

THE TEAM PARISH OF MELTON MOWBRAY

St Mary, Melton Mowbray * St Mary the Virgin, Thorpe Arnold * St James, Burton Lazars;
St Bartholomew, Welby * St Leonard's, Sysonby * St Mary, Freeby

Welcome to our Church Family

THE WEEKLY NEWS

Candlemas
Presentation of Christ in the Temple
Sunday 29th January 2023



This week: Candlemas
Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Next week: 3rd before Lent
Sunday 5th February

Church of St Mary, Melton Mowbray

10.00am Songs of Praise
Linda Pearson
6.00pm Candlemas Holy Communion
Revd Dr Mary Barr
& Revd Graham Spencer

10.00am Parish Communion
Revd Brian McAvoyn & Dr Ted Hutchin

Church of St Mary the Virgin, Thorpe Arnold

9.45am Iona Service
LPM Carol Parker

9.45am Altogether Communion
Revd Dr Mary Barr

Church of St James, Burton Lazars

11.15am Holy Communion
Revd Dr Mary Barr

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Church of St Bartholomew, Welby

No service

3.00pm Evening Prayer (BCP)
Linda Pearson

Revd Dr Mary Barr
☎ 464293
✉ maryebarr17@gmail.com

Mary is glad to give such help and advice as she can to those who need it, or to arrange for it to be given by someone else. She would like to know of cases of sickness etc.

CONTACT DETAILS

- ❖ **The Parish Website: currently under construction**
Once launched - see the latest news & information on what is happening in the Team Parish
- ❖ **Mary's Place: (Meeting Rooms & Parish Office) at 8 Burton Street, MM. LE13 1AE**
- ❖ **Mary's Place: Centre Manager ~ Linda Abbott ~ please contact to book rooms or equipment**
www.marysplace.org.uk ☎ 01664 503521 or ✉ manager@marysplace.org.uk
- ❖ **The Parish Office, Mary's Place : Parish Administrator ~ Alison Kitching**
☎ 01664 503530 or ✉ admin@meltonparish.org.uk
- ❖ **Reception, Mary's Place : ☎ 01664 503520**
The downstairs Reception Office in Mary's Place is open ~ Monday to Friday, 10am - 12 noon for general enquiries including Weddings, Baptisms and Room Bookings.
- ❖ **To book St Mary's Church for concerts & events: ✉ stmarysmeltonbookings@gmail.com**
- ❖ **Thorpe Arnold Village Hall: To book the hall, please contact Clarissa Kettle**
☎ 01664 566371
- ❖ **Parish Views Items - next issue: March 2023 deadline ~ 10th February 2023**
All magazine items should be emailed to the editors or brought to the Parish Office in Mary's Place between 10am and 12noon weekdays



Items for the Weekly News should reach the Parish Office by 12 noon on Wednesday to ensure inclusion ~ *Many thanks*

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

<i>Please Note: Events will take place in St Mary's Church, Melton unless indicated otherwise</i>		
Sunday : 29 th January		
Monday : 30 th January	8.30am 11.15am	Morning Prayer (via South door) Funeral ~ for the late Paul Cusion
Tuesday : 31 st January	8.30am 10.00am – 2.00pm	Morning Prayer (via South door) Church Open
Wednesday : 1 st February	8.30am 10.00am – 2.00pm	Morning Prayer (via South door) Church Open
Thursday: 2 nd February	10.00am – 12noon 10.00am 11.30am	Church Open Tiny Tots Holy Communion
Friday : 3 rd February	10.00am – 12noon	Church Open
Saturday : 4 th February	10.00am – 2.00pm 10.30am	Church Open Parish Generous Giving [PCC & DCC]
Sunday : 5 th February		

EVENTS



Songs of Praise

'A Few of My Favourite Hymns'
Sunday 29th January at 10.00am
in St. Mary's, Melton Mowbray
ALL VERY WELCOME!

Tuesday Lunchtime Organ Recitals 2023

in St Mary's Church, Melton Mowbray at 1.00pm

Admission Free ~ Refreshments ~ Retiring Collection for Organ Fund

14th February ~ Laurence Caldecote, Organist, All Saints, Northampton

28th February ~ Ian Orr, Organist Emeritus, St Thomas, South Wigston

14th March ~ Thomas Keogh, Director of Music, Holy Cross Priory, Leicester

NEWS AND INFORMATION



CONFIRMATION is the way we can make for ourselves the promises made on our behalf if we were baptised as infants. At the Confirmation service, those being confirmed publicly express their commitment to follow Jesus Christ, and through prayers and the laying on of hands by the Bishop, the Church asks God to give them the power of the Holy Spirit to live the Christian life. It's a wonderful opportunity for anyone (aged from about 10 - 100) to say their own public 'YES' to being a Christian for life! If you haven't already been baptised, then that can happen at the same time as Confirmation.

If you're interested in preparing for this step of faith, please contact the Revd Mary Barr as soon as possible, by email maryebarr17@gmail.com or telephone 01664 464293

WHY FOLLOW JESUS? ~ LENT COURSE FOR EVERYONE

On 5 Wednesday evenings in March (beginning on 1st March), different speakers (including Bishop Martyn and Bishop Saju) will share with us why they personally have chosen to follow Jesus and why they encourage others to do so. Each speaker will include a Bible reading for us to reflect on, and their choice of a hymn which we shall sing during the short service of Compline (Night Prayer) that will conclude the evening.

Our Lent sessions will start at 7.30pm and will be held in St Mary's Church, Melton Mowbray, except for the session on Wednesday 8th March which will take place in St Mary Magdalene Church, Waltham on the Wolds.

All are welcome to come along to any or all of these Lent evenings.

All PCC & DCC Members Please Note:

At 10.30am on Saturday 4th February there will be a presentation by the Diocesan Generous Giving Team in St Mary's, Melton
Refreshments will be available prior to the meeting.
It is important that as many as possible members attend so we can decide on the way forward with regards to our planned giving across the Parish.

**** Please Note ****

The PCC decided that no colour photocopying should be done without approval from Revd Dr Mary Barr.

Advance Notice: Book this date

Tuesday 22nd February ~ Shrove Tuesday

We will be serving pancakes in St Mary's during the morning.

Please see posters for full information.

All profits to St Mary's General Fund.

APPEAL

please can you save **cardboard rolls (kitchen roll middles etc.)** for an eco activity at SM@SM on the 11th February? Rolls can be placed in the box provided at the back of St. Mary's church or given to me.

Many thanks! Jacqui Wilson

Wool And Wellness

A massive thank you to everyone who knitted woolly hats for farmers.

A total of **fifteen** hats now have the Farming Community Network (FCN) emergency help number stitched inside and have been handed over to an FCN worker at Melton Livestock Market. Good work all round from church members around the Parish, and especially Mother' Union members.

For further info contact Helen Bett on 07729106046 or helenmb53@gmail.com

St Mary's Servery

The servery is open for church members to make themselves a drink during the week. Please wash up and put away all crockery and cutlery used.



Mothers' Union

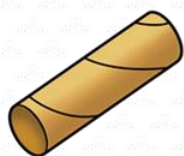
The next meeting will be on **Friday 17th February** when Siggy will visit us and tell us about Storehouse.

'A Message to our MU friends' from Margaret & Bill Smart: 'We'd like to let you know that we are both OK ~ you may not see us around so much now as we are adjusting to being car-less and therefore unable to get out and about as much as previously. God Bless.'

Len Hunter's newly published book

entitled "70 Themed Cryptic Quizzes, Humorous Poems and Intriguing Puzzles" is now on sale for £5.00 in St Mary's Church.

All proceeds will stay within St Mary's.





St Bartholomew's Church Welby 50/50 Monthly Draw Club

Thank you so much to everyone who has supported St Bartholomew's Church at Welby by belonging to the 50/50 club.

If you would like to renew your membership for 2023, please send £12.00 per number to: Adrian Jury, 5 Johnson Close, Melton Mowbray. LE13 1TH for the next draw on the 19th February 2023.

New members are always very welcome

~ for more information please contact: Adrian Jury on Melton 566374 or Michael Richards on Melton 561222.

This month's winners are:

<u>January Prize Winners</u>			
1st Prize	No. 74	R Gildove	£15.25
2nd Prize	No. 08	P Bennett	£9.15
3rd Prize	No. 51	R & L Wilford	£6.10

Become a St Mary's Church Welcomer

Thanks to our enthusiastic Church Welcomers St Mary's Church, Melton Mowbray, is open for prayer and reflection and visitors every day from Tuesday to Saturday. We are currently four hours short of making it 10.00a.m. to 2.00p.m. on each of these days. To enable that to happen we are looking for new volunteers. Could you join the team to help now and again, two hours a month or two hours a week? Your help would be greatly appreciated starting in the new year.

Please speak to Brenda or Tony Rous in church or call 07756 864996 for more information



St Mary's Church, Melton Mowbray is open for prayer and reflection, and visitors on:

Tuesdays: 10.00a.m. ~ 2.00p.m.
 Wednesdays: 10.00a.m. ~ 2.00p.m.
 Thursdays: 10.00a.m. ~ 12 midday
 Fridays: now 10.00a.m. ~ 12 midday
 Saturdays: 10.00a.m. ~ 2.00p.m.

Thanks to our Welcome Team



Everyday Calling

**Saturday 11th February 10.00am – 3.30pm
St Martin's House, Leicester Cathedral**

- How can I live out my faith?
- What could God be saying to me?
- What opportunities are there to serve God?

For more information please contact:

liz.rawlings@leicestercofe.org

To book please contact:

claire.stapleton@leicestercofe.org
(stating any dietary requirements)





**Celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight with a ...
Fairtrade Pancake Breakfast**
on **Saturday 25th February** 9.00am ~ 11.30am
at the Sage Cross Methodist Church (Wesley Hall)

The event is organised by the Melton Borough Fairtrade Steering Group, which promotes Fairtrade within the Melton Borough. Their aim is to highlight Fairtrade products by serving pancakes with a range of toppings, plus bread rolls and tea/coffee/hot chocolate.

There is no charge (donations welcome)

For further information please contact: 07976 244349



TODAY'S READINGS

New Revised Standard Version (Anglicised Edition)

Old Testament: Malachi 3:1-5

¹See, 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. ²But 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; ³he 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. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵Then 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.

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 2:14-end

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:22-40

²²When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

²⁵Now 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. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Guided 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, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,

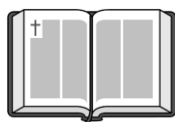
³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.'

³³And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then 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 ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

³⁶There 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, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At 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.

³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.



Readings for 5th February ~ 3rd Sunday before Lent
Isaiah 58:1-9a 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 Matthew 5:13-20

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.

Post Communion

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Alternative Collect

*Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of
Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God.*

FUNERAL

*We extend our love and sympathy
to the family and friends of:*

30th January Paul Cusition [MM]



For Your Prayers

Please remember those whose remembrance falls at this time of year: (29th Jan - 5th Feb) Cecil (Jock) Bradley, Arthur Sopp, Arthur & Eileen Owen, Tony Freeman, Brenda Oliver, Jesse Fendall, Harriet Hendey, Arthur Beattie, Eileen Smart

We pray for all areas of conflict throughout the world, especially in the Ukraine.

We pray for peace the world over

In preparation for the appointment of a new rector, please include in your prayers the small group working on the parish profile.

Please pray for Margaret Pearson



PRAYER CHAIN ~ Prayer requests remain confidential ~ Please ring Gillian Beavis (851386) with any prayer request & a number of people will then pray.