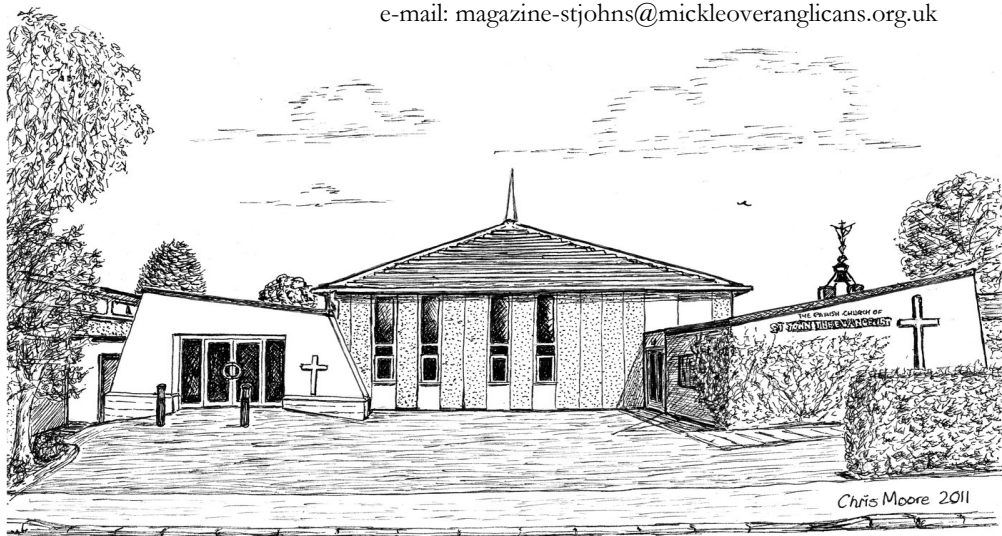


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REGULAR SERVICES

Sundays at St John's - 10.00am

Morning Praise on 1st and 3rd Sundays

Holy Communion on 2nd and 4th Sundays

Morning Service now on YouTube see the website for details

Joint (MA) Service with All Saints - 5th Sunday in a month

A prayer for the start of Lent

Loving God,

we pray for ourselves as we begin this season of Lent.

Remind us to set aside time to study
and reflect on your word

Help us to open our hearts to you
so that you can show us your love.

Amen

Dear Friends,

I fondly remember my Church history training sessions with Bishop Alistair during my ordination training in 2011. I'm an electrical engineer by training so the subject of history is not my forte by any means. In fact, far too many years ago, my school history teacher, while I was studying for O levels, said to me 'Rowlands, if I gave you the questions before the exam, I'm not convinced you would scrape a pass! Well! How's that for motivation? Perhaps he was exceedingly clever though, as for the record, I did scrape a pass without sight of the questions beforehand. I mention this to demonstrate that for me to pick out Bishop Alistair's sessions on history, they must have been good to be so memorable.

Why do I mention this? Well 27th February is a lesser festival in the Church calendar for the poet, Revd George Herbert. Bishop Alistair led a session for us on Herbert and brought out key lessons from his life of service and what they might mean to our own future ministry. It's not in my own experience of churchmanship to celebrate these lesser festivals, but thoughts of Bishop Alistair and George Herbert have provided me with a theme for this month's Clergy letter. George Herbert (3 April 1593 – 1 March 1633) was a poet, orator and priest of the Church of England. Born in Wales, Herbert is considered to be one of the most influential English poets of the 17th century. His works were largely religious poetry, with his most famous being *The Temple*, *The Country Parson* and *Jacula Prudentum*. Herbert had the intention of becoming a priest but, upon graduating from Trinity College, Cambridge in 1609, he became the University's Public Orator and attracted the attention of King James I. He served in Parliament in 1624 and briefly in 1625. Upon the death of the King, Herbert was ordained as a priest and spent his remaining life in Wiltshire. However, following a life of ill-health, he died in 1633 at the age of 39 from consumption, only three years after his ordination.

There are several quotations attributed to Herbert, all of which carry individual weight, but this particular one speaks to me:-

"Do not wait; the time will never be 'just right.' Start where you stand, and work with whatever tools you may have at your command, and better tools will be found as you go along."

It could be applied to all life, religious or not, but I'm thinking of Lent this year which starts on Ash Wednesday 14th February. Lent is often a time of year to study our Bibles, think about our faith and prepare ourselves for celebrating Easter and all that Jesus Christ sacrificed for us for all time. As well as personal soul searching, it is always good to take stock of our practical faith lives too. I mean looking at what God has called us or is calling us to do for him through Jesus to build his Kingdom here on earth. There is always so much to do and this includes tasks both small and large. Maybe you feel you could do something the Lord is calling you to do, inside or outside the Church, but 'the time isn't right', 'you haven't got the right tools', or a host of other excuses that come to us in the moment. Please just read and ponder those words of Herbert again.

Perhaps ask any Priest or Licensed minister whether they ever felt equipped for their ministry. Perhaps ask the church officers whether they felt equipped for the wonderful jobs they do. Perhaps ask any of our other wonderful volunteers, who do so much, whether they felt equipped to do any of the vital tasks they do. Perhaps ask anyone who works in any external charity project whether they felt equipped or ready for what they do. You know, one of the technical words used is formation. It's such a great word to back up those thoughts from George Herbert, as the idea is that God calls you just as you are and forms you into what he requires of you.

Thank you for all that you may do in the name of Jesus however small or large. However, during this Lent just consider if you are being called to something different or to develop what you currently do in some way.

This is not a competition or a quiz! There is no correct answer other than the one you personally agree with God through Jesus. But please take Herbert's words to heart and believe if God is calling you to something it's unlikely there is ever going to be just the right time. Trust that God will be calling you just as you are in all your glorious individual uniqueness and will form you into what he requires you to be. I can confirm it can be scary at first, but it is so rewarding as you do the Lord's great work in his power and name.

God bless. Alun

JACK at John's

With the beginning of a new year we have some exciting news about an extra dimension to our services.

On Sunday 21st January we officially launched our new children's group

JACK; Jesus And Cool Kids at St John's Church.

On the **third Sunday of each month**, during the morning service there will be fun and activities taking place in church for all children and anyone considering themselves to be a cool kid. There will be craft, prayer, bible stories and sometimes the opportunity to be a part of the service.

The emphasis is on making church fun and accessible to all ages. Why not come along and see what it is all about.

The next session is Sunday 18th February at 10am.

Karen Cowgill



ASH WEDNESDAY - 14th February 2024

9.30am - Holy Communion at All Saints

7.30pm - Holy Communion at St John's
with imposition of ashes



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Peter Walley 07725 740407

St John's Confidential Prayer Chain

You do not have to be a church member to use this service

It can be a comfort and a support to know that people are praying for you, a family friend or family member at a time of stress, worry, fear or pain.



To ask for prayer please text or call Helen Walley (Co-ordinator) on 07725 740408 or email helenwalley@btinternet.com

Please note: If requesting prayer for someone other than yourself, permission from that person must be sought.

There is also a book and prayer board at the back of Church for you to add a person's name. Those in the book will be included in our intercessions on a Sunday morning during the service.

CTM Prayer for Mickleover

Thursday 1st February

10-15am - in The Link at St John's



During the winter months, when the weather is not so conducive for walks, we continue to meet and pray together for about an hour in St John's Community Link

Everyone Welcome

If you would like to take part, please contact me beforehand
email ray_lee16@yahoo.co.uk ☎ 01332 239645 (screened by ansaphone)

Christmas Fair ~ Thanks

Many thanks to all who came to this event on 2nd December.

Over £1400 was raised for Church Funds which was amazing on such a cold day. There was a great atmosphere and all who came had a wonderful time.

Our thanks to all who assisted, ran stalls, provided items, served food and refreshments and helped to set up and clear away.

Our thanks also to local businesses who supported our raffle with some wonderful prizes.

Richard and Joy

Mickleover WI

Meets at St John's Church Hall at 7.30pm - 2nd Thursdays

11th January - Dogs for Good

8th February - Potty Plotters

14th March - Amazing Arizona

New members welcome

Tel: Kath - 07910 536 046 for more details

What's Happening in FEBRUARY

St John's is open Monday to Friday 9.30am - 3.30pm

Thurs 1st	10.15am	CTM Prayer for Mickleover in The Link
Sun 4th	10.00am	Morning Praise at St John's
	10.00am	Holy Communion at All Saints
Sun 11th	8.00am	Breakfast Church at All Saints Centre
	10.00am	Holy Communion at St John's
	10.00am	Morning Worship at All Saints
	11.00am	Holy Communion (Traditional) at St Andrew
Wed 14th	7.30pm	ASH WEDNESDAY - Service at St John's
Sun 18th	10.00am	Morning Praise at St John's
	10.00am	Holy Communion at All Saints
	4.00pm	BCP Evening Prayer at St Andrew
Sun 25th	10.00am	Holy Communion at St John's
	10.00am	Morning Worship at All Saints

Looking ahead to March

Sun 3rd	10.00am	Morning Praise at St John's
	10.00am	Holy Communion at All Saints

Note from the Editor.

Our next issue will be for March 2024

The deadline for articles is **Monday 19th February**

A few snippets from the recent PCC

St Andrew's Church at Radbourne are now officially part of our Parish - hooray!

We are still looking for a few people to keep an eye on our bench and trees in Mickleover Meadows - any offers?

Our Church Hall floor was stripped and re-varnished just after Christmas - it's looking splendid!



~~~ The Rest Stop Café ~~~

Fridays 10.00am to 12.00 noon

Outside and in the Link and Church



Do join us for a cup of tea or coffee, friendly conversation,
and of course delicious home-made cakes

EVERYONE WELCOME

If you feel able to help in any way, please contact me - Alun Rowlands

This is followed every Friday by

BRUNCH from 12.15- 2.30pm

Join us as a follow-on from Café or come for lunch

We join with others for a cup of soup & sandwich

Followed by discussion on life and faith and a bit of Bible study

For more information contact Judi - 07531 495 891



Lent at St John's

Brunch, following Rest Stop Café will be dipping into a lent

Course "Prayers of Jesus" from Friday 16th Feb.

Come along and join the discussion it raises.

There's also the following which might be of interest.....



Watch and Pray - Lent Reflections

"Watch and Pray challenges us to seek God in both familiar and unfamiliar places: in darkness and in quiet; in movement and migration; in the healing and transforming work of the Spirit; in the weeping of Holy Week and in the joy of Easter morning." *Archbishops Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell*

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REGULAR ACTIVITIES at MICKLEOVER ANGLICANS

Mon	10.00am	Internet Café - in the Link, St John's
Tues	8.00am	Parish Prayers Together on ZOOM
	10.30am	Stitchers at All Saints Church Centre
Wed	9.30am	Holy Communion at All Saints
	10.00am	All Saints Café at All Saints Centre
	2.00pm	Friendship Group at St John's
Friday	10.00am	Rest Stop Café at St John's
		Followed by Brunch (to 2.30pm)
	5.30pm	Music and Movement at All Saints Centre

Several **Home Groups** meet during the week - speak to one of the Clergy team about where and when. Contact details for Peter, Alun, Paul and Clare are at the back of this magazine.

St John's Church, Devonshire Drive

Craft and Table Top Sale

Saturday 16th March

10.00am ~ 1.00pm

Tables are filling up fast for this popular event with
Crafts, cards and jewellery,
knitted, sewn and crochet items
wood and pebble art and lots more

If you are interested in a table (£12)
check availability by contacting Joy on ☎01332 515293
or emailing events-stjohns@mickleoveranglicans.org.uk

Refreshments available

Come along for a browse

How to be part of this event

Your help to set up, service and clear for the above event would be much appreciated. Here's what we need

Bakers for the refreshments - small cakes and tray bakes ideal *

Friday 15th from 3pm - setting up the Link and Church

Saturday from 9.30am - serving refreshments (drinks and small cakes)
- assisting with the sale of books and jigsaws

Saturday from 1pm - helping to return the areas to normal.

**If you are able to help in any way, please speak to
Richard Finch (493939) or Joy Templer (515293)**

* bring any bakes to Rest Stop Café or 3-5pm on Friday
or after 9.00am on Saturday.

Family Events - December and January

Baptism - 21st January

We welcome into God's family: Freya Elaine Mosley-Mckenzie

R.I.P .

*We give thanks for the life of Antony (Tony) Christian
and remember in our prayers his family and friends*

The Arrow and the Song (1845)

I shot an arrow into the air,
It fell to earth, I knew not where;
For, so swiftly it flew, the sight
Could not follow it in its flight.

I breathed a song into the air,
It fell to earth, I knew not where;
For who has sight so keen and strong,
That it can follow the flight of song?

Long, long afterward, in an oak
I found the arrow, still unbroke;
And the song, from beginning to end,
I found again in the heart of a friend.

By Henry W Longfellow

Whatever!

A boy was waiting for his mother to come out of Morrisons Store. As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked: "Son, can you tell me where the Post Office is?"

The boy replied, " Sure! Just go down straight down this street and turn right."

The man thanked the boy kindly and said " I'm the new minister in town. I'd like you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to heaven"

The boy replied with a chuckle " Aww, come on! You don't even know the way to the Post Office."

Six months in Mickleover.

It hardly seems possible, but I have been with you all in Mickleover for six months now, and whilst I have still not quite yet finished unpacking the last of my boxes, I feel settled and very much at home here. These months have gone by in a little bit of a blur, meeting so many new people and getting used to the rhythm of life in the parish.

Highlights of the past six months have included attending my first Radbourne fete, the quiet day held in early autumn, the Christmas Fair at St. John's and of course the Christmas tree festival at All Saints. Each week has provided me with so many new experiences, and the weekly pattern of services, attending our cafes, and spending time with the stitchers group has helped me start to get to know so many of you. I look forward to getting to know you all even better in the months ahead.

Seeing so many people through the doors of all of our churches this Christmas was incredibly heartwarming, particularly the many people gathered together for the Christmas Eve Carol services, although I have to admit that on Boxing Day, I did find myself still absentmindedly humming carols. Celebrating the birth of Christ with you was truly wonderful. I have also particularly enjoyed having the opportunity to use some of my creative skills with the younger members of our Church family at Breakfast Church – I didn't anticipate a glue-gun being such a key piece of equipment for curacy!

It has been the greatest privilege of my life so far to serve you these past six months, and I look forward to what the next six have in store.

Yours in Christ
Reverend Clare.

Editor's Note

We have just heard that Clare will be ordained priest at Derby Cathedral on Saturday 29th June. - more details nearer the time. We pray for her ongoing ministry with us and her preparations for priesthood.

Looking ahead in 2024

There's a few events already booked into the calendar - please pop them into your diaries, so you know they are happening!

All will need helpers to set up, supervise stalls, provide items, and clear away and we'll remind you nearer the dates!

Craft and Table Top Sale - 16th March - 10am to 1pm

For more details - see advert elsewhere in the magazine

Plant Sale - 18th May - 10am to 1pm

Sale of bedding plants from a local nursery.

Help required on Friday 17th May from 4pm to set up, receive plants and sort orders. Also on Saturday to supervise the sale of plants, serve refreshments and to help clear away at the end of the event.

Craft and Table Top Sale - 19th October - 10am to 1pm

Once again we will be inviting Crafters to join us and we'll need help with setting up (on Friday) and refreshments on the Saturday.

Christmas Fair - Saturday 30th November - 10.00am to 1pm

The usual range of stalls will hopefully be provided at this popular event. However, we do need lots of help for it to happen!

Do tell your friends and neighbours about these events and if you able to help - please speak to Richard Finch or Joy Templer.

Mickleover Singers are hoping to have a few concerts too

The first will be on **Saturday 23rd March**

Also.....If you would like to arrange any other fund-raising or social event in 2024, please speak to Alun Rowlands, Richard Finch or Joy Templer. Joy (who is our Bookings Administrator) can tell you if the date is available. Please do this early as our Hall is a popular venue for parties and other events!

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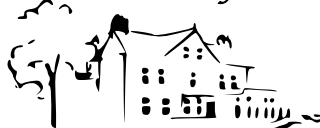
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