

ALL SAINTS' & HOLY TRINITY MELBOURN & MELDRETH

Advent Sunday
2 December 2018

Today's Services

0800	Meldreth	Said Eucharist	President: The Revd Mary Price
0945	Melbourn	Sung Eucharist	President: The Revd Caroline Brownlie Preacher: Pat Smith
1730	Meldreth	Advent Carol Service	HYMNS: 209, 98, 358, 102, 307 Officiant: The Vicar

Notices:

Advent Carol Service: Today at 5.30pm, we will hold our annual Advent Carol Service at Holy Trinity, Meldreth, to mark the end of our Christmas Tree Festival. Do come to this very special service, which will include the opportunity to hang a decoration upon the Messy Church Tree.

Banns of Marriage: Today we pray for James Huff and Laura Armitstead, both of Melbourn, to be married at All Saints' on 9 February 2019.

Holy Baptism: Please pray for Arthur Oakman, to be baptised on Tuesday at Holy Trinity.

Jimmy's Christmas Donations: Please note that there are boxes in both churches for donations of non-perishable food, items of warm clothing etc. Any questions about items which are in particular need, please speak with Diane Blundell.

Christingle Service: Next Sunday at 3.30pm at All Saints', we will hold our Christingle Service, in aid of The Children's Society. Please do come and support this very worthy cause.

Tree Decorating: Would you like to help us decorate the Christmas Tree at All Saints'? The tree will be decorated late morning/lunchtime on Saturday 15 December – do come along and string the lights, tussle with tinsel, dangle a bauble, or affix the star. For more info, please speak with Rosemary Gatward.

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 Lesson: Jeremiah 33.14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Second Lesson: I Thessalonians 3.9-end

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Gospel: Luke 21.25-36

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Dates for your Diary:

Tue – Fri	0830	Morning Prayer	All Saints', Melbourn
Tue – Fri	1715	Evening Prayer	All Saints', Melbourn
Sunday 2 December	1100	Christmas Tree Festival	Holy Trinity, Meldreth
Monday 3 December	1945	Bible Study	52 The Moor
Tuesday 4 December	1230	Holy Baptism: Oakman	Holy Trinity, Meldreth
Thursday 6 December	1000	Said Eucharist	All Saints', Melbourn
Saturday 8 December	1030-1200	Coffee Stop	ASCH
Sunday 9 December	1530	Christingle Service	All Saints', Melbourn
Monday 10 December	1945	Bible Study	52 The Moor
Tuesday 11 December	1400	Deanery MU Carol Service	All Saints', Melbourn
Wednesday 12 Dec	2000	MMCT Carol Singing	The Black Horse
Thursday 13 Dec	1000	Said Eucharist	All Saints', Melbourn
Saturday 15 December	1030-1200	Coffee Stop	ASCH

Next Sunday's Services:

Sunday 9 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 Service	Officiant: The Vicar
			Preacher: Pat Smith



#FollowTheStar Have you heard about this year's Church of England national campaign for Advent and Christmas? The main aim is to encourage people to attend their local church service or event to share in the joy of Jesus' birth. More details can be found at www.churchofengland.org/christmas

Intercessions for the week:

Sunday 2

Our Archdeacon, The Ven Dr Alex Hughes; for the Benefice of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Wisbech; for their Parish Priest, The Revd Canon Matthew Bradbury; for LLM Keith Aplin; for The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain, and their Bishop, The Rt Revd Carlos L'pez-Lozano.

Monday 3

Francis Xavier, Missionary, Apostle of the Indies (1552)

Our Rural Dean, The Revd Felicity Couch, and Lay Chair, Lisa Turner; for the Benefice of Terrington St Clement; for their Parish Priest, The Revd Robert Slipper; for the Diocese of Kibungo (Nigeria), and for their Bishops, The Rt Revd Emmanuel Ntazinda Kigeme; and The Rt Revd Augustin Mvunabandi.

Tuesday 4

John of Damascus, Monk, Teacher of the Faith (c749)

Our Parish Clergy, The Revd Lizzie Shipp, The Revd Mary Price, and The Revd Caroline Brownlie; for the Benefice of The Fen Orchards; for their Parish Priest, The Revd Dawn Mason; for the Diocese of Kigezi (Uganda), and for their Bishop, The Rt Revd George Bagamuhunda.

Wednesday 5

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Our LLM, Pat Smith; for the Benefice of Upwell; for their Parish Priest, The Revd Paul Skillings; and LLM Daphne Calvert; for the Diocese of Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh (Ireland), and for their Bishop, The Rt Revd Ferran Glenfield.

Thursday 6

Nicholas, Bishop of Myra (c326)

Our ALMs, David Coton, and Ruth Hopper; for the Benefice of Walpole St Peter with Saint Andrew; for their Parish Priest, The Revd Barbara Burton; for the Diocese of Kimberley and Kuruman (South Africa), and for their Bishop, The Rt Revd Oswald Swartz.

Friday 7

Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith (397)

Our Organist, Pauline Penfold, and the Choir; for the Benefice of Walsoken; for their Parish Priest, The Revd Allan Landall; for LLMs Alex Henderson and Marion Ford; for the Diocese of Kinkzi (Uganda), and for their Bishop, The Rt Revd Dan Zoreka.

Saturday 8

The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Our Churchwardens; for the Benefice of West Walton; and for their Parish Priest, The Revd Barbara Burton; for the Diocese of Kinshasa (Congo), and for their Bishop, The Rt Revd Achille Mutshindu.

Prayer Requests: Redacted.

RIP: Redacted.

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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