

Welcome to our Churches

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Sunday 15th September 2024

Services In Our Churches This Sunday:

- Holy Communion at All Saints, 10am. Peter Walley will be speaking.
- Morning Praise at Johns, 10am. Ingrid Munro will be speaking.

Link for Sunday's service: <https://mickleoveranglicans.org.uk/you-tube-services/>

Midweek Services

- Tuesday: Prayers, 8am at All Saints
- Wednesdays: Holy Communion, 9.30am at All Saints

Collect

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
though Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

This Sunday's Readings

James 3: 1-12, Mark 9: 14-29

Next Sunday's Readings

James 3: 13- 4: 3, Mark 9: 30- 37

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-12pm in the Link. Do join us for Tea/Coffee, friendly conversation, and delicious home-made cakes. There will be children's activities alongside the Rest Stop Café on Friday's. Come along and join us!

St Johns Brunch – Fridays 12.15-2.30pm (after the Café). We join with others for a cup of soup & sandwich followed by discussion on life and faith and a bit of Bible study.

Talk (based on James 3: 1 to 12)

How do we judge whether someone is telling the truth?

We make judgements every day, about sports people, about politicians, about friends, neighbours. In the world in which we live, a post on Instagram can go viral. A report in a newspaper, or an item on the news, or on the radio can equally change opinions in a flash.

But there is something especially powerful about speech. My Great Aunt Lena was old enough to be a Guide in the late 1930s and she went to Germany. Her group were taken to a stadium and she heard Adolf Hitler speaking.

Although her German was not fluent, she understood enough from the way the crowds were responding to his ranting that they hung on his every word. He had the crowd as we say, 'in the palm of his hand'. They believed everything he said. What was her reaction? She was extremely disturbed, because her German hosts accepted his ranting about Jews and about Gypsies as the truth.

People who have the power of oratory, who can make fine speeches, can use their skill for good, or for evil.

The same goes in the Church. Preachers who have that skill to speak to a crowd are sometimes idolised, I'm thinking Billy Graham, or Martin Luther King. But even if someone has a great reputation, when we listen to them, are we persuaded, are we carried along with the crowd, can we discern whether what they say is true, or not?

A much wiser person than me, once said to me. 'You need to test the spirits.' He was quoting 1 John 4 where Jesus' best friend wrote: *'Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but **test the spirits** to see whether they are from **God**, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² By this you know the **Spirit of God**: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from **God**, ³ and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from **God**.*

One of the ways in which I test the spirit of the person I am listening to, is how they speak about other people. If they run someone else down to big themselves up, then what they are saying is definitely not from God. If however they speak words of encouragement, and grace alongside challenge, then the odds are they are speaking the word of God to us.

James in his epistle is warning his readers to watch what they say. A tiny spark can lead to a huge fire. Speaking ill of others for no good reason, to make ourselves appear better, will only sow dissension and is contrary to the building up of the body

of Christ. If that kind of talk comes out of someone's mouth all the time, then it needs challenging.

As James puts it: ⁹ *With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness.* ¹⁰ *Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.* ¹¹ *Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring?*

Jesus addressed the same issue by saying: *A good person brings good things out of the good stored up in their heart, and an evil person brings evil things out of the evil stored up in their heart, for the mouth speaks of what the heart is full of.*

Truth matters, but Grace matters too. Jesus Christ was a man full of grace and truth and that is something that all of us that have a ministry of speaking need to remember and try to emulate.

Whether our calling in the Kingdom is to speak, or to serve in some other capacity, how we treat others is a mark of how much we have been changed on the inside. We are to be people who not only speak truth with grace and love, but also demonstrate that by how we live:

Loving the Lord our God with all our heart soul and mind and loving our neighbour as ourself. Simple, isn't it?

Every blessing, Peter

Notices

Our Dementia Choir – This will take place on **Saturday 21st September at 6pm at All Saints Church**. We are offering hospitality to the choir and their carers from 5pm in the centre and the Brookfield choir from 5.20pm in the centre. We shall need steward for welcoming, door/tickets/seating and refreshments from 4.45pm. The concert is due to finish around 8pm. We shall need 10 people in all. If you are able to help with what promises to be a very enjoyable early evening, please let me know on Sunday morning. Thank you. Janice

Baptism and Confirmation With Bishop Malcolm – Will's baptism by emersion will take place at The Haven Christian Centre, Hollybrook Way, Littleover, Derby DE23 3TZ at 4.30pm next Sunday (22nd) This will be followed by refreshments in the All Saints Church Centre prior to the Confirmation service with Bishop Malcolm at 6.30pm. All are welcome. If you are intending to come, please can you sign a list at the back of church so we can make sure we have sufficient refreshments. Please keep Will, Olivia Chuma (St Johns), Avril and Brian in your prayers as they prepare for this special occasion.

All Saints Harvest Flowers – On Saturday 28th September from 10am we will be decorating church for Harvest. If you can help in any way and need more info, please ring Celia. Any donations towards the cost of flowers would be appreciated. (the cost of flowers is going up and up). Any seed heads, Autumn berries, greenery or flowers from the garden are very very welcome and will help offset the cost. Hope to see you at 10am on Saturday 28th September. Tea, coffee and cake at half time!! Thank you.
Celia on behalf of the flower team.

Harvest – All Saints' Harvest will be on Sunday 29th September at 10am. We will be collecting food items for Derby Food 4 Thought, there is a list of items needed at the back of All Saints Church, money donations will be given to Derby City Mission. **St John's Harvest has been moved to Sunday 20th October** at 10am with donations going to Padley. **St Andrew's Harvest is 13th October** at 11am more details to come.

All Saints Messy Church - We are restarting a midweek Messy Church for every 4th Wednesday of the month; the first meeting will be on Wednesday 30th October (5th Wednesday). Clare will be coordinating this, if you would like to be involved, please contact her on revceowen@gmail.com

Small Group at the Vicarage - exploring prayer with Justin Welby 7.30pm Wed 11th September. The group is starting again for the Autumn, and we would love to welcome anyone who would like to join us. It is friendly group, and we will be following this engaging course over five sessions. For more details and dates contact Helen Walley

St Johns Flowers – I would like to thank the Wednesday Friendship Group for noticing there are not many names on the flower list for September, and so made a donation. It was very thoughtful of them. *Eunice Upton*

Churches Magazine – From February next year the three churches will have one joint monthly magazine. We need a new name for the magazine and would like to hear your suggestions!

Alpha – is starting again in October on Wednesday evenings. First date to be confirmed. If you are interested in joining, please contact Peter Walley or the office.

All Saints Church Clock - The church clock is now automated and no longer needs a to be manually wound, twice weekly. The PCC thanks Jeff for his sterling service over many years, latterly being the sole winder each week. The PCC also thanks Andrew who was involved in this job for a number of years in the past. Gentleman, thank you, the PCC and the congregation are very grateful for your service.