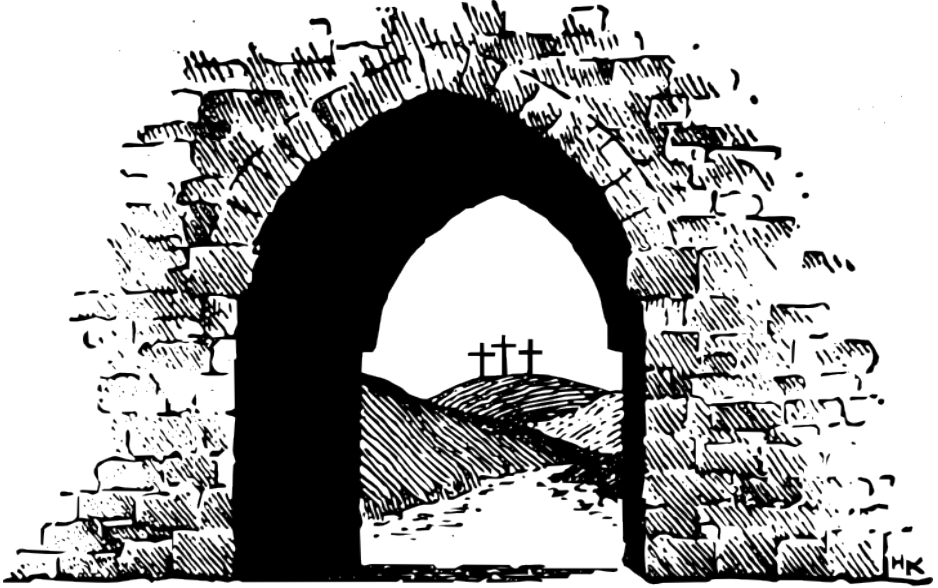


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For up to date information about events

Website: www.mickleoveranglicans.org.uk
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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 Lent

Lord Jesus, during Lent help me to seek
spiritual renewal and a deeper connection with you.

Fill me with your Holy Spirit, cleanse my heart,
and draw me closer to your love and grace.

Help me to turn away from worldly distractions
and focus on your presence and purpose.

Amen.

Easter Bonnets, Hot Cross Buns, chocolate bunnies, dyed eggs, fireworks, bonfires, eating, or even kite flying; these are some of the answers that you might be given if you ask people around the world about their Easter traditions. Such traditions are important, and there is nothing wrong with them, but If these are our only focus during Holy Week, we will be spiritually much the poorer. If asked about Easter, many people unfamiliar with the life of the church would struggle to provide answers such as 'blessing of palms', 'stripping of the altar', 'washing of the feet', 'altar of repose', 'Easter vigil', 'paschal candle', 'walk of witness', 'sunrise service', 'Easter creche', or the 'Easter fire'. Depending upon church tradition, many Christians would not provide some of these answers either. If asked what the most important Christian festival is, I am quite sure that most people would not answer Easter. If we look at it from a secular perspective, the birth of Christ is far easier to focus upon than his arrest, torture, and death. The Romans chose to use crucifixion precisely because it is such an horrific way to die, so we Christians should not be surprised if most of society choses to cast their gaze upon a 'fluffy bunny' and 'chocolate egg' version of Easter, rather than the pain of Calvary.

In 2022 I was invited to spend Holy Week at Canterbury Cathedral. This was a life-changing experience for me in so many ways and, unfortunately, I do not have space to go into great detail about it here (I would be delighted to bore any of you with countless photographs of our experience if you are interested). What made it so very special was the opportunity to completely immerse myself in the events of Holy Week in a way that life usually doesn't permit. Even if I had not been able to participate in all the services, certain points would have been profound experiences on their own. One in particular was the foot washing service of Maundy Thursday. I must confess that when asked to participate, I was filled with absolute horror, and the thought of having my feet washed in front of hundreds of people made me feel more than a little queasy. However, I managed to push my nerves to one side, as I did not wish to look back and think 'what if'. The experience was one I still find difficult to put into words, but what I can say is that it ended up being one of the most spiritually profound moments of my life, and I will be forever grateful to my friends who encouraged me to take part. The Easter vigil, held in the crypt of the Cathedral, was also something I will never forget, and an experience I think about when

I need to feel closer to God. I will probably never get to spend a Holy Week quite like that again, but I am certain that if many people were able to participate in only some of the Holy Week services, they too would find themselves looking at Easter in a different way.

When the time comes, I will enjoy my Easter eggs and hot cross buns as much as anyone else, and I am greatly looking forward to experiencing my first 'Mickleover Anglicans' Holy Week. If there are Services in Holy week which you have not yet experienced, I would like to encourage you attend, to see how they might deepen your faith, and if you know somebody who has **only** ever experienced a 'fluffy bunny' and chocolate focused Easter, perhaps you might like to extend an invitation to them, so that they might be given an opportunity to experience a deeper and more profound Easter themselves.

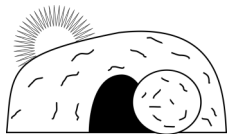
Wishing you all a very Happy Easter when the time comes.

Reverend Clare

Rev'd. Clare Owen - Curate

Holy Week and Easter at St John's

Sun 24th	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	10.00am	
			Holy Communion
Thurs 28th	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	7.30pm	
			Maundy Service -Stripping the Altar
Fri 29th	<i>Good Friday</i>	10.00am	Reflection in the Church
			Activities in the Hall
		11.15am	Walk of Witness
			from our Lady of Lourdes to All Saints
Sun 31st	<i>Easter Day</i>		<i>and British Summer Time starts!</i>
		6.00am	Sunrise Service followed
			by Breakfast in the Hall
		10.00am	Easter Communion



JACK at John's



JACK at John's met for the second time in February and enjoyed a service full of signs and symbols. The five children aged from 2 to 14 had a fabulous time creating a large rainbow that they placed in front of the altar.

We meet in the Morning Praise service on the third Sunday of each month. All children are welcome to come along and enjoy craft activities, games and participate in the service.

PADLEY @YMCA Derbyshire

URGENT APPEAL

We are running out of food!



Demand for our emergency food parcels
and hot meals is increasing.

We need donations of:

Tinned soup, tinned meat, tinned fruit

Custard, cereal, UHT milk

Shampoo, deodorant, razors

These can be left in the purple box at the back of St John's Church or given direct to our Charity Shop on East Street.

Donations of money to purchase items are also welcome.

Please see the leaflets in the Link for details



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Contacts for more information
All Saints office 01332 510446,
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.

Revising the Electoral Roll at St John's.

Starting at the end of March and running to 14th April, St John's will be reviewing and updating its Electoral Roll.

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.

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).

If you have not already done so, there is also a GDPR form to complete which confirms how you wish the Church to communicate with you.

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.

Electoral Roll and GDPR Forms will be available in the Link from 14th March until 14th April.

Looking forward to the Annual Meetings in May.

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 who could serve St John's in this way and whether you could join the PCC. (Usual term is 3 years - but some vacancies are for less) The PCC meets every two months for a couple of hours in the evening - usually 3rd Wed of the relevant month.

St John's Church, Devonshire Drive

Craft and Table Top Sale

Saturday 16th March

10.00am ~ 1.00pm

20 tables with a selection of crafts including:

Crafts, cards and jewellery,
knitted, sewn and crochet items
wood and pebble art and lots more

Refreshments available

Come along for a browse

Helping at the Fair

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.

Do come and visit - it's a great morning

CTM Prayer for Mickleover

Thursday 7th March

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

Advance Notice: We hope to get back to a Prayer WALK in April - details in next month's magazine

Everyone Welcome

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



ECO News

With Spring approaching, it would be good to review our stand of trees near our bench n Mickleover

Meadows. Is there anyone willing to take a stroll and assess when we next need a working party to keep the area tidy? Do let the wardens know and we can put an appeal in the Bulletin.

Mickleover Singers Easter Concert

Saturday 23rd March at 7.30pm

in St John's Church

"Viva la Musica"

A Celebration of Music from Around the World"

**Entry £8 on the door
includes light refreshments**

Do join us for an entertaining evening



What's Happening in MARCH

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

Sun 3rd	10.00am	Morning Praise at St John's
	10.00am	Holy Communion at All Saints
Thurs 7th	10.15am	CTM Prayer for Mickleover in The Link
Sun 10th	<i>Mothering Sunday</i>	
	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
Sat 16th	10.00am	Craft and Table Top Sale - ends 1pm
Sun 17th	10.00am	Morning Praise at St John's
	10.00am	Holy Communion at All Saints
Sun 24th	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	
	10.00am	Holy Communion at St John's
	10.00am	Morning Worship at All Saints
Thurs 28th	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Service with Stripping of the Altar
Fri 29th	10.00am	Good Friday Reflection in the Church Activities in the Hall
	11.15am	Walk of Witness starting at our Lady of Lourdes and ending at All Saints
Sun 31st	<i>Easter Day and British Summer Time starts!</i>	
	6.00am	Sunrise Service followed by Breakfast
	10.00am	Holy Communion for Easter
	10.00am	Holy Communion for Easter at All Saints
	11.00am	Holy Communion for Easter - St Andrews

Looking ahead to April

Sun 7th	10.00am	Morning Praise at St John's
	10.00am	Holy Communion at All Saints



~~~ 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 are exploring
a Lent Course **"Prayers of Jesus"** (1pm -2.30pm on Friday)

Come along and join the discussion it raises.

Other Lent Courses within Micklegate Anglicans

At All Saints on **Wednesdays after the HC service** –
we will be watching a series of 5 videos entitled
Prayer Course 2 – **Unanswered prayer** (from 24/7 Lectio)

Lent Group at the Vicarage - Wednesdays at 7.30pm

Using the book **"Tarry Awhile"** by Seline Stone

Please contact Helen Walley 07725 740408

if you would like to attend



INTERNET CAFÉ

**Monday 10am - 12noon
In the Link**

**Help and advice for computers, laptops,
smart phones and tablets etc.**

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Do you want to organise your digital photos?
Do you keep getting strange messages?
Do you want help to set up a computer or tablet?
Are you struggling with software?

*Our helpers don't guarantee to have all the answers,
but may know where to start looking.*

Tea, coffee and biscuits are served mid morning

Bring along your own laptop or tablet - or borrow one from us.

Our friendly team is happy to help

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.

A Letter from a Social Engineer

“Social Engineering” is the official term used to describe the work of the increasingly sophisticated thieves that use tools like the phone, mail and email to trick you into giving away personal details that they can then use to persuade you or your friends to part with money. The “letter” below tells you a bit about them and their methods!

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Greetings!

I am a Social Engineer; some people prefer to call me a hacker, or a scammer – which I don’t mind at all because if they feel as though they occupy the moral high ground it makes it easier for me to do my job!

My colleagues and I work together for a company that accepts donations from you, the public. It’s a pretty good job – well paid, a nice office, and there are nice fat bonuses available if we meet or exceed our targets.

Our company makes lists of potential customers using information such as online directories, together sometimes with contact information supplied by previous customers and other similar sources. Each day we’re given our list of targets whom we usually contact by email or by phone.

We’re trained to encourage customers to donate using various techniques, such as:

- ◆ Offering a special time-limited opportunity at a bargain price.
- ◆ Advising them that a service that they use has been updated and they need to re-register.
- ◆ Warning them that their financial services provider has been compromised.
- ◆ Acting on behalf of a government agency in the collection of taxes.
- ◆ Delivering messages from friends that are in need of help.
- ◆ Setting up payment pathways to enable them to access pensions and benefits.

We work hard to keep up-to-date as methods that worked in the past become less and less effective over time due to increased awareness and publicity. Not *that* long ago I could phone a potential customer with the news that their bank account wasn't safe and swiftly persuade them to move the contents into a new account that I'd already prepared for them – but that hardly ever works now; folk have got wise to it. (One of my all-time favourites was acting as a law-enforcement officer asking for help in convicting a fraudster at their bank – it pushed so many buttons, cooperation with authority, 'doing your bit' socially, being 'in' on a secret, looking forward to telling your friends afterwards ... while it lasted it made a packet but today, for us, it's just another scheme that's past its sell-by date.)

A couple of my current favourite 'small' ventures – the ones which are quick and easy – are guarantees and holiday deposits. Guarantees work best by phone – I call someone and offer them a breakdown guarantee on (say) their washing-machine. They pay me their premium for a year's cover and that's it. Of course, as most of the washing machines never break down, they will most likely never know that their donation actually went to my company. Holiday deposits work best by email or by websites (we have a whole department dedicated to building attractive websites) and, again, the great thing is that, while the donor *will* eventually realise that their donation *didn't* go towards their holiday, by the time they realise that, the transaction will have happened a long time ago with little chance of it ever being reversed.

We do still manage to obtain access to lots of personal accounts – even people that are careful about their financial accounts can be less careful with, say, their shopping account password forgetting that they have 'saved' their payment cards in there – giving us a good idea of which banks they use as well as, of course, details such as their home address (and even, quite often, things like birthdays – always a popular component of passwords).

Of course, it's always a great moment when someone allows us to access their device remotely. So many services operate (for the customer's convenience) on the basis of a 'trusted device' with relaxed security

when accessing an account via that device. It can take a while for the team to convince someone to load a remote-access app onto their laptop, tablet or phone but, once we have, their world becomes our oyster!

Aaah, happy days!

Well, it's probably time for me to close – my lunch-hour is nearly over and I need to get back to work. I look forward to calling you again soon – or maybe sending you an email. In the meantime, don't forget to look out for our websites – we have loads of unbelievable offers for you!

All the best,

Your very friendly, reassuring, authoritative, neighbourhood Social Engineer.

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I hope that you found that entertaining – the most important message that I wish to get across is that these people are mostly *professionals* and, even though the money that they steal often undoubtedly finances such things as terrorism, they are unlikely to feel any personal malice towards you – you are, to them, simply another fish in the sea.

Please plan ahead – agree with a friend or relative in advance that you can contact them if you get any communication that you're not 100% sure about. Internet Café as well is there to help and reassure you – open most Mondays 10-12 and by email via internetcafe-stjohns@mickleoveranglicans.org.uk

Paul and the team

Mickleover WI

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

14th March - Amazing Arizona

11th April - Life of a Paris Showgirl

New members welcome

Tel: Kath - 07910 536 046 for more details

Family Events
January and February 2024
R.I.P .

*We give thanks for the lives of :
Helen Innes Andrew and Janet Tomson
and remember in our prayers their family and friends*

An Easter Poem

God, give us eyes to see
the beauty of the Spring,
And to behold Your majesty
in every living thing.

And may we see in lacy leaves
and every budding flower
The Hand that rules the universe
with gentleness and power.

And may this Easter grandeur
that Spring lavishly imparts
Awaken faded flowers of faith
Lying dormant in our hearts.

And give us ears to hear, dear God
the Springtime song of birds
With messages more meaningful
than man's often empty words.

Telling harried human beings
who are lost in dark despair
'Be like us and do not worry
for God has you in his care.'

by Helen Steiner Rice

Editor's note: This was popped through my door by one of our readers

Derventio Choir in Concert



Music by composer John Rutter
with a selection of well known folk melodies from
“The Sprig of Thyme” arranged by John Rutter

Sat 20th April

7.30pm at All Saints Church, Mickleover

£10 on the door including light refreshments.

Raising funds for Derby Food 4Thought

Are you over 60? Do you spend time sitting?

Do you spend time sitting whilst doing activities like socialising with friends and family, watching TV, using a computer or tablet, reading, doing puzzles or hobbies like knitting or making models?

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- Able to walk (with or without aids)
- Spend several hours sitting, reclining or lying down each day
- Not in paid or voluntary employment
- Own a mobile phone (and preferably have access to the internet)
- Have up to date Covid 19 status

If you are interested and want to find out more - contact the researcher:

vxh47@student.bham.ac.uk

Events Coming up in 2024

Helpers at these events are very welcome

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 are able to help - please speak to Richard Finch or Joy Templer.

If you would like to arrange an additional event - have a chat with Alun Rowlands, Richard Finch or Joy Templer.

Joy looks after the Bookings at St John's so can let you know which dates are available.

Note from the Editor.

Our next issue will be for April 2024

The deadline for articles is **Monday 18th March**

A Final Thought.

"By being yourself, you put something wonderful in the world that was not there before."

Edwin Elliot

WHO'S WHO in ST. JOHN'S

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Clergyteam@mickleoveranglicans.org.uk

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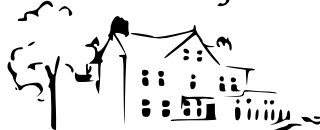
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