

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



The Bulletin

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Mothering Sunday (Lent 4) - 31st March 2019

8am **Holy Communion**
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10.30am **All-Age Eucharist and Coffee**

(Please see Order of Service)

6.30pm **No Evensong this evening (5th Sunday)**

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 Michael Rogers
10.30am – Revd Steve Short (All-Age)
6.30pm – No Service

Smisby: 4pm – Canon David Edwards (All-Age)

Stanton: 11am – Revd Canon Tony Barnard

Ticknall: 10.30am – Canon David Edwards (All-Age)



Taking responsibility for Church life today:

8am Holy Communion

Sidespersons: Joe Laban, John Tatam

Server: Joy Hill

Reader: Rosemary Jackson

10.30am All-Age Eucharist & Coffee

Acting Wardens: Cliff Warner, Sarah Kington

Sidespersons: Nigel & Carolyn Tasker

Crucifer: Mary Bolton

Server: Kate Landenberger

Reader: Sophie Short

Intercessor: Junior Church

Coffee: Mary Bolton, Janet Warner, Margaret Murray-Leslie

6.30pm No Evensong tonight (5th Sunday)

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 2nd April – Melbourne (Church House) Nick Gravestock on 'The Law, Justice and Mercy – thoughts from a Panel Member.'

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



Sunday 7th April at 6.30pm
A Passiontide Sequence of Music and Readings
All are welcome!

*'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 7th 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 (14th 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



Forthcoming Dates for Junior Church activities:

- Experience Easter on Tuesday 9th April from 11am - 1pm and Saturday 20th April from 10am - 4pm: a free self-guided tour illustrating the week between Palm Sunday and Easter Day

- Pulse Ministries present:

A Primary School Inset Day Event on Friday 12th April from 9.30am - 2.30pm - lots of fun for primary-aged children: **JUNGLE JIVE!** An exciting day of adventure through the jungle with active games, wild music, craft and bible stories. No need to book just bring a packed lunch to Melbourne Parish Church.

- Countdown to Easter

Friday 12th April at 6.30pm in Church

A lively Easter puppet show for all the family presented by Cameron the Camel. Discover five stunning ways to celebrate Easter including a visit to Elmo's Egg Emporium. Just turn up, entry is free but donations are welcome to help the World Wildlife Fund protect endangered species.



Sunday Teas:

This year Sunday Teas begins on Easter Monday, 22nd 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*

Giving envelopes:

This year's giving envelopes are now ready for collection. They will be in use from 7th April. Please do ask the sidesmen on duty if you have not received yours yet.

Mothers' Union:

This month we will be joining the residents of Pool Cottage for their communion service led by our Rector, Steve. This starts at **3pm on the 2nd April** and will be followed by an opportunity to chat with some of the residents. Do come and join us. *Ros Bell*

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*

The Choral Road 2019...

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

- **Bank Holiday Mon, 6th May: day trip to Bristol**
- **Bank Holiday Mon, 27th May: day trip to Bury St Edmunds**
 - **Saturday 22nd June: day trip to Hereford**
- **27th and 28th 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 or 01543 258777) *Simon Collins, Director of Music*

Easter Lilies:

These ancient symbols of resurrection grace our church every year at Eastertide.

The scheme to donate an Easter Lily in memory of a loved one will run as usual this year. The cost will be held at £3 per lily this year. If you would like to donate a lily, please could you give your names and monies to Sheena Wilkins or Margaret Murray-Leslie or a Warden. We also welcome donations to cover the cost of the other flowers that accompany the lilies.

Decorating the church for Easter: The church will be decorated for Easter from **10am on Easter Eve morning, Saturday 20th April**. Gifts of greenery that you can spare from your gardens are always welcome as are volunteers to help with decorating. People to arrange, fetch and carry, tidy up and make reviving cuppas are most welcome. Thank you.

Margaret Murray-Leslie (862921) and Sheena Wilkins (865053)

Our First Men's Breakfast!

Last Saturday 14 of us met in the Senior Citizens' Centre for a veritable feast of food and fellowship. The breakfast provided by our friends at the Blue Bell was superb (I'm still not quite sure how I managed lunch that day) and our talk from the Revd Tony Luke was hugely entertaining and informative. Tony told us about his ministry as chaplain to the Derby Rams Football Club mixing with players, staff, fans and families alike. Interestingly, we learnt, that Christianity and football go way back to the Peasants' Revolt when the then Archbishop of Canterbury was beheaded and his head used as a football!! Tony observed that this was the possible forerunner of Mitre football sponsorship....

Thank you to all who came and watch this space for our next meeting in a few months time. *Steve*

Pam Worthington:

Pam is making a flying visit from 6th to the 11th April and will be in church on Sunday 7th. She hopes to catch up with as many friends as possible at that service. Thank you, *Janet Spencer*

Fancy a Cuppa!: On Tuesday 9th April from 10.30am -12noon at the Senior Citizens' Centre. 'Melbourne Quiz at your Table' with Question Master John Elliott asking the questions. £1 for tea/coffee; £1 for homemade cake.

Advanced Notice:

This year our Garden Fete will be held on Saturday June 8th from 2pm - 4pm in the Rectory Garden. Lots of games, stalls, prizes to be won and the Melbourne School Choirs will be performing. Come and enjoy a cuppa and listen to the music. More details soon....

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Monday:	2pm	Caring Hands in Honner Room
Tuesday:	3pm	Holy Communion at Pool Cottage
	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
	7.30pm	Lent Address with Compline at Melbourne (Honner Room)
Wednesday:	9am -11am	Angels' Delight in Church
	12noon	Lent Lunches in the Honner Room
	1pm	Organ tuning
	7.45pm	Choir Practice
Thursday:	9.15am	Holy Communion
Friday:	12.45pm	Wedding at Smisby
	7.30pm	Melbourne Male Voice Choir Practice SMH
	5pm -7pm	Rehearsal for Puppet Show in Church
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, 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 Alice Honner, Suzette Cooper, Geoffrey Ogden Holt and Alan Lott.

Next Week at Melbourne: Lent 5 (Passiontide begins)

8am	Holy Communion	(Sidespersons: Sue Dore, Joy Hill)
10.30am	Parish Eucharist, Junior Church & Coffee	(Sidespersons: Ros Bell, Ken Gibson) (Coffee: Rachel Short, Annabel Needham, Steph Hughes)
6.30pm	Passiontide Sequence of Music and Readings	(Sidespersons: Paddy & Joe Laban)

The Readings at 8am:

First Reading: *Exodus 2.1-10*

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

The Gospel Reading: *Luke 2.33-35*

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.'

Additional Collect:

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.