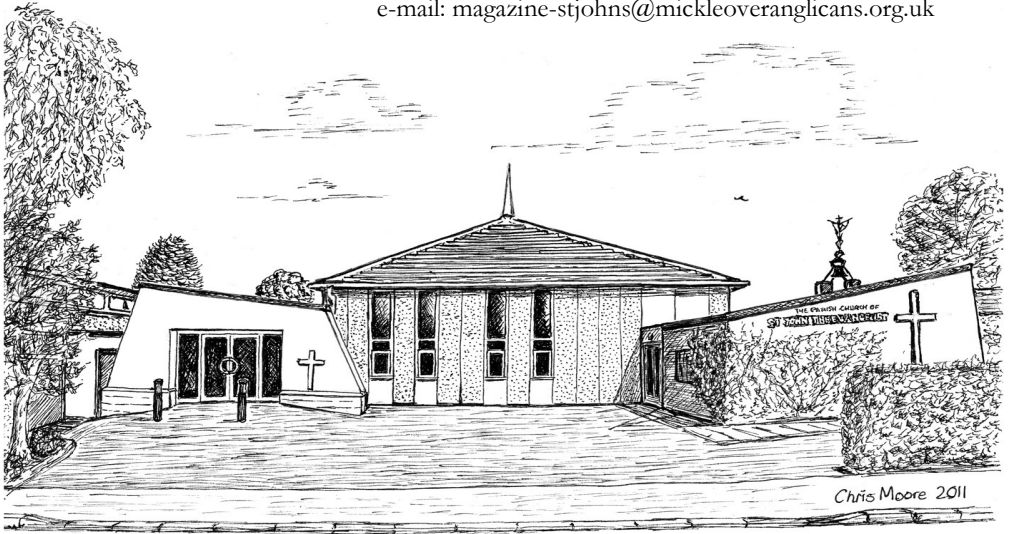


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## Parish Magazine

## April 2024

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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**

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of Easter,  
reminding us of your boundless love and grace.

Change our lives, change our hearts  
to be messengers of Easter joy and hope.

We make our prayer through Jesus Christ,  
our risen Lord forever.

Amen.

## Can we be positive during these challenging times?

This question often troubles Christians, especially when they are struggling with their own challenges and see so much ugliness around the world. Recently I have been 'grounded' at home prior to a visit to hospital and the subsequent recuperation. I haven't found it easy, even my beloved reading has been a struggle! I feel like I have been on a roller coaster of emotions, from being quite depressed about what we see happening in the world and our own country and then being so grateful personally for all the blessings we have. I have had occasions when I've been prompted to reflect upon how I look at things and what I concentrate on each day. So, I felt I should share some of these thoughts with you.

Firstly, I don't know how many of you watch the Channel 4 programme called '**Love it or list it**'? It is where Kirsty Allsop and Phil Spencer help couples decide whether they are going to sell their home and move to a larger or more suitable property, or alternatively do some major alterations to meet their current needs in their existing home.

As I recently watched an episode where a beautiful 'kitchen diner' extension had been constructed, I saw in front of me a beautifully painted quote on one of the walls. It was "***In everything give thanks***" – I initially thought it was a somewhat unusual quote to be on a kitchen wall, but quickly realised how appropriate it really was. It comes from Paul's comment at the end of his first letter to his friends in Thessalonica. (1 Thess 5.18). Even when we do feel surrounded by challenges, some of which seem insurmountable, we must acknowledge that we really do live a privileged life in an area of the world with so many resources to help us, as opposed to so many folk who struggle for the very basics of life. I thought this when I observed some of the amazing resources being used in the Royal Derby Hospital

recently, where those exceptionally dedicated medics helped so many with their health struggles.

On another occasion I was reading one of Paul's letters, my favourite, the one to his Philippian friends, where he said: ***“And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honourable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.” (Phil 4:8.)***

Oh boy! That's so difficult isn't it when we are surrounded by so much negativity, inequality, racism and evil? It seems wherever we look, be it Ukraine, Gaza, Haiti, or our own country we see so much ugliness. But then, without 'burying our heads in the sand' to the reality which exists, Paul is encouraging us to lift our eyes up, and refocus on the positive, true, pure, lovely and admirable things we can see and appreciate. Some may say, "there isn't much evidence of that around me", well, I have been bowled over by so much kindness I've observed recently, simple acts of love and consideration shown to me and others in recent days, which has made my heart glad.

It's true that what we concentrate on has such an influence on our attitudes and outlook. Those who look for good are motivated to get involved with good things and those who concentrate on what's wrong and evil can soon become overwhelmed by negativity.

Paul encourages us to reflect that what we think about really makes a difference. I felt I could really relate to a simple analogy someone shared with me recently, it was a picture of a pathway through the woods; the more we walk along it the clearer and wider it appears, and it becomes easier to walk along. But if we stop using the path it would become overgrown with weeds and brambles and be more difficult to access.

That's what happens with our thought patterns. It appears to me that we have a deliberate choice! The more we think about something repeatedly the more it influences our thought processes. Toxic

negative and critical thoughts can so easily overpower our thinking and make that particular 'pathway' wider and more natural. But actively looking for the positive examples and the good things around us makes *that* alternative pattern of thinking more natural, leaving the negative one to become overgrown and more difficult to find.

With the Holy Spirit's help, replacing negative thoughts with positive ones will gradually mean we'll find ourselves walking a path that is transforming and renewing – not only to our minds but also to our lives and our health!

Finally, just before Paul's above exhortation he says "***Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns***". Phil 4. 6. (The Message)

These thoughts have certainly made me think and challenged me as to what I read, what I watch and how I allow my thoughts to wander or concentrate on, bringing all my concerns before the Lord. I hope it's prompted you to examine how you allow your thoughts to focus too!

Every blessing to you all.

Paul

Rev'd. Paul Pritchard - Associate Priest



**JACK\* at JOHNS - 21st April**  
(\* Jesus And Cool Kids)

If you are aged 2 or more then come along and join us at this Morning Praise Service. We do some craft activities and play games whilst participating in the Service.

**EVERYONE WELCOME**



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To ask for prayer please text or call Helen Walley (Co-ordinator)  
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*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.



## ~~~ The Rest Stop Café ~~~



**Fridays 10.00am to 12.00 noon**

**Outside and in the Link and Church**

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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

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**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



## A few snippets from the recent PCC Meeting

Elaine Pritchard is stepping down as Treasurer for St John's and Barrie Witcomb will be taking over from 1st April (Contact details on the back page).

Our Quinquennial Inspection of the church buildings has been completed. Mostly minor issues to deal with though we are planning to re-roof and improve the drainage from the side room and over the kitchen. Hopefully this will reduce the leaks and mould that have been appearing on the walls of the side room and near the skylights..

Sometime soon we will be welcoming Rebekah Tunnicliffe as a part-time Administrator for St John's. Hopefully she will be working Mondays and Fridays in the Vestry. She will be taking over the Bulletin and Social Media postings along with other key admin tasks.

The annual Report and Accounts are nearly ready to print - watch out for them!

We have fitted new First Aid boxes to the Church Porch and Link (near the fire extinguishers) so they are handy to access.

A copy of the minutes from this meeting are in the unit at the back of Church

# What's Happening in APRIL

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

Thurs 4th	10.15am	CTM Prayer Walk - starting on Ladybank Rd (opposite the entrance to Mickelover Manor)
<b>Sun 7th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Morning Praise at St John's</b>
	10.00am	Holy Communion at All Saints
<b>Sun 14th</b>	8.00am	Breakfast Church at All Saints Centre
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion at St John's</b>
	10.00am	Morning Worship at All Saints
	11.00am	Holy Communion (Traditional) at St Andrew
<b>Sun 21st</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Morning Praise at St John's</b> <i>with Jack at Johns</i>
	10.00am	Holy Communion at All Saints
<b>Sun 28th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion at St John's</b>
	10.00am	Morning Worship at All Saints
	4.00pm	BCP Evening Prayer at St Andrew

## Looking ahead to May

Thurs 2nd	7.00am	Local elections Polling Stations
<b>Sun 5th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Morning Praise at St John's</b>
	10.00am	Holy Communion at All Saints

### Note from the Editor.

Our next issue will be for May 2024

**The deadline** for articles is **Monday 15th April**

## Craft and Table Top Sale ~ Thanks

Many thanks to all who helped and supported this event.

We are delighted to report that £541.00 was raised.

Richard and Joy





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**Saturday 20th April**

**St John's Church**

**7.00pm**



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**Sat 20th April**

**7.30pm at All Saints Church, Mickleover**

£10 on the door including light refreshments.

Raising funds for Derby Food 4Thought



## **CTM Prayer Walk**

**Thursday 4th April 10-15am**



Starting at Ladybank Rd  
(Opposite the entrance to Mickleover Manor)

Hopefully the weather will have improved enough for us to resume our walks. This month we will be exploring and praying for the New House Farm estate - there's path to it opposite the entrance to Mickleover Manor (Off Ladybank Road - All Saints end)

We will walk for around an hour, praying for God's blessing on all who live and work here and listening to God's holy spirit..

## **Everyone Welcome**

If you would like to take part, please contact me beforehand  
email [ray\\_lee16@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ray_lee16@yahoo.co.uk) ☎ 01332 239645 (screened by ansaphone)

## **Mickleover WI**

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

***11th April - Life of a Paris Showgirl***

**New members welcome**

**Tel: Kath - 07910 536 046 for more details**

## Revising the Electoral Roll at St John's.

If you have changed address in the last year or have been part of the worshipping community at St John's for 6 months (or more), then please fill in an Electoral Roll Form and return it in a sealed envelope addressed to the Electoral Roll Officer (Andrew Templer), or hand it directly to one of the Church Wardens (Ray or Richard).

The deadline for return of these forms is **14th April**

The Electoral Roll is a list of people who support the Church, both by attendance and financially. Being on the Electoral Roll allows you to vote at the up-coming Annual Church and Parish Meetings (this year on 19th May) when we elect officers and other representatives of our Church as well as sharing the Annual Report and Accounts for the previous year.

Please note: all forms of this nature are stored securely by the Electoral Roll Officer and the information is only shared within the Church Management Group (Ministry Team and Co-ordinators) .

### **Annual Parish & Church Meetings (APCM) 19th May - 11.30am.**

We will be electing a new Churchwarden (Richard is stepping down after 3 years in this role) and we need at least 4 new members for the PCC. Please consider prayerfully whether **you could** serve St John's as a PCC.member - it's good to have a variety of opinions on the topics we discuss. (The usual term is 3 years - but some vacancies are for less time)

The PCC meets every two months for a couple of hours in the evening - usually 3rd Wed of the relevant month.



The mother of three notoriously unruly teenagers was asked whether or not she would have children if she had to do it over again .

“Yes,” she replied. “But not the same ones.”

## *Family Events - March*

*R.I.P .*

*We give thanks for the life of:*

*Fred Hughes*

*and remember in our prayers his family and friends*

## ***What will we do in heaven?***

*“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth “Rev 21.1 (NIV)*

Perhaps the reason many of us are not as excited about heaven as we should be is because of what we have been told; that we will stand around playing harps, singing songs, and worshipping God forever. Think about it. When the singing and prayers in the average Sunday-morning service last longer than fifteen minutes, many get bored. So, when we hear we will be doing this non-stop, twenty-four hours a day, forever in heaven, you understand why we can't comprehend it or celebrate it. But there is more than one way of worshipping God. Astronomers approximate the existence of hundreds of billions of galaxies, more than ten galaxies for each person alive today! So, you won't run out of things to do in heaven, and it certainly won't be boring. It has taken thousands of years for billions of humans to explore a single tiny planet, and we have barely scratched the surface. Exploring the marvels of the new heavens and the new earth will keep us intrigued forever. And our love for God will grow infinitely bigger as a result. So, we will never cease to worship Him. Jesus told the woman at the well that God is looking for those who 'worship...in the Spirit and in truth' (John 4:23 NIV). If you worship out of ignorance, worship is empty. God doesn't just want you to worship Him; He wants you to know who you are worshipping and why you are worshipping Him. Worship is twofold: 'in the Spirit and in truth'. So, learning the truth about God will keep you busy, excited, satisfied, and fulfilled for all eternity.

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### HELP NEEDED

**Friday 17th May from 4.00pm** to set up the tables, unload the plants and sort any orders.

**On Saturday 18th** to supervise the plant sales and to serve refreshments. **NO CAKES REQUIRED**

**To volunteer, contact Richard Finch (493939) or Joy Templer (515293)**

# More Events in 2024

Save the dates and look out for the details

## *Run by St John's*

### **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!

*If you are able to help with any of the above - please speak to Richard Finch (493939) or Joy Templer (515293).*

## *Also at St John's*

**Derby Choral Union** are planning a "Come and Sing" workshop for a whole day in June

**Mickleover Singers** next concert is on 6th July

The **Embroiderer's Guild** hope to offer an Exhibition in July

## *In the area and at All Saints*

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June - New Opera Derby - 7.30pm at All Saints Church.**

'Travels and Trysts' - a concert supporting Derby Food 4 Thought. Tickets £10, refreshments included.

Book in advance on 01332 557096/882637 or buy tickets at the door.

**13th July (afternoon) - Open Garden in Radbourne** in aid of Friends of Kenya's Children

## Final Thoughts

The nails didn't keep Jesus on the cross - His love for you did.

If your day is hemmed with prayer, it is less likely to unravel.

# WHO'S WHO in ST. JOHN'S

## **CLERGY**

### Vicar

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The Vicarage, Etwall Road , Mickleover  
*Clergyteam@mickleoveranglicans.org.uk*

**Tel: 513793**

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### Assistant Curate

**Rev Clare Owen**

Tel: 479 875

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**Rev'd Alun Rowlands**  
**Rev'd Paul Pritchard**

Tel: 517964

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### Retired Priest

Rev'd Ingrid Munroe

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**Mrs Dawn Perry**  
**Mrs Judi Witcomb**

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**Mr Ray Lee**  
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### Parochial Church Council (PCC) \* These are also members of Deanery Synod

Ray Lee*	Michael Vick	Karen Cowgill	Joy Templer
Judi Witcomb*	Brian Seager	Kim Cooper	Elaine Pritchard

*3 Vacancies - if interested. please talk to clergy/wardens*

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Mr Richard Finch

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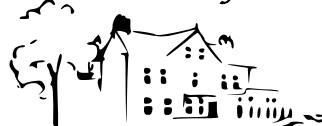
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