

*All Saints Church*

# News & Views

*December 2024 & January 2025*



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### **Normal Service times at All Saints, Etwall Road, Mickleover**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month           Holy Communion           10am

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month           Morning Worship           10am

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month           Holy Communion           10am

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month           Morning Worship           10am

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month           Holy Communion           10am

*(Alternate between St Johns)*

### **Normal Service times at St John's Devonshire Drive, Mickleover**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month           Morning Praise           10am

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month           Holy Communion           10am

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month           Morning Praise           10am

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month           Holy Communion           10am

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month           Holy Communion           10am

*(Alternate between All Saints)*

Church Centre Bookings: Church Office

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*The Hall and small Committee room are available for hire; please contact the Church Office for details.*

# Christmas at All Saints Church

**Sunday 24th November**  
4pm - Christmas Tree Carols

**Sunday 8th December**  
10am - Christingle

**Sunday 22nd December**  
7pm - Carols by Candlelight

**Tuesday 24th December**  
2pm - Carols  
4pm - Carols  
6pm - Carols  
11pm - Midnight Communion



**Wednesday 25th December**  
10am - Holy Communion

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## **Editors Scribbles!**

As I write this article, we are in the middle of the Christmas tree festival at All Saints, on Sunday night we opened the tree festival in church and sung carols and listened to Newmount Brass band, we had a lot of 'one off' visitors and the same will be for all our special services this month and also including the four services on Christmas Eve. There must be something smouldering inside these people to make them want to visit our beautiful building and like every year when I see new faces it makes me think if we can make a connection with just 5% of these people our congregation will continue to flourish. I would encourage you all if you see a new face over the next few weeks, talk to them and make them feel welcome and at ease. We're excited to see so many new visitors here to celebrate our church home.

In our calendar the old year closes in December and the new one begins in January (although in this country the financial year is very different). It is fortunate that those who picked a date to celebrate the birth of Jesus chose the 25th of December because, whenever the date of his birth really was, it marked the end of the old world and the start of the new one.

On that day God entered the world as a human baby and changed it utterly. God's message of love for humanity and desire to prevent people from deservedly being judged for their sins brought, and still brings, ecstatic joy and relief to those who believe the Christmas message – that God came into the world to save us from ourselves.

It is the Christmas gift which really does keep on giving.

*James.*



## Prayer Chain

Marion Godlington - 01283 730832

Denise Martin - 01332 514325

Helen Walley - 01332 513793

Steph Brinklow - 01332 517966

If you would like the members of the prayer chain to pray for you,  
please contact one of the members on the numbers above.

## Mickleover Community Food Pantry

The Mickleover community food pantry has moved to the Mickleover Pavillion,  
Vicarage Road, DE3 0ED on Wednesdays and Thursdays

12noon – 2pm

*free meal, drink and a natter*

## CTM Prayer Walk

*Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 10.15am*

*Meeting in St John's Link*



During the winter months we suspend our prayer walks, but still meet to pray  
for our community. We will spend about an hour praying for our community,  
businesses, schools, etc. listening for anything the Holy Spirit reveals.

If you plan to come, please contact me at [ray\\_lee16@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ray_lee16@yahoo.co.uk) or phone  
239645 (answerphone screened), so I know to expect you. Thank you. Ray Lee

**Everyone welcome!**



## A Prayer for Christmas

Holy Jesus,  
by being born one of us,  
and lying humbly in a manger,  
you show how much God loves the world.

Let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,  
until we reach our home in heaven,  
and see you on your throne of glory.

Amen.



## Letter from Peter

It was a beautiful sight this morning to wake up to snow covering the landscape. Snow is lovely to look at, but not so easy to negotiate if you have to go outside. I pray that all our readers have kept safe without any falls or accidents. Snow is such a tricky thing to forecast in the Midlands as the heaviest snow falls when a low pressure from the west, laden with moisture hits cold air already in place. Just one degree difference at ground level means either snow or rain.

It may surprise you to know that the Middle East also gets snow, and not just on the heights of Mount Hermon in the north of Israel. The Holy Land is such a land of contrasts as you can descend to the Dead Sea (Jericho) and it be well over 20 degrees having left Jerusalem hovering around zero. That happened to me when I went to Israel in the company of other Assistant Curates from Exeter Diocese in early 1999. Although it is highly unlikely that Jesus was actually born in winter, at least we can sing 'in the bleak mid-winter' knowing that it isn't entirely out of the question that Jesus, Joseph and Mary experienced snow.

In 1999, there was no wall between the West Bank and the rest of Israel. Our coach party was able to freely drive through Galilee, Samaria and Judea which was such a blessing as we were able to see some of the New Testament biblical sites such as Cana and the Well at Shechem (modern day Nablus) and meet the Samaritans (yes there is still a small community there today).

Travel in Jesus' day involved considerable effort. I don't know whether anyone has attempted to work out how many miles Jesus would have walked, from his childhood trip to the Temple in Jerusalem starting in Nazareth, to his three-year ministry where he led the disciples across the whole of Palestine.

As the season of Advent comes around again, we are not just thinking about celebrating Jesus's earthly 'birthday' we are also thinking about his second coming as King. Sunday November 24th is Christ the King Sunday – it marks the end of the ecclesiastical calendar with readings from Daniel and Revelation that tell us there is a spiritual realm that is very real even if we cannot perceive it yet.

The book of Revelation in the New Testament was written to encourage Christians who were being severely persecuted, that their trials did not go unnoticed by God. The spiritual teacher and writer Simon Ponsonby picks up this theme when he wrote a book entitled 'The Lamb wins' (which I would highly recommend reading if you want to understand the book of Revelation).

What Revelation tells us that there will come a time at the second coming of Jesus when all evil, sorrow and every kind of pain will be destroyed and a new heaven and a new earth will be created which humankind cannot spoil, exploit or destroy.

Instead of heaven being a separate place from earth as is now the two will be joined together. Those who have died in Christ will rise with new resurrection bodies. Above all, this isn't just a hope, or a dream which fades, it will be the eternal reality. That is why we sing songs, and praise God in worship now and we pray 'Thy Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven' which Jesus himself told us to pray for in faith.

Simon Ponsoy concludes his book by quoting C.S. Lewis.

'In The Last Battle, Aslan, the Christ figure, has triumphed over evil. But Lucy looks sad. Aslan says to her, "You do not yet look so happy as I mean you to be."

Lucy replies, "We're so afraid of being sent away."

Aslan answers "No fear of that.... The term is over: the holidays have begun. The dream is ended: this is the morning."

C.S. Lewis finishes, "And we can most truly say that they all lived happily ever after. But for them it was only the beginning of the real story.... which goes on for ever: in which every chapter is better than the one before.'

Let's make Advent, which after all, is a season of preparation, a time when we make space to read the gospel stories. May they inspire us to pray even more fervently for those whom we know and love but who don't yet know the saving grace of Jesus. Miracles still happen.

Every blessing, Peter



**Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**

Thank you to everyone who bought a poppy or donated to the poppy appeal this year. £24.08 was raised to help those in the Armed Forces community.



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## All Saints Church Events

Tuesdays	8am	Morning Prayers in Church
Wednesdays	9.30am	Holy Communion
Wednesdays	10am-12pm	All Saints Café

**For information, please see Church website [www.mickleoveranglicans.org.uk](http://www.mickleoveranglicans.org.uk)**

### December

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	10am	Holy Communion
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Christingle with Brookfield School Choir
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	8.15am	Who Let the Dads Out?
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Breakfast Church
	10am	Holy Communion
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10am	Morning Worship
	7pm	Carols by Candlelight
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Family Carols
	4pm	Family Carols
	6pm	Family Carols
	11pm	Midnight Communion
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Holy Communion
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10am	MA Holy Communion at <b>St Johns</b>

### January

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Holy Communion
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Standing Committee
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	8.15am	Who Let the Dads Out?
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Breakfast Church
	10am	Morning Worship
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Holy Communion
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	PCC Meeting
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	3.30pm	Messy Church
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Morning Worship

***Christian Unity Week – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January 2025***



## Notes from the PCC Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> November

At the November meeting of All Saints PCC, items discussed were the results of the Giving in Grace Stewardship Campaign – this has raised additional monthly income and a number of other individual responses which will be followed up very soon.

Grateful thanks to all who responded. The Treasurer told the PCC that the national Listed Places of Worship Scheme which refunds to listed churches the VAT paid on repairs runs out at the end of March 2025. Therefore, any work that can be done before that cut-off date and invoices paid should be scheduled as soon as possible.

It was agreed to press ahead with the stonework repairs to the porch (eroded column) and the repairs to the bird screen and clean up in the bell chamber (which has affected the running of the church clock). Moving the church oak main door to become external and installing glass inside doors is a longer- term project. The renewal of the Centre toilets (which would not be eligible for this VAT waiver) will be looked at again in 2025. It was also agreed to support Helen Walley's renewal of her Reader Licence. Plans for the Christmas Tree Festival were discussed.

### Transformed From Rubbish Into Treasure

*“He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him.”*

Hebrews 7:25 NKJV

A Christian leader writes: ‘The Italian violin maker Antonio Stradivari was a poor man. And yet his violins are now the most prized violins ever made because of the rich and resonant sound they produce. The unique sound of a Stradivarius cannot be duplicated. What may surprise you is that these precious instruments were not made from treasured pieces of wood; they were carved from discarded timber. Because Stradivari couldn't afford fine materials, he got most of his wood from the dirty harbours where he lived. He would take those waterlogged pieces of wood to his shop, clean them up, and dry them out. Then, from those trashed pieces of timber, he would create instruments of rare beauty. It has since been discovered that while the wood floated in those dirty harbours, microbes infiltrated the wood and ate out the centres of those cells. This left just a fibrous infrastructure of wood that created resonating chambers for the music. From wood that nobody wanted, Stradivari produced violins that now everybody wants.’ You say, ‘How does any of this relate to me?’ Just as this violin maker transformed rubbish into treasure, God can transform you into what you were actually meant to be. You might say, ‘But you don't know the things I've done. I doubt that Jesus could save and transform someone like me!’ Give Him a try. Put Him to the test. You won't be disappointed. The Bible says, ‘He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him.’

*UCB word for today*



## ALL SAINTS CHURCH CENTRE

ETWALL ROAD, MICKLEOVER, DE3 0DL

**4TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH**

**3:30PM – 5.00PM**

[allsaintsadmin@mickleoveranglicans.org.uk](mailto:allsaintsadmin@mickleoveranglicans.org.uk)

Aimed at children aged 10 and under  
and their parents/carers.

It is a great way to meet together, eat, play  
games, craft, grow friendships and learn  
more about Jesus.

Simple supper will be served  
(jacket potatoes etc.)



## WHO LET THE DADS OUT?

2nd Saturday of the month

8.15 – 9.45am

All Saints Church Centre

A group for fathers, father figures and their  
children (ages 8 and below) to have fun, form  
friendships and find support



For more info contact the office 01332 510446  
[allsaintsadmin@mickleoveranglicans.org.uk](mailto:allsaintsadmin@mickleoveranglicans.org.uk)

# All Saints

# Café



10am-12noon

every Wednesday  
in the Car Park/Centre

*Everyone Welcome*



## Breakfast Church



All Saints Centre

2nd Sunday of the month

Join us at 8am for breakfast,  
crafts, games and worship

**All ages welcome!**



# Mince Pie Brownies



Prep: 35 minutes

Cook Time: 30 minutes

Makes: 16

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/mince-pie-brownies#rating>

## Ingredients

- 185g unsalted butter, cubed
- 185g high-quality dark chocolate, *chopped*
- 85g plain flour
- 40g cocoa powder
- 3 large eggs
- 275g golden caster sugar
- 6 mince pies or 9-12 mini mince pies
- icing sugar, for dusting

**STEP 1:** Melt the butter and chocolate in a medium bowl, either in a microwave – cooking for 1 min on High, then stirring and continuing to heat in 20-second blasts – or by setting the bowl over a pan of simmering water and stirring occasionally. Once melted, leave the mixture to cool.

**STEP 2:** Heat the oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Line the base of a shallow 20cm square tin with non-stick baking parchment. Sieve the flour and cocoa into a medium bowl. Whisk the eggs and sugar with an electric mixer on maximum speed until thick and creamy, about 3-8 mins, or when the mixture runs off the beaters and leaves a trail for a second or two.

**STEP 3:** Pour in the cooled chocolate mixture, then fold together with a rubber spatula in a figure of eight, moving the bowl round until the mixture is a mottled dark brown. Be gentle so you don't knock out the air.

**STEP 4:** Sift in the cocoa and flour mixture and continue gently folding. The mixture will look dry and dusty, then fudgy. Stop just before you feel you should, as you don't want to overmix it.

**STEP 5:** Spoon a little mixture into the prepared tin, then add the mince pies, leaving them whole. Scrape over the rest of the mixture, gently easing it between and over the pies. Level the top. Put in the oven for 25 mins. If the brownie mixture is very wobbly in the middle, it's not quite done, so bake for another 5 -10 mins, or until the top has a shiny, papery crust and the sides are just beginning to come away from the tin. Take out of the oven and leave to cool in the tin. Dust with icing sugar. Cut into quarters, then cut each quarter into four squares. Will keep in an airtight container for a week and in the freezer for up to a month.



# Christmas Tree Festival 2024

Thank you to everyone who contributed trees and also to those who helped organise and support the Christmas Tree Festival this year.

Below are the trees created by All Saints and St John's groups.



All Saints Stitchers



Rest Stop Café



Tuesday Bible Study Group



Christian Movement Group



All Saints Flower Ladies



# THE BIRTH OF JESUS



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# CHRISTMAS AT ST JOHNS

DEVONSHIRE DRIVE, MICKLEOVER, DE3 9HD

**Sunday 8th December**

4pm - Gently into Christmas

**Sunday 15th December**

10am - Christingle

6.30pm - 9 Lessons and Carols

**Tuesday 24th December**

4pm - Carols Around the Crib

11pm - Midnight Communion

**Wednesday 25th December**

10am - Holy Communion

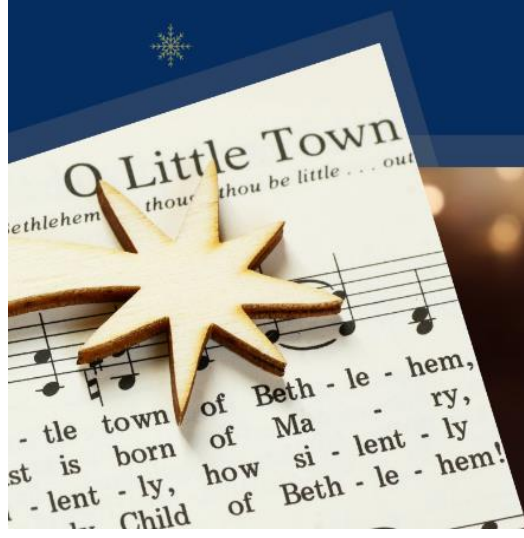




# ST ANDREW'S CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 22nd December at 4pm

St Andrew's Church  
School Lane, Radbourne, DE6 4LY





## **New Opera Company Concert**

*Saturday 7th December at 2.30pm*

*St John's Hall*



The theme this time is  
**WATER EVERYWHERE**

including much loved pieces as Moon River, The Blue Danube, Bali Hi together with some possibly less familiar pieces such as Rani Arbo's Crossing the Bar and Eric Witacre's Seal Lullaby and Elgar's Where Corals lie. And to round it off, some seasonal items.

*The concert is in support of  
Kenya's Children.*

Tickets £10 includes light refreshments,  
at the door or in advance from  
01332 557096

## **Internet Café**

*Monday 10am-12noon*

*St John's Link*

Help and advice for computers,  
laptops, smart phones & tablets

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

*Tea, coffee and biscuits are served  
mid-morning.*

Bring along your own tablets,  
iPads and laptops or borrow one  
from us!



## **Mickleover Singers Christmas Concert**



*Saturday 14th December 7.30pm*

*St John's Church*

Please join us for our Christmas Concert  
entitled "A European Celebration"  
£8 on the door including  
light refreshments in the interval.

## **JACK at Johns**

*Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month  
at 10am*

*Jesus and cool kids* is an  
activities and craft group for all  
children, running every 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Sunday of the month during the  
10am service at St Johns.

## **The Rest Stop Café** *Fridays 10am-1pm at St Johns Link*

Join us for a cup of tea or coffee, friendly conversation, and of course,  
delicious home-made cakes! Everyone welcome.

### **Rest Stop Carol Service with Memory Tree Dedications**

St Johns Church

20<sup>th</sup> December at 11.30am



## **Brunch and Bible Study**

*Fridays 12.15 – 2.30pm in the Link at St Johns*

Come for discussion on life and faith. (Not meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> December)



## Contacts

*All phone numbers are prefixed with local area code 01332 unless otherwise stated.*

### Clergy:

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	<b>Rev Alun Rowlands</b>	517964
	<b>Rev Paul Pritchard</b>	512530
	<b>Rev Clare Owen</b>	479875

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<b>Church Magazine:</b>	James Bowles	516123

### Children's Clubs and Groups:

<b>Who Let the Dads Out</b>	Church Office	510446
<b>Messy Church</b>	Rev Clare Owen	479875
<b>Guides 5th Mickleover:</b>	Jackie Cheshire	513186
<b>Brownies 5th Mickleover:</b>	Erin Benton	07775735482

### Maintenance:

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### Other Useful Contacts

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<b>Flowers:</b>	Celia Cullen	514472
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<b>Refreshment Rotas</b>	Ian Nicklin	via Church Office
<b>Alpha course:</b>	Revd Peter Canon Walley	513793
<b>Walking Group:</b>	Church Office	510446