

ALL SAINTS' & HOLY TRINITY MELBOURN & MELDRETH

Advent Sunday
3 December 2017

Today's Services

0800	Meldreth	Said Eucharist	President: The Revd Mary Price
0945	Melbourn	Sung Eucharist	President: The Vicar Preacher: The Vicar HYMNS: 49, 470(t1), 209, 282, 307
1730	Meldreth	Advent Carol Service	Officiant: The Vicar

Notices:

Meldreth Christmas Tree Festival: An enormous thank you to all who have supported the Christmas Tree Festival this weekend – an enormous amount of hard work has gone into every aspect of the Festival.

Advent Carol Service –TONIGHT! Please do come along to our Advent Carol Service, held in Holy Trinity church tonight at 5.30pm. This is always a popular event, and this year, we have the addition of the Messy Church Christmas Tree! There will be hymns and Bible readings to help us pause and reflect upon the season of Advent.

Jimmy's Nightshelter Christmas Collection: There are now boxes in both churches from this Sunday, ready to receive donations of non-perishable food items and other goods, which will be donated to Jimmy's in time for Christmas. Please give generously to this worthy cause, and help those less fortunate than ourselves.

Bible Study: Please note that the Bible Study Group has now taken a pause until the New Year.

Collect (Advent Sunday)

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 64.1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been
given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech
and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been
strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you
wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the
end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is
faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Reading: Mark 13.24-end

‘But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

‘From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’

Dates for your Diary:

Tue to Fri	0830	Morning Prayer	All Saints', Melbourn
Tue to Fri	1715	Evening Prayer	All Saints', Melbourn
Thu 7 Dec	1000	Said Eucharist	All Saints', Melbourn
Fri 8 Dec	1400	Open the Book	Meldreth Manor
Sat 9 Dec	1030-1200	Coffee Stop	ASCH
Tue 12 Dec	1400	Deanery MU	Venue TBC
Thu 14 Dec	1000	Said Eucharist	All Saints', Melbourn
Sat 16 Dec	1030-1200	Coffee Stop	ASCH

Next Sunday's Services:

Sunday 10 December – Second Sunday of Advent

0800	Meldreth	Said Eucharist	President: The Vicar
0945	Melbourn	Sung Eucharist	President: The Vicar
			Preacher: The Revd Mary Price
1530	Melbourn	Christingle	Officiants: Pat Smith and Marion Long

Intercessions for the week:

Sunday 3

Our Rural Dean, The Revd Felicity Couch, and Lay Chair, Lisa Turner; for the Parish of Holme with Conington St Giles, for their Vicar, The Revd Jon Randall, and Curate, The Revd Mark Fuller; for the Diocese of West Buganda (Uganda), and their Bishop, The Rt Revd Henry Katumba-Tamale.

Monday 4

Our Parish Clergy, The Revd Lizzie Shipp, The Revd Mary Price, and The Revd Caroline Brownlie; for the Parish of Yaxley St Peter, for their Vicar, The Revd Jon Randall, and Curate, The Revd Mark Fuller; for The Most REvd Ng Moon Hing, Archbishop of South East Asia and Bishop of West Malaysia, and his Assistant Bishops, The Rt Revd Charles Samuel, and The Rt Revd Jayson Selvaraj.

Tuesday 5

Our LLMs, Marion Long and Pat Smith; for the Diocese of Leeds (England), and their Bishops, The Rt Revd Nicholas Baines, The Rt Revd Helen-Ann Hartley, The Rt Revd Toby Howarth, The Rt Revd Jonathan Gibbs, The Rt Revd Paul Slater, and The Rt Revd Anthony Robinson.

Wednesday 6

Nicholas, Bishop (c.326)

Our ALMs, David Coton and Ruth Hopper; for the Diocese of Western Izon (Bendel, Nigeria), and their Bishop, The Rt Revd Edafe Emamezi.

Thursday 7

Ambrose, Bishop, teacher of the faith (397)

Our Organist, Pauline Penfold, and the Choir; for the Diocese of Western Massachusetts (USA), and their Bishop, The Rt Revd Douglas Fisher.

Friday 8

Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Our Churchwardens; for the Diocese of Western Michigan (USA), and their Bishop, The Rt Revd Whayne Hougland.

Saturday 9

Our Treasurers; for the Diocese of Western Newfoundland (Canada), and their Bishop, The Rt Revd Percy David Coffin.

Prayer Requests:

Marion Farr, Mike Hardiman, Brian, Gwen Cann, Anne Lambert, Mandy.

RIP: Joan Lakin.

Items for next week's News Sheet: Please ensure that any items you wish to be included on next week's News Sheet are with the Vicar by Wednesday 3pm. Pigeon post, phone (01763 220 626), or email (vicar.melbournmeldreth@gmail.com)



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