

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



The Bulletin

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The Fifth Sunday of Lent - 7th April 2019

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Parish Eucharist, Junior Church and Coffee
followed by APCM in Church

Readings: pages 7/8

Settings: *Willan Kyrie/Harris*

Gradual Psalm: 126 *plainchant* (page 8)

Hymns: Lift high the cross (insert), 439 [95, 94] 92

Anthem: God so loved the world *John Stainer*

Organ Voluntary: Prelude on 'Caswall' *Peter Hurford (1930-2019)*

6.30pm A Passiontide Sequence of seasonal music and readings
(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/Revd Michael Rogers
6.30pm – Revd Steve Short

Smisby: 4pm – Revd Steve Short/Canon David Edwards

Stanton: 11am – Dr Nick Gravestock

Ticknall: 9.15am – Dr Nick Gravestock



Taking responsibility for Church life today:

8am Holy Communion
Sidespersons: Sue Dore, Joy Hill
Server: Dave Dore
Reader: Christine Franks

10.30am Parish Eucharist, Junior Church & Coffee followed by APCM
Acting Wardens: Linda Latchford, Griselda Kerr
Sidespersons: Ros Bell, Ken Gibson
Crucifer: John Tivey
Server: Paul Fletcher-Read
Reader: Victoria Hancock
Intercessor: Linda Latchford
Junior Church: Rachel Coupe, Vicky Emery
Coffee: Rachel Short, Annabel Needham, Steph Hughes

6.30pm A Passiontide Sequence of seasonal music and readings
Acting Warden: Sheena Wilkins
Sidespersons: Joe & Paddy Laban

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



Tonight 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.

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)



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*

Angels' Delight:

26 angels and their carers braved the cold snap and were warmly welcomed to our last session for this term. After 45 minutes play, Steve told the story of David and Goliath. Then, to work up an appetite for snacks, Goliath was bean-bagged by lots of little Davids and he lost his head several times! I think we have a few wicket-keepers and out-fielders in the making. Later, shields and helmets were constructed and life-sized figures of the combatants were created (see the pillars near our display board). Trips to the toilets in St. Michael's House were enhanced by admiring looks at the lovely garden planted by the children a fortnight ago. Thank you to all helpers, including, of course, the bell-ringers and kitchen elves. A special thank-you to Shirley as this was her last stint at the sink before she moves to pastures new. Of course, we hope she will be back to visit us soon and often. God bless you, Shirley. *Alison Gregory*

Lent Lunches:

Lent Lunches are running on **Wednesdays during Lent (last one this Wednesday!)**.

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*



Living Waters House Group meets on Holy Week Tuesday 16th April 10.30am at No. 63 Jubilee Close.

"Journey to the line" : We shall be taking a meditative Holy Week journey with drama/reading accompanied by music from the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards taken from their 2008 Album when they were on Operational Duty in Basra, Iraq. All welcome, but as always will our regulars please let us know whether or not they are coming, if they have not already done so.

Many thanks Revd. Margaret & Allan

Ruth Smith's Funeral: Many thanks to everyone who came to, and all who participated in, Ruth's Memorial Service and the associated ringing. It was all a joyful occasion and a fitting tribute to Ruth and her contribution to life in Melbourne and Stanton by Bridge and to the wider world. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. *Revs. Margaret and Sandra*

Fancy a Cuppa!: 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.

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.

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

And finally Our dear friend Shirley Granelli is imminently going to be leaving Melbourne to live nearer to her family in Belper. We wish her all the very best for the future and thank her for all the hard work she has done for the Church in past years – Librarian, Sacristan, Bulletin folder and the many other jobs she undertook in the background. We wish you God speed Shirley.

This week in connection with Melbourne Church

Monday:	2pm	Caring Hands in Honner Room
Tuesday:	9.30am & 1.40pm	Experience Easter in Church
	6.30pm	Wedding Open Office in Church
	7.25pm	Bellringing Practice
	7.30pm	Lent Address with Compline at Ticknall
Wednesday:	12noon	Lent Lunches in the Honner Room
	7.45pm	Choir Practice
Thursday:	9.15am	Holy Communion
	12noon	Deanery Chapter in Church & H. Room
	6.30pm	12 bell ringing

Friday: 9.30am – 2.30pm Pulse Inset Day Event in Church
6.30pm Countdown to Easter Puppet Show
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, 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 Maureen Birkinshaw, Dorothy Robey and Alan Lott.

Next Week at Melbourne: Palm Sunday

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

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

(Sidespersons: Pam Starkey, Jenny Jackson)

(Coffee: Kate Landenberger, Sheena Wilkins)

6.30pm **Evensong**

(Sidespersons: Ann Hammond)

The Readings at 8am and 10.30am:

First Reading: *Isaiah 43.16-21*

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the

desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

The Gospel Reading: *John 12.1-8*

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

Additional Collect:

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gradual Psalm at 10.30am: *Psalm 126 (plainchant, sung by the Choir)*

When the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion *
then were we like unto them that dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter *
and our tongue with joy.

Then said they among the heathen *
The Lord hath done great things for them.

Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already *
whereof we rejoice.

Turn our captivity, O Lord *
as the rivers in the south.

They that sow in tears *
shall reap in joy.

He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed *
shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

Processional Hymn at 10.30am:

1. *Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adores his sacred name.*

2. Come, brethren follow where our captain trod,
Our King victorious, Christ the Son of God.
Lift high the cross.....

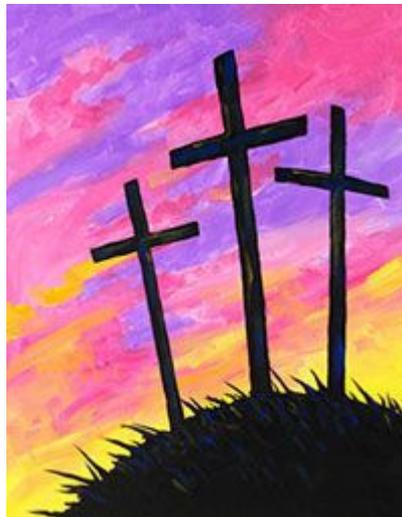
3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious Tree,
As thou hast promised, draw men unto thee.
Lift high the cross.....

4. Let every race and every language tell
Of him who saves our souls from death and hell.
Lift high the cross.....

5. From farthest regions let them homage bring,
And on the cross adore their Saviour King.
Lift high the cross.....

6. Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadows of its healing peace
Lift high the cross.....

7. For thy blest cross which doth for all atone
Creation's praises rise before thy throne.
Lift high the cross.....



Services for Holy Week and Easter

Monday of Holy Week	7.30pm Holy Communion at Smisby
Tuesday of Holy Week	7.30pm Holy Communion at Melbourne
Wednesday of Holy Week	7.30pm Holy Communion at Ticknall
Maundy Thursday	7.30pm at Stanton by Bridge Holy Communion(Eucharist of the Last Supper and Foot Washing) <i>The Triduum begins</i>
Good Friday	Solemn Liturgy of the Cross at Melbourne
Easter Eve	8pm Vigil, Service of Light and First Eucharist of Easter at Melbourne
Easter Day at Melbourne	8am Holy Communion 10.30am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Choral Evensong

