

# Welcome to our Churches

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## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### Services In Our Churches This Sunday:

- Holy Communion at All Saints, 10am. Ian Godlington will be speaking.
- Morning Praise with JACK at St Johns, 10am. Judi Witcomb will be speaking.
- Commemoration Service for the Bereaved at All Saints, 3pm.
- BCP Evening Prayer at St Andrews, 4pm. Led by Alun Rowlands.

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

### Midweek Services and Events

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

### Collect

Heavenly Lord,  
you long for the world's salvation:  
stir us from apathy,  
restrain us from excess  
and revive in us new hope  
that all creation will one day be healed  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Sunday's Reading – All Saints

1 Samuel 2: 1-10, John 4: 1-40

### Next Sunday's Reading

Revelation 1: 4b-8, John 18: 33-37

**St Johns Internet Café** – Mondays 10am-12pm in the Link. Free help with laptops, tablets, smartphones and other technology. Free Wi-Fi.

**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** - Fridays 10am-12pm in the Link. 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.

## Remembrance Day Talk. Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Remembrance Day is the day when we remember people, people who lost their lives defending their countries and the values of freedom and to give thanks to God for deliverance in the most dangerous times in our history, it is also a time of reflection on our responsibility as a Christian Church towards war and violence in the world and to express our deep longing for peace. The true peace that Christ offers.

Today, Remembrance is our response to the Gospel message of repentance and obedience. Our reading comes from the Book of Jonah the Prophet who lived for three days in the belly of a large fish. Jonah the man who rebelled against God. God wanted a messenger to go and tell the people of Nineveh that if they do not repent and leave their evil ways they would be destroyed, so Jonah ran away because he did not want to take on this responsibility, so he fled to another country, which was in the opposite direction, biblical scholars believed that the city of Tarshish Jonah's destination was on the coast of Spain. Part of Jonah's behaviour stems from his belief that God was only for the Jews not for the heathens. Therefore, heathens do not deserve any mercy or Salvation from his God.

The story continues and finally Jonah obeyed the Lord's order. But only after he had learned two lessons. The first that he can't hide himself from God's face and the second is that God is not only to reward or to punish the people, but God makes His voice and His will clear to all the people and will always give chances for new beginnings with Him.

However, when Jonah delivered God's message to the people of Nineveh and asking them to repent, the result was amazing they obeyed and repented. The repentance of the King of Nineveh, and his call to the people to change is a story not only about God's mercy and call to repentance but also the duty of Jonah the servant of God to preach the message that God wanted, but it's also about the responsibility that we as a Christian church have and that is to be the messengers of God.

The real surprise in this story is the King and people of Nineveh, who when Jonah told them God's message they repented and "turned from their evil ways and the violence that was in their hands.". They said: "maybe God will change his mind and maybe turn from his anger, so that we do not perish and He did. Jesus called the church the light of the world and called us to proclaim to the world the message of repentance, so that people would give up their evil ways of war and violence. In this way we will be called children of God the peacemakers. In Matthew 5:9, Jesus says, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God".

It's a great responsibility that Jesus puts on the church. Because "All have turned away, they have together become worthless, there is no one who does good, not even one". The evidence of this truth is in the wars that distract so many nations and

futures of many peoples. The church is requested by its Lord to bear the fruit of the Spirit in its life. For Jesus said “ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last”. These fruits of the Spirit are mentioned in Paul’s Letter to the Galatians Chapter 5 verse 22 and one of them is peace.

Remembrance Day is the Day that should remind the church that if we are true disciples of Jesus Christ, we should not be like Jonah, as he was at the beginning of his story, that we should only love those who are close to us and are similar to us, for if we do, Jesus is saying to us, if you love those who love you, what credit is that to us? Even sinners love those who love them, but rather let us be like Jonah at the end of this story. A people who love others and preach to them the message of peace and reconciliation, then I believe we are true disciples of our Lord.

This Remembrance Day, Jesus is reminding us with these words “Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God”. Blessings Rev Ian.

**Our Love Prayers & Sympathy** – to the family of James Percival. The funeral will be on 18<sup>th</sup> Nov at 11.30am at All Saints Church followed by committal at Markeaton Crematorium Main Chapel.

**Our Love Prayers & Sympathy** to the family of Brian English. The funeral will be on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 11am at Markeaton Crematorium Main Chapel.

**Our Love Prayers & Sympathy** – to Colin Haxell and his family following the death of Ann last week. The funeral service will be at 10.30am on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at St Johns, followed by a private family committal.

**Stitchers Craft Sale** – at All Saints Centre on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 10am – 12pm during the Café. Christmas items will be on sale!

**All Saints Christmas Tree Festival and Carol Concert** – part of the Christmas fair, we will be holding a carol concert at 4pm, joined by Newmount Brass Band. This year's Christmas Tree Festival will run from 24<sup>th</sup> November - 1<sup>st</sup> December. We need to have stewards-preferably 3 for each session. (Steward tasks, 1 greeting the visitors and handing out voting slips and quiz sheets (children). 2 serving tea/coffee/squash and biscuits. 3 'floating' and helping where necessary). There is a rota/list of opening times at the back of church. Perks? You get free coffee/tea and biscuits! If you have questions, see me on Sunday. *Janice Toplis*

**All Saints Stitchers Craft and Coffee Sale** – All Saints Centre from 3-6pm during the Our Mickleover Christmas fair on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

**Held Needed**- during the Christmas fair from 3-6.30pm. *Mickleover Churches Together* are running a tombola in aid of Padley. We need volunteers on the day to help set up and then staff the stall during the fair, and to dismantle and put things away after. Please sign up at the back of church if you can help or speak to Mike Shooter 07504041046 mikeshooter@hotmail.co.uk for details.

**St John's Christmas Fair** – 30th November 10am - 1pm. Leaflets and Posters for this event are in the Link. Please help us advertise this event by distributing posters in the local area or pop one in your window. Check the event leaflet to see how you can help - donations and help with stalls are very welcome. Please contact Joy Templer (515293) or Richard Finch. (493939)

**New Opera Company Christmas Concert** – Saturday 7th December at 2.30pm at St Johns. The theme will be *WATER EVERYWHERE* including much loved pieces as Moon River, The Blue Danube, Bali Hi Together with some possibly less familiar pieces. The concert is in support of Friends of Kenya's Children. Tickets £10 (including light refreshments) at the door or in advance from 01332 557096 or 01332 882637 email jannice:read55.plus.com or newoperacompany@hotmail.com

**Welcomers at St John's** - If anyone would like to join the team of welcomers doing a very important job at the 10.00 am Sunday service at St John's, please speak to Joy Brandrick who is preparing the rota for 2025.

**A statement from Bishop Libby Lane following the resignation of Archbishop Justin Welby:** The victims and survivors of abuse will have suffered unimaginable distress at the findings of the Makin Report, and I want to convey my thanks for their bravery in telling their stories. I also commend Archbishop Justin for his honourable decision to take both personal and institutional responsibility for the failings described in the report.

The Church of England has made a commitment to safeguarding, to creating a safer Church, and to learning from the Makin Report - and the Diocese of Derby and I echo those commitments wholeheartedly. We will continue to put victims and survivors of abuse first and to prioritise their care.

We will continue to work together with survivors to build a safer Church in which they, and anyone who has suffered as a result of their relationship with the Church of England, receive the support they need and deserve. It must also be a church where, collectively, we promote a culture in which victims are heard and responded to well, and children and other vulnerable people can know that they are protected and safe. That is the responsibility of us all.

Please pray for all those who have been harmed, for Archbishop Justin and for the wider Church that it may truly become a place of welcome, compassion and safety.

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