if you came in through the South door. Little hands became delightfully composty, Linda's spoons dug multiple holes, and watering-cans were joyfully wielded! Thank you to anyone who contributed plants, containers and compost. This was probably Shirley's last day as a kitchen elf and we are so grateful to her and her companions for all they do behind the scenes. It was good to welcome Karen and Jane to the in-house team. Don't forget, YOU are always welcome whether as a helper or an observer. *Alison Gregory*

### Church Electoral Roll:

This year our Church Electoral Roll has to be completely re-created: 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 left at the back of the Church. Alternatively, 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. Thanks to you all for your co-operation in the compilation of this important document. *Cliff Warner - MPC Electoral Roll Officer*

## **The Choral Road 2019...**

...takes Melbourne Parish Church Choir to the following places:

- **Bank Holiday Mon, 6<sup>th</sup> May: day trip to Bristol**
- **Bank Holiday Mon, 27<sup>th</sup> May: day trip to Bury St Edmunds**
  - **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June: day trip to Hereford**
- **27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> July: Weekend at Carlisle, Cumbria**

Thanks to everyone who supported our trips in 2018.

The choir values greatly the company and support of the Congregation and other friends on these occasions 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!

**Sign-up list for Bristol & Bury St Edmunds is on the noticeboard.**

We value greatly the support of the congregation and other friends on our trips and are looking forward to singing at these Cathedrals, both of which are return visits after invitations received last time.

**The Bristol Coach is £18 per seat and leaves at 8.45am**

**The Bury St Edmunds Coach is £18 per seat and leaves at 8.30am**

**Special price: £32 for both trips if paid by end of April.**

**Carlisle:** we will be finalising the accommodation for our weekend very shortly. If you would be interested in staying with the choir, do ask for details. As on previous weekends, it's always lovely to have the support of familiar faces.

Please get in touch if you want any further information

([simon.e.collins@btinternet.com](mailto:simon.e.collins@btinternet.com) or 01543 258777) *Simon Collins, Director of Music*

## **Spring Unfolds with The Apprehensive Gardener:**

As many of my long suffering friends in the parish know (because I talk about it too often) my new book called *The Apprehensive Gardener* is being published by Pimpernel Press this spring. Melbourne Assembly Rooms has kindly asked me to give an illustrated talk around it on Wednesday 24th April - so I thought I would base it on gardening at this time of year rather than directly on the book. (There will be copies of the book available on the evening.) The event is free but ticketed so that we know numbers. I hope

however, that instead of paying for a ticket, people will make a donation to the Assembly Rooms Brick Appeal at the door. Doors will open at 7pm for 7.30pm and there will be a bar serving drinks and tea and coffee.

(Free) tickets are available from Fortey's, Melbourne Assembly Rooms or The Dower House. Thank you! *Griselda Kerr*

### **The Real Easter Egg:**

The egg that shares the Easter story The Real Easter Egg was launched in 2010, and remains the only chocolate egg available with a copy of the Easter story in the box. It is made of Fairtrade chocolate and supports charitable projects.

Supermarkets turned down the idea of The Real Easter Egg at first. It was left to churches and church schools to place orders to fund The Meaningful Chocolate Company to make The Real Easter Egg.

The success of The Real Easter Egg has meant that the production of Fairtrade chocolate has moved to the UK. Over £275,000 has been raised from sales for charitable causes.

The whole range can be ordered on line at [www.realeasteregg.co.uk](http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk) or you can buy the milk chocolate egg from the Derby Cathedral Bookshop, Tesco, Waitrose, Morrison's and Asda.

**WIN A REAL EASTER EGG** Email [Together@derby.anglican.org](mailto:Together@derby.anglican.org) with your name and address, using the subject "Our Diocese - Egg Competition" before 31 March 2019. Good Luck!

## **This week in connection with Melbourne Church**

<b>Monday:</b>	2pm	Caring Hands in Honner Room
<b>Tuesday:</b>	12noon	Memorial Service for Ruth Smith
	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
	7.30pm	Lent Address with Compline at Stanton
<b>Wednesday:</b>	12noon	Lent Lunches in the Honner Room
	7.45pm	Choir Practice
	<b>9.15pm</b>	<b>Sung Compline</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	7.30pm	Melbourne Male Voice Choir Practice SMH
<b>Saturday:</b>	10.30am	Quarter Peel attempt
	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, Roo Hubbard, David Ingram, Madge Limbert, Betty Park, 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 Harry Stewart, David Taylor and Joan Twells.

### **Next Week at Melbourne: Mothering Sunday**

8am      **Holy Communion**      (Sidespersons: Joe Laban, John Tatam)

10.30am   **All-Age Eucharist and Coffee**

(Sidespersons: Carolyn & Nigel Tasker)

(Coffee: Mary Bolton, Janet Warner,

Margaret Murray-Leslie)

6.30pm   **No Evensong here next Sunday (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)**

### **The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:**

#### **First Reading:** *Isaiah 55.1-9*

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

## **The Gospel Reading:** *Luke 13.1-9*

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them – do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'

## **Additional Collect:**

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Gradual Psalm at 10.30am:** *Psalm 63.1-8 (plainchant, sung by the Choir)*

O God, thou art my God \*  
early will I seek thee.

My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee \*  
in a barren and dry land where no water is.

Thus have I looked for thee in holiness \*  
that I might behold thy power and glory.

For thy loving-kindness is better than the life itself \*  
my lips shall praise thee.

As long as I live will I magnify thee on this manner \*  
and lift up my hands in thy Name.

My soul shall be satisfied, even as it were with marrow and fatness \*  
when my mouth praiseth thee with joyful lips.

Have I not remembered thee in my bed \*  
and thought upon thee when I was waking?

Because thou hast been my helper \*  
therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

**Reminder: next weekend British Summertime begins! Don't forget to put forward your clocks by one hour and join us for the Mothering Sunday All-Age Eucharist.**

