

# Welcome to our Churches

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## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024

### Services In Our Churches This Sunday:

- Morning Praise at All Saints, 10am. Helen Walley will be speaking.
- Holy Communion at St Johns, 10am. Peter Walley will be speaking.
- BCP Evening Prayer at St Andrews, 4pm. Led by Clare Owen.



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 at All Saints

Merciful God,  
teach us to be faithful in change and  
uncertainty, that trusting in your word  
and obeying your will we may enter the  
unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Sunday's Readings

Job 42: 1-6, 10-end, Mark 10: 46-end

### Next Sunday's Reading

Hebrews 9: 11-14, Mark 12: 28-34

**St Johns Internet Café** – Mondays 10am-12pm in the Link. Free help with laptops, tablets, smartphones and other technology. Free Wi-Fi. Our helpers don't guarantee to have all the answers but may know where to start looking!

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

**St Johns Rest Stop Café** - Friday mornings 10am-12pm in the Link. Do join us for Tea/Coffee, friendly conversation, and delicious home-made cakes. **Brunch** follows the café from 12.15 – 2.30pm. We join with others for a cup of soup & sandwich followed by discussion on life, faith and a bit of Bible study.

## Talk based on Job 38: 1 to 7, 34 to end and Mark 10 35 to 45

We continue our walk with Job at a different point in the story. Last week, Job was at his lowest complaining that wherever he looked he could not see God or meet with him to plead his case.

Now, a few chapters on, following more berating by one of his 'Friends' and in the setting of a spectacular thunderstorm, here in Chapter 38, God finally speaks to Job out of the storm and he reminds Job in no uncertain terms that Job isn't God's equal.

*<sup>4</sup> 'Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation?*

*Tell me, if you understand.*

*<sup>5</sup> Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know!*

*Who stretched a measuring line across it?*

*<sup>6</sup> On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone—*

*<sup>7</sup> while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?"*

Later, in Chapter 40, God finishes his first speech by saying:

"Will the one who contends with the Almighty correct him? Let him who accuses God answer him!"

Then Job answered: "I am unworthy, how can I reply to you. I put my hand over my mouth. I spoke once, but I have no answer, twice, but I will say no more."

Job had made the mistake that we can all make, that somehow God is at our level. No. God isn't at our beck and call. He isn't our mate. The disciples who had been with Jesus came to understand that he wasn't simply a human teacher, or a miracle worker and a very good one at that, he is the Messiah, the Christ, the one who was to come to save us and all humankind from our sins.

Many centuries before, Isaiah 53 had foretold the events of Good Friday and Easter so eloquently: *<sup>11</sup> After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup> Therefore I will give him a portion among the great and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. **For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.***

And that neatly leads me on to our Gospel reading, for it comes on the final journey to Jerusalem, when Jesus is resolute in his determination to get there for the Passover festival. We read: *<sup>2</sup> They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again, he took the twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him.*

I am glad Mark tells us that there was a mixture of astonishment and fear among those who were following Jesus. It is difficult for us who know the end from the beginning of the story, to be in their shoes. As Peter had said in our reading last week. Lord, we have left everything to follow you! Their understanding of what the Messiah would do when he was revealed in Jerusalem was not the suffering servant of Isaiah 53, instead he would be the one who would put everything right, boot the Romans out and restore the Kingdom to Israel. The idea of a Messiah being handed over for punishment and death was anathema.

And maybe that is why James and John when there were on their own with Jesus, decided to make their pitch to Jesus – to sit on his right and on his left. Which of course is an image of power and kingly authority.

(Interestingly the ‘nick name’ Jesus gave James and John, when he called them to follow was Boanerges which means ‘Sons of Thunder’ – bringing us back full circle to Job’s storm!).

‘You don’t know what you are asking’ Jesus responds, ‘Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptised with the baptism I am baptised with?’

They respond – ‘we can’. Jesus then tells them that if they share with him in his glory, they will also share with him in his sufferings.

Leadership in the Church and which is sometimes upheld in public life is about service. Its not about climbing the greasy pole, it isn’t about a desire to hold a position so you can boss others about, it is about loving service.

For the Christian, Jesus will always be our example to follow. Picking up our cross, we have to lay down our ambitions and our earthly desires and instead recognize as Job had to, that God is always Almighty, and at the same time, as Jesus told his followers (in another place) we are also his friends because he shares table with us and guides us on our way. Its both/and, not either/or.

What an amazing God we love and serve! *Every blessing. Peter*

## Notices

**St Johns Craft and Tabletop Sale** – Thank you to those who organised, helped and supported the craft and tabletop sale last Saturday. Through tables sold, refreshments and St Johns stalls, £766.98 was raised for Church funds.

**St Johns Harvest Lunch** – Thank you to Joy Brandrick and everyone who helped with the Harvest lunch last weekend.

**Thank You** – to Mr and Mrs Cole for the gift of beautiful dahlias and Mrs Joy Brandrick for the sheaths of corn and for being on the flower list for Harvest at St Johns. *Eunice*

**The Bible Comes Alive** – at 12 Murray Road on 28<sup>th</sup> October at 10am. John 15: 17-27 – Jesus’ farewell to his disciples. All welcome.

**Messy Church** – Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30pm in the All Saints Church Centre. Contact Clare through the Church Office.

**Alpha** – is starting again on 30<sup>th</sup> October on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm. Contact Peter Walley through the Church Office.

**Friends of Kenya's Children (FKC)** - are holding this year's AGM at the Allenton Methodist Church on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm. Anyone who is interested and/or supports this amazing small charity are welcome. Please ask Barrie Witcomb or Paul Pritchard for further information.

**All Saints Stitchers Craft Stall** – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 10am – 12pm at St Johns during the Rest Stop Café

**St Andrews November Services** – will take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November (first and third Sunday of the month) instead of the usual pattern. The dates will go back to normal on the second and fourth Sunday of the month in December.

**New Churches Magazine** - Before the end of the year, we'd like to confirm the following: 1. A new name for the magazine 2. Editors from each of the three churches to take it in turns to oversee the content - Richard Finch will be St Johns contact. 3. Proofreaders - again, volunteers from each church to take turns to ensure there are as few possible typos/conflicting dates etc. 4. We also need to know who from the St Johns current distribution list wishes to continue to receive a paper copy.

**Insurance** – St Johns use Ecclesiastical for the Church's insurance cover. They currently have an offer if you take out home insurance with them, they will donate £130 to our church. If your insurance cover is coming up for renewal, please give them a try for a quote: visit [ecclesiastical.com/trust130](http://ecclesiastical.com/trust130) Any questions, talk to Barrie.

**Commemoration for the Bereaved** – at All Saints on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm. There are lists at the back of All Saints and St Johns churches for any names you wish to be remembered during the service.

**Save the Date** - Mickleover Christmas fair (Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November) and the Churches Together hope to run another Tombola to support Padley. Please start to put suitable items aside and save the date in your diary as we will be asking for helpers. Details to follow. *Mike Shooter*

**Blayne Peacock** - Our dear friend Rev Blayne Peacock (former member at St Johns) is being priested in St Paul's church Crouchy near Inverness, this coming Saturday. Please pray for him and Avril and their family at this time as he develops this new area of his ministry.

**Calendars for Sale** – There are a few calendars for sale at the back of St Johns this Sunday. Proceeds for St Andrews Church.