

Welcome to our Churches

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Sunday 21st July 2024

Services In Our Churches This Sunday:

- Holy Communion at All Saints, 10am. Ian Godlington will be speaking.
- Morning Praise with JACK at Johns at St Johns, 10am. Judi Witcomb will be speaking.
Live Link: <https://youtube.com/live/zZdHNOYdHjA>
- Baptism of Millie at All Saints, 2.30pm. Welcome to Millie and her family.

Midweek Services at All Saints

- Tuesday: Prayers at 8am
- Wednesdays: Holy Communion at 9.30am

Collect

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sunday's Readings

Ephesians 2: 11-end,
Mark 6: 30-34, 53-end

Next Sunday's Readings

Ephesians 3: 14-end, John 6: 1-21

All Saints Café - Join us for friendly chat, coffee, tea, cake and biscuits every Wednesday in the Centre 10am-12noon. Everyone welcome!

St John's Rest Stop Café - Friday mornings 10am-1pmin the Link. Do join us for Tea/Coffee, friendly conversation, and delicious home-made cakes.

Congratulations – to Adam Lochrie and Kristyna Clarke who are getting married at All Saints on Saturday 20th July at 3pm.

The compassion of Jesus. *Ephesians 2: 11-end & Mark 6: 30-34, 53 end*

During His early ministry Jesus experienced joys and struggles as He encountered people's lives. He had also seen their lives change as they encountered God's goodness through His teaching, healing and miracles.

He had also been rejected in His home village and saddened by the arrest and murder of John the Baptist by King Herod.

All this happened just after Jesus had sent out His disciples in pairs on their first missionary journey. Mark tells us that they were eager to report back to Jesus how they had fared spreading the good news of the kingdom of God. Unfortunately there were so many people coming and going that they couldn't even find time to eat, so they headed off in a boat so that they could try and find a little time to be alone together.

People worked out where they were going to be so they followed on foot and arrived ahead of Jesus and His disciples. When Jesus and the disciples arrived the place was heaving with people waiting to see Jesus.

He didn't try and run to find some precious time to be alone with His disciples, he didn't get angry, Mark tells us that when He saw the crowds, 'He had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So He started to teach them.

The word compassion here doesn't really do justice to the reaction of Jesus when He saw the crowds. I believe that when Jesus saw the crowds, something moved deep inside him that made Him want to help them.

Our world has changed beyond measure in the last 2000 years, but I'm sorry to say that the human condition is just about the same. People are searching for something in their lives. I know that many of us have problems and challenges that can make living out our lives difficult, illness, relationship breakdown, financial problems. Our struggles might be about who we are, or where we belong in the world. Life can be a struggle; we tell ourselves and others that we are fine if we try a little harder. If only we could find our way through the mess, we find ourselves in, we should be okay.

This sounds like we are in need, like sheep without a shepherd to me. I wonder if Jesus still looks at us and sees us wandering around like lost sheep. And if He still turns to us with compassion, I believe that He does.

When people are moved with compassion they might make a financial donation to a worthy charity, support someone with a meal, or do something practical to help.

Jesus didn't do any of these, he was so moved with compassion that He began to teach them. I would love to know what exactly Jesus said to the crowd on that day. Maybe He said something about the Kingdom of God that comes to us in the most unexpected ways. For Jesus said that the first will be last and the last first, how do you process that.

Maybe He taught them to take a step backwards and stop trying to work things out for themselves, they should turn to Him and trust in Him. For he is the one who has everything we need for life in this world and the next.

Jesus still wants to teach us this new way of life that He preached about to the crowds all those years ago. We must trust the teachings of Jesus to the point that they can really make a difference to our lives and the lives of those who we love and those we meet in our everyday lives.

Everything these days seems to be undertaken at 100 miles an hour. People want things done now; it's a good job Amazon can deliver next day. People need to take stock, we have to take some time for ourselves, time to re-focus, I really think that we all need to slow down.

Just think for a moment, what if we were able to see each other as Jesus see us, as sheep without a shepherd, I wonder what we would see.

Whatever is happening in our lives, this story tells us that Jesus looks at each of us with a deep compassion and He can teach us a better way of life, just look at the gospels and all the characters in the Acts of the apostles whose lives were changed by following the teachings of Jesus and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

We need to stop occasionally and recognise that often despite our best efforts we are still a little lost, and then listen with fresh ears to the teachings of Jesus in our bibles. Then maybe our lives will conform more and more to the way Jesus intended us to be.

Every blessing. Rev Ian.

Notices

Rest Stop Café – Thank you to everyone who came, helped and supported the Rest Stop Café on 5th July when fundraising for Alzheimer's, £160.60 was raised.

The Bible Comes Alive - at 12 Murray Road on Monday, 22 July, at 10am. John 20, 1-18 – Mary Magdalene. All welcome.

Derby Embroidery & Textile Group - are holding an exhibition titled 'Sharing the Joy of Stitch' in St. John's from Saturday 27th July to 3rd August 10 - 4 each day. Refreshments available. Please just drop in and enjoy.

Churches Together in Mickleover (CTM) Prayer Walk – Thursday 1st August at 10.15am. We will meet at the Great Northern car park, then walk for about an hour praying for God's Blessing on our community, the local businesses, schools etc. Listening for anything the Holy Spirit might want to reveal to us. If you plan to come, please contact me, so that I know to expect you. Thank you. Ray Lee

All Saints Churchyard Tidy Day - 'Ian's Gardening Gang' will be convening again on Sat 3rd August to see if we can win the battle against the weeds and grass etc. We shall meet at 9.20am to divide the churchyard into manageable lots/teams and start work at 9.30am. Lunch will be provided (if you have any dietary requirements, please let Janice know by end of July). Drinks will also be provided throughout the day. We aim to finish the day 3.30-4.00pm, we may 'finish off' areas on Sunday afternoon if necessary or the following Tuesday morning. You don't have to do the whole day! jobs will be allocated to fit individual ability; we shall be very grateful for whatever time/expertise/enthusiasm you can offer. So, find your favourite 'implements' and bring them along with you and come and join us. (Make sure you put some sort of mark on them, so you know they are yours!) Please sign the list at the back of church or let Rebekah or the churchwardens know if you are able to help. Look forward to seeing you there!! *Ian and Janice*, The Churchwardens

St Andrew's Church Coffee Open Morning – School Lane, Radbourne (parking at top of the lane). Saturday 31st August 11am-3pm. All welcome.

Open The Book - The team and I who perform biblical assemblies at Brookfield and Mickleover Primary schools would like to thank your congregation for sponsoring Churches Together in donating keepsake books to all the year 6 leavers at Brookfield, Mickleover Primary, Silverhill and Ravensdale schools to remind them of God's love and care for them which will continue throughout their lives. Each generation has appreciated these assemblies and the 'It's Your Move' books which help with the transition to secondary school. Once again, many thanks to you all. *Lana Jamieson*

Pause and Ponder in All Saints Graveyard – For the September Pause and Ponder, the picture theme will be 'Holiday Joy' as seen by 16yrs and under. So, if you have children, grandchildren, nephews, nieces or neighbours children who like taking photos of places visited, items/building seen, interesting views, and they would like to take part, send a copy of the photo/s by email to the Church Office and they will be forwarded to me (if you have my email address send them direct to me) Make sure you include Name of Photographer, name of place, view or building. We need both 'portrait and 'landscape' style please. No selfies!!! Photos need to be with me by September 6th, please. Happy snapping! *Janice*

Confirmation With Bishop Malcolm - at All Saints Church on Sunday 22nd September at 6.30pm. If you have been baptised but haven't already been confirmed and would like to take this step of public affirmation of faith, please speak to one of the clergy team. Peter (with Clare) is hoping to lead a short 3- or 4-week course beforehand to look at Holy Communion and faith. Please drop him a line if you are interested