

# THREEFOLD

APRIL  
2025



ALL SAINTS, MICKLEOVER  
ST ANDREW'S, RADBOURNE  
ST JOHN'S, MICKLEOVER



# OUR CHURCHES

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**Open Church:** Enquire at office

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***Open Church: Monday - Friday***  
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**Open Church:** Monday-Friday 9.30am-3.30pm



# USUAL SERVICE TIMES

## **1st Sunday:**

Holy Communion, 10am - All Saints  
Morning Praise, 10am - St John's

## **2nd Sunday:**

Morning Worship, 10am - All Saints  
Holy Communion, 10am - St John's  
Holy Communion, 11am - St Andrew's

## **3rd Sunday:**

Holy Communion, 10am - All Saints  
Morning Praise, 10am - St John's

## **4th Sunday:**

Morning Worship, 10am - All Saints  
Holy Communion, 10am - St John's  
BCP Evening Prayer, 4pm - St Andrew's

## **5th Sunday:**

Holy Communion, 10am  
*alternating between  
All Saints and St John's*

## **Tuesday's:**

Morning Prayers, 8am - All Saints

## **Wednesday's:**

Holy Communion, 9.30am - All Saints

*Please see the website/newsletters for  
occasional service details*

# EDITOR'S SCRIBBLES

Welcome to our April issue of Threefold and thank you to everyone who has contributed articles. Please keep contributions coming. We are keen to include any items, particularly from a Christian perspective, likely to be of interest to our readers. Do include photographs or other illustrations.

If having read Ray Lee's poem "Spring" in this issue you would like to see more of his work, copies of a collection of further poems are available in the Link at St John's.

Currently copies of Threefold go to our fellow churches: Our Lady of Lourdes and the Methodist Church, and also to the Library. We would like to get more copies out in to the Mickleover community, to pubs and cafes, care homes, schools, and other venues. If anyone can help by going round some of these places to distribute copies please let us know, email [threefold@mickleoveranglicans.org.uk](mailto:threefold@mickleoveranglicans.org.uk)

As we move through Lent and prepare to celebrate Easter, we might also think about other anniversaries and commemorations during April. The 23rd is William Shakespeare's birthday and also St George's Day – the commemoration of England's patron saint. How did that curious legendary figure, who supposedly slew a dragon, originated from modern day Syria, and never came anywhere near England become the focus for English patriotism? Despite his foreign origin George was known in England from the time of the Crusades, and the play 'Henry V' with its clarion call, "Cry God for Harry, England and Saint George", tells that by Shakespeare's time he was firmly established as England's patron saint.

A very happy and joyful Easter,

Richard



## PRAYER CHAIN



### All Saints

Marion Godlington - 01283 730832

Denise Martin - 01332 514325

Helen Walley - 07725740408

Steph Brinklow - 01332 517966

### St John's

Please text or call Helen Walley  
(Co-ordinator) 07725740408 or  
email [helenwalley@btinternet.com](mailto:helenwalley@btinternet.com)

There is also a book and prayer board  
at the back of Church for you to add a  
person's name. Those in the book will  
be included in our prayers on a  
Sunday morning during the service

## LIFE EVENTS

### Congratulations:

Willow on your Baptism  
at All Saints on  
Sunday 27th April

*May the blessings on this  
wonderful day fill your life  
with joy and peace  
forever.*



## CTM PRAYER WALK

**Date:** Thursday 3rd April

**Time:** 10.15am

**Meeting at:** Our Lady of Lourdes Car Park,  
Uttoxeter Road



This is the first walk of 2025. We will walk for about an hour, praying  
God's blessing upon the people and businesses in this area, and  
listening to God's Holy Spirit as we go. **Everyone welcome!**

If you would like to join us please let me know by email  
[ray\\_lee16@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ray_lee16@yahoo.co.uk), phone or text to 07766927539



# CLERGY ARTICLE

As I write this, the sun is shining, the temperatures are rising and from now until September 21st, daylight will be longer than night-time! Nature is definitely waking up. Spring is a time for tilling, sowing and planting.

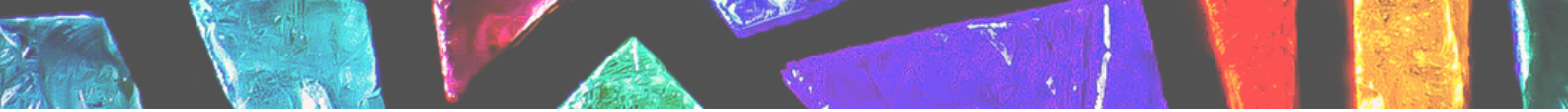
Yesterday on a visit to Radbourne, I had the delight of seeing a Comma Butterfly. I have had reports of the yellow Brimstone butterflies on the wing too on Mickleover Meadows. Both are so welcome to see alongside birds nesting (as I write this, I can see a pair of Nuthatches cleaning out their nest hole in a lime tree in All Saints Graveyard).

Easter this year comes almost as late as it can be on 20th April. The feast moves on our calendar as it relates to the phases of the moon. Indeed, because the gospels record the historic events of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter as coinciding with the Jewish Passover, the early church modelled the time of Easter to be around the annual celebration of Passover. Like other Jewish holy days, Passover is scheduled on a lunar calendar, not a solar one. As a result, Easter is the first Sunday after the paschal full moon.

Christmas on the other hand bears no relationship with the Jewish calendar but instead falls after the shortest day of the year when pre-Christian pagan faiths held their mid-winter festivals. These festivals were to do with praying for the return of the sun and fertility.

Turning back to Easter, the gospel writer for this lectionary year is Luke. Although Luke was not an apostle (or a disciple) while Jesus was on earth, it is clear that he was a very early follower following the resurrection as he accompanied Paul on his missionary journeys. He opens his gospel with these words: *'Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eye-witnesses and servants of the word. With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus\*, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.'* (\* literally God lover)

Luke wasn't a Hebrew, he was Greek. And maybe because of this, he wrote with a particular slant towards stories of Jesus' encounters with outsiders, those who were poor. He particularly wrote about Jesus' meetings with women. He writes with compassion. He writes also to an audience who had little or no previous knowledge of the history of God's dealings with the Israelites over the millennia.



We now live in a society where our young people especially have very little or no knowledge of Bible stories. But they do have a strong interest in spirituality. Sales of Bibles are soaring among teenagers. It is clear that God's Holy Spirit is on the move again in our generation. Our focus as God's people must therefore be to pray for families who are facing many challenges and for our schools.

The recent visits by Aidan Watson (Diocesan Strategic Lead Youth Ministry) to All Saints and St John's PCCs challenged us to make praying for children and schools our major priority, whether it is when we are praying in our quiet times on our own, during intercessions in our Sunday services and on other days in the week. As we focus our thoughts, our longings and our desires for young people and turn them into prayer, God will answer our prayers and will lead us in our reaching out.

Although we don't have any church schools in our benefice, we do have good relationships with all the primary schools who value our welcome when they bring children in to look at the building, but also on other occasions when they come to hear the story of Christmas and Easter.

It is our responsibility to hand our faith on, but we are not on our own in this endeavour for we, just like the first disciples after Pentecost, have the Holy Spirit living within us. The Spirit gives us the words to say and helps us to share our testimony of God's faithfulness.

Maybe a good thing to do as I shared a couple of weeks ago is to write down our testimony of God's faithfulness to us in good times and in bad, so that when our children/grandchildren ask us to share it, they will hear first hand what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ, the word of God. I came to faith aged 18, but I know that the mother of my best friend from school had faithfully, diligently and consistently prayed for me over the previous 6 or so years.

The Resurrection tells us not to give up hope when everything seems black (Easter Sunday followed Good Friday) Today, when everything is being shaken, let us instead focus our love, our prayers and our worship on the one who came to save the world and bring the world back into relationship with God our creator.

### **The Easter Collect for our prayers:**

God of glory, by the raising of your Son, you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Every blessing. *Peter*

# APRIL

# CHURCHES' CALENDAR

<b>Monday - Friday</b>	9.30 - 3.30pm	<b>Open Church</b>	St John's
<b>Monday - Friday</b>	9.30am - 4pm	<b>Open Church</b>	St Andrew's
<b>Mondays</b>	10am - 12pm	<b>Internet Café</b>	St John's Link
<b>Tuesdays</b>	8am	<b>Morning Prayers</b>	All Saints
<b>Wednesdays</b>	9.30am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	All Saints
<b>Wednesdays</b>	10am - 12pm	<b>All Saints Café</b>	All Saints
<b>Wednesdays</b>	2pm	<b>Friendship Group</b>	St Johns Link
<b>Fridays</b>	10am - 12pm	<b>Rest Stop Cafe</b>	St Johns Link
<b>Fridays</b>	12.15 - 2pm	<b>Bible Brunch Group</b>	St Johns Link

**For more info, please visit the website [www.mickleoveranglicans.org.uk](http://www.mickleoveranglicans.org.uk)**

<b>Sunday 6th</b>	10am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	All Saints
	10am	<b>Morning Praise</b>	St John's
	3pm	<b>Jan Jarrett Life Celebration</b>	St John's
<b>Monday 7th</b>	7pm	<b>Standing Committee</b>	All Saints
<b>Wednesday 9th</b>	2pm	<b>Coordinators</b>	St John's Link
<b>Friday 11th</b>	7.45pm	<b>Derventio Choir</b>	All Saints
<b>Sunday 13th</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i>	8am	<b>Breakfast Church</b>	All Saints Centre
	10am	<b>Morning Worship</b>	All Saints
	10am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	St John's
	11am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	St Andrew's
<b>Thursday 17th</b> <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	7.30pm	<b>Holy Communion w/ Stripping of the Altar</b>	All Saints
	7.30pm	<b>Holy Communion w/ Stripping of the Altar</b>	St John's
<b>Friday 18th</b> <i>Good Friday</i>	10am	<b>Reflection</b>	All Saints
	10am	<b>Meditation</b>	St John's
<b>Sunday 20th</b> <i>Easter Sunday</i>	6am	<b>Sunrise Service</b>	St John's
	10am	<b>Family Communion</b>	All Saints
	10am	<b>Family Communion</b>	St John's
	11am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	St Andrew's



# APRIL

# CHURCHES' CALENDAR

Wednesday 23rd	3.30pm	Messy Church	All Saints Centre
Saturday 26th	7.30pm	Derbyshire Male Voice Community Choir	All Saints
Sunday 27th	10am	Morning Worship	All Saints
	10am	Holy Communion	St John's
Monday 28th	6.30pm	APCM/PCC	St Andrew's

## ST JOHN'S PLANT SALES

For many years St John's has put on a plant sale in May. For the last few years support for this has been falling off and it has become more challenging to judge how much stock to order and how to price it to ensure at least a modest margin for church funds. For these reasons we have reluctantly decided to discontinue the Plant Sale and we will not be having one this year.

Our thanks to everyone who has helped with and supported our plant sales over the years, *Joy & Richard*

## SAVE THE DATE

**Sunday 4th May** Special service and bring & share lunch at St John's to consider the way forward for our worship and outreach at St John's, based on the Everyday Faith agenda outlined in Peter's article later in the magazine. It is important that as many as possible of our St John's community join in.

## BLISTER PACK RECYCLING



The recycling of blister packs has been far more in demand than we had originally anticipated. Currently we are purchasing a new recycling box every 1 - 2 months which costs £84 each time.

We are glad the scheme has been successful; however, it is a costly commitment. Donations towards the cost of the recycling boxes would help us to continue doing our bit for the environment. Talk to one of the Treasurers or Rebekah for more information.

Magazine Issue	Deadline for contributions	Publication
May	14 Apr	26 - 27 Apr
June	16 May	31 May - 1 Jun
July	16 Jun	28 - 29 Jun

# Join us this Easter

## **Sunday 13th April - Palm Sunday**

10am - Morning Worship - All Saints

10am - Holy Communion - St John's

11am - Holy Communion - St Andrew's



## **Thursday 17th April - Maundy Thursday**

7.30pm - Holy Communion

with Stripping of the Altar - All Saints

7.30pm - Holy Communion

with Stripping of the Altar - St John's

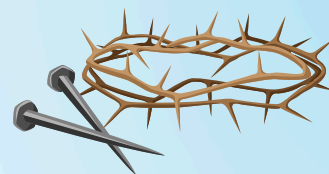


## **Friday 18th April - Good Friday**

10am - Reflection - All Saints

10am - Meditation - St John's

11am - Walk of Witness - from Our Lady of Lourdes



## **Sunday 20th April - Easter Day**

6am - Sunrise Service - St John's *followed by breakfast*

10am - Family Communion - All Saints

10am - Family Communion - St John's

11am - Holy Communion - St Andrew's



# PCC NOTES

## Meeting held at: St Andrew's on 17th February 2025

Full minutes available at the back of Church and on the website

The PCC reviewed the annual accounts for 2024 and in his absence, the Vicar thanked the treasurer for his work over the past year, in particular accessing grants towards fabric repairs. The accounts will now need to be checked before the Annual Meeting in May.

The meeting then discussed fund raising events throughout 2025. These are:

- **Radbourne Hall Tour** - Tuesday 22nd April - 2pm.  
Tickets going fast/may have already gone;
- **Harpist Eira Lynn Jones** who is keen to promote classical harp music, especially in Churches. **Concert** at St Andrew's Sunday 1st June - 2pm. She will play for 2 x 40 min sessions with refreshments in-between. (Diana suggested £10 per ticket not confirmed yet);
- **Radbourne Fete** - Saturday 19th July - 2pm including (so far): Cream Teas and cakes; BBQ & Beer tent; Plant stall; Bouncy Castle; Rock Choir; Tiptoes School of Dance; Fancy dress competition; Dog show 2.30pm.
- Diana will be holding another **Historical Open day** in St Andrews. Saturday 30th August. 11am - 3pm. More photos and CD/DVD of David Wells playing the organ in St Andrew's.
- **April services have changed**, both at 11am, Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday (No evening prayer on 4th Sunday of April).

# SPRING

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Warmed through by the sun delicate buds burst forth,  
The first green shoots push upwards in new growth.  
But danger lurks from hungry birds and winter frosts,  
The hope of spring comes not without some cost.

Things once dead now sprout new signs of life  
As green replaces brown, first flowers bloom bright,  
Vibrant colours transform the once brown earth,  
As creatures emerge to prepare again for birth.

The winter season in spiritual life can be,  
A time to help prepare ourselves to see  
Christ's resurrection love, that warms up our cold hearts,  
To stir our souls with faith to make fresh starts.

Yet danger lies ahead, as in the real spring,  
Cold comments, those resisting change so often bring,  
New growth snuffed out, faith damaged, life impaired.  
Together we must help to grow the faith we share.

For Christ wants us to live in abundant life,  
To hope in Him, not fight and war in strife,  
To be his body and live in harmony  
With one another, so Him the world will see.

He sends his Spirit to guide us on our way,  
And helps to guide our thinking when we pray.  
So in this time of spring may His light come,  
That others may welcome Christ into their home.

So let's give space for new ideas to grow,  
Curb our sharp tongues, that Jesus' love may show,  
Give people freedom of new things to try,  
Not bound by rules that choke, and make ideas die.

May spring become a time for personal growth,  
Encourage gifts of others to be drawn forth,  
And welcome, hand held out to all who come,  
That we together will help Christ's kingdom come.



# EVENTS THIS MONTH



## Derventio Choir and All Saints Church

invite you to

### Music from The Theatre and The Big Screen

Come along and hear some of your favourite songs from the musical theatre and the world of film... together with a host of other well-known melodies.



**The performance starts at 7.45pm  
Friday 11th April at All Saints Church**

£10 at the door

includes light refreshments during the interval.



### Raising funds for Umbrella



[derventiochoir.org.uk](http://derventiochoir.org.uk)

[umbrella.uk.net/](http://umbrella.uk.net/)

## DERBYSHIRE COMMUNITY MALE VOICE CHOIR

Saturday 26th April, 7.30pm  
All Saints Church



**Tickets £10**

***includes refreshments***

We perform a wide-ranging repertoire featuring traditional male voice classics, sea shanties, contemporary pieces and some singalong fun pieces too. Plus some terrible jokes courtesy of our compere!

**Profits for this event will be going to All Saints Church ongoing repairs and renovations to the fabric**

# TALK BY REVD AIDAN WATSON TO ALL SAINTS' AND ST JOHN'S PCCS



Revd Aidan Watson, Derby Diocese Strategic Lead for Youth Ministry has recently given inspiring talks to both All Saints' and St John's PCCs on how we might develop our work with children and young people. Here is a brief summary of his talk to St John's PCC:

Aidan led us in thinking about the way ahead in terms of children and young people and how we need to make them the "heart of everything that we do." He mentioned the evidence of young people's growing interest in faith and the Church of England's Growing in Faith initiative:

[churchofengland.org/about/education-and-schools/growing-faith-foundation](http://churchofengland.org/about/education-and-schools/growing-faith-foundation)

Children and young people should be a consistent focus for prayer, not only in our individual prayer life but always in our corporate worship. Children need to be made welcome and feel involved, and come to feel that church is a kind of home. Bringing children and young people in to church will not be quick and the church in which they are involved will look different.

Thinking about the way ahead and what we need to be doing the following points were made:

- Possibilities for activities during school holidays
- No-one is too old to be involved with children and young people
- Need to pray for access to local junior schools
- Remember to keep the congregation up to date with our thinking and work with children
- This work is God's mission, not ours

As an example of what can be done Aidan showed a short video of an initiative at Dinting Vale where the church is open for children after school on Friday afternoons [dintingchurch.org.uk/](http://dintingchurch.org.uk/) From small numbers this has grown to 70-90 children coming in for tea and toast. It's organised by a congregation of about 30, mostly over 70.

# VEGAN FLAPJACK

*the inspiration for this came from visiting a café in South Devon last October overlooking Bigbury Beach!*

You will need a 23cm/9in square cake tin and baking parchment to line.

1. Set your oven to 160C/325F
2. Grease the cake tin then line with the parchment.
3. Weigh the following dry ingredients into a mixing bowl (note: you can vary the sorts of nuts and fruit and seed and their amounts depending on what you like) but essentially the overall weight you add nuts/dried fruit/seed is the same as the weight of oats – it is definitely a case of try it and see.

- 350g fine rolled porridge oats
- 80g plain flour
- 100g of mixed nuts roughly chopped
- 200g of mixed dried fruit (I used raisins and cranberries – if using larger dried fruit they would need to be chopped up)
- 50g of mixed seeds (I used an Omega 3 mix)

4. Weigh into a pan the following ingredients and gently heat and stir until it is thoroughly melted and mixed together (don't overheat).

- 200g of Stork (or dairy free butter)
- 175g of golden syrup
- 200g of light brown soft sugar

Then bring everything together in the mixing bowl. When thoroughly mixed, tip into the lined baking tray, press down so that it fills up to the corners and edges and then place in the centre of the oven. The cooking time should be between 25 and 35 minutes. When you take it out of the oven, the flapjack will be a little soft. Leave it in the tin to cool on a rack and after about 10 minutes cut into and across the flapjack to make squares or slices so that when it has thoroughly cooled you can then more easily break it apart into pieces and place into a box for storage. Enjoy!

*Peter Walley*



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# PCC NOTES

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Aidan Watson (Diocesan Strategic Lead for Youth Ministry) had been invited to the meeting. Aidan gave a presentation and video – ‘Growing faith in church’. There followed a general discussion and chats regarding praying regularly for children in school and church (‘Getting that into our DNA’).

*Dates for Diocesan training: 19th March and 21st June 2025 – All Welcome.*

**Finance:** Brian Devenport updated the meeting on the year-to-date figures. The 2024 Draft Annual Financial report was agreed.

**Other matters discussed by the PCC:** moving the oak doors to become external and installing new glass internal doors. Mock-up photographs circulated. Discussion around ideas for the design, wording or symbol(s) on the glass doors. It was agreed that these mock-ups would go to annual meeting, before going for Faculty Approval. Prior to this being done it was agreed that the stone mason did a fabulous job of the replacing the stonework on the porch and that we should if we can, bring him back to replace the pillar stonework on the other side. We will apply for another grant to cover costs. Quinquennial repairs – a quotation of £6,356.86 had been received for the chimney repair on the north side of the church (leading to moisture getting into the church). It was proposed to seek a grant. We would apply for a faculty under List B (repairs) for this work before it is carried out.

**New computer for All Saints and IT progress:** Clare updated the current position of IT upgrade. File access is no longer limited to location.

**Maintenance issues for the Church and Centre:** East end wooden floor clean – ongoing; replacement ladder access to Bell Chamber – Dave still looking for a suitable ladder; Church centre inners door locks to be replaced.

**Safeguarding matters:** The next training session set up for 15th March 2025

**Benefice Magazine:** Threefold - No negative comments had been received and the editors and Rebekah were thanked and praised.

**Electoral Roll complete revision:** James B reported up to 75 forms back. He will identify who were not on the old list. The date for closing the Electoral Roll revision is on Sunday 20th April.

**Dates for diaries:** APCM: Sunday 11th May 2025, PCC : Monday, 12th May 2025

**‘Thy Kingdom Come’** Bishop Malcolm visiting Mickleover for a breakfast prayer meeting, hosted at All Saints from 8am to 10am on Saturday 31st May 2025. All welcome.



# HEAR! HEAR!

In myself, I don't feel any older now than I ever have done; but there's no doubt at all that this body that I'm currently inhabiting is, after some seventy-odd years, definitely showing signs of wear and tear!

Ignoring the odd aches, the dodgy knees and the need to remember my inhalers, one thing that has been creeping up on me for a few years now is awareness that my ears are no longer all that they used to be. While they are 'adequate', there's no doubt that those high ('treble') frequencies just aren't there in the way that they once were.

As St John's folk already know, both of our daughters are deaf, so I come from a 'deaf aware' family and we're probably 'ahead of the curve' in losing the social stigma that has in the past been attached to deafness. So – time for me to check out my own hearing-aid options!

Being born in the 1950's, I'm (of course) a strongly committed, 'NHS Person' and a couple of months back I finally obtained my NHS hearing-aids. (There's another story in there about outsourcing of NHS services but let's save that for some future time or a private conversation.) Hearing-aids have come a long way in the past forty years! Even these basic aids 'talk' to each other, synchronising sound-balance and such, and I was delighted to find that they also connect to my phone, allowing me to have phone-conversations completely through my hearing-aids – a very handy feature. (I can also enjoy my music collection in a similar way – possibly much to Sue's relief.)

My brain was a bit shocked when I first started wearing them. After years of 'muddy' hearing it was shouting, "Too much information!" for quite a while – please do be prepared for this if or when you tread this path. But then the sounds of yore started coming back – the clicking of the dog's paws on the pavement, the rustling of a newspaper, the crashing of the pots and pans while washing up, Mr Robin declaring his territorial domain ...

Not that it's affected me directly, but I'm glad that the past stigma of deafness is now fading – and I wonder if the common use of wireless 'earbuds' these days is helping – it's now quite usual for folk to have machines stuck in their ears! (Of course, I'm at an advantage here – my machines do all the things that those earbuds do and more. Lucky me!)

Even with today's technology, it's wrong to expect hearing aids to 'correct' one's hearing in the same way that lenses 'correct' one's vision but, personally, having now sampled the difference that they make, I'm very happy to accept the improvement and live with the limitations.

*Paul G*



# THE PUZZLE OF BONE CANCER

So, just *HOW* is money raised from selling your used stamps spent?

Osteosarcoma has long been difficult to fully understand due to the complex genetic changes which drive its development. However, recent analysis of samples from different osteosarcoma patient groups has revealed a crucial piece of the missing puzzle.

A team of researchers, analysed the largest collection of genetic data from osteosarcoma patients to investigate the cancer's underlying causes. This vital data was made available thanks to the 100,000 Genomes Project – allowing the team to look for clues across the entire genetic code. In doing so, the team found a crucial mechanism, called the loss-translocation-amplification chromothripsis, which causes errors and re-arrangements in the genetic code leading to the aggressive development and progression of osteosarcoma.

The team discovered that this mechanism occurred in approximately 50% of high-grade (aggressive) osteosarcoma cases. Alongside shining a light on the complex biology which leads to an aggressive tumour type, this research also identified an indicator or "prognostic biomarker" which may be used to predict a patient's outcome and the likely course their disease will take, with the hope of moving towards a more personalised approach to treatment.

Please keep saving your stamps, and encourage others.

**Together we will solve the Puzzle!**

The cost of stamps has risen dramatically and I feared that this would affect Christmas Card delivery which is the biggest stamp outlay. So I am delighted that we have managed to raise 2.5kg of Used Stamps which will help us to find a cure for cancer.

**Thank you all for your efforts.**

*Peter Roberts*



# PCC NOTES

## Meeting held at: St John's on 19th March 2025

Full minutes are available at the back of Church and on the website in the members area. Do talk to a member of the PCC if you want to know more.

Business done at the recent PCC meeting included:

- Approved the design for a wooden screen for the church in memory of Brain Seager.
- Received an update on church accounts to 28 February showing a deficit which was mostly due to exceptional items including a new computer for administration and 50% share of the cost of the folding machine for Threefold.
- Received a report from the working group, set up as part of Everyday Faith, considering “Enhancing our welcome”.
- Congratulated Karen on the recent lively JACK service with 14 children present.
- Noted new arrangements for making YouTube recordings of Morning Praise services available – these will be uploaded to the OneDrive on the Monday following the service.

Noted that Bishop Malcolm will be visiting Mickleover during the “Thy Kingdom Come” season for a Prayer Breakfast at All Saints’ on 31 May.

## ST JOHN'S CRAFT & TABLETOP SALE - 22ND MARCH

A big thank you to all who helped at this event– setting up, baking, running stalls and clearing away. We raised an amazing £808.34. Thank you. *Richard & Joy*

# JACK

Jesus And Cool Kids

## AT JOHNS

Join us for our interactive family-friendly service on the 3rd Sunday of the month St John's Church at 10am.

Enjoy crafts, worship and games with other children and families as the central part of the service.

### INTERNET CAFE

Mondays 10am - 12pm  
St John's Link



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

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

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

*Refreshments served mid-morning.*



*Our friendly team is happy to help!*

### BRUNCH BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Fridays 12.15 - 2pm  
St John's Link

Following the café, stay for lunch (*sandwiches, soup, fruit etc.*) and a discussion on life and faith.

**Everyone is welcome to join, come along!**

*Any questions phone Judi 07531495891*



### REST STOP CAFE

Fridays  
10am - 12pm  
St John's Link

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

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

*The café is now open from 8.45am for the school run!*



# EVERYDAY FAITH

In March's issue of 'Threefold', Peter gave a very useful overview of the background to the action planning process we use in the Benefice and then he expanded on the first five items on the current issue of the Plan. I (Paul) am personally very enthusiastic over this process because in using the very name 'Everyday' it reflects that our faith is about every aspect of our lives and not just a "Sunday thing"!

It's also a 'living document', certainly not set in stone, but continually developing as our church and community's needs develop or change. The next five items on our current benefice action plans are listed and expanded as follows:

**6. Focusing on families we are already in contact with** - We have many families visiting our churches for their special 'life events' such as Baptisms, weddings and funerals. Each of these gives us an opportunity to show friendship and support to the folk who attend. We believe we should explore ways we can continue these initial contacts, when it is welcome, encouraging families to understand more of the appropriate relevance of the Christian faith in our current world. JACK (SJ)/Messy Church, 'Who let the Dads out?' and Breakfast Church (AS) certainly provide great opportunities to see what is possible in this area, but we should consider others as well.

**7. St John's to discuss with congregation the future development of our worship and outreach** - We have always considered the breadth of churchmanship, or enjoyment of different styles of worship, at St Johns, a great strength. But we are aware it may be confusing to visitors, and some regular worshippers may prefer more of one style than another. When the monthly 'Prayer and Praise' on a Sunday evening, was stopped because of COVID, we didn't reintroduce it, but included more modern worship songs in Morning Praise, but perhaps there are views on this we aren't aware of. So, we need to objectively find out from our church memberships what their views are. Similarly with our ageing congregations how and what are the most appropriate ways of outreach in our community. On 4th May the church will be holding a Café Style morning worship service to encourage discussion on this and other subjects to glean people's views.

**8. The Mickleover Foodbank** - For some time now we have had a very successful and popular foodbank in the village. It currently is open on Wednesdays and Thursdays each week at the Vicarage Park Pavilion between 12-2.00pm. St John's and All Saints support this work and publicise its opening times at appropriate meetings and services. St Johns also helps transport surplus food to the 'Hope Centre' in the city following the Fruit and Vegetable Market each Friday morning.

**9. How do we engage with the new estates** - We are very conscious of the building of the new estates across Mickleover and the surrounding area. These all fall within one of our Parish boundaries and as such we have a responsibility to provide appropriate pastoral support for those families who move into these new homes. As noted in item 7 above we are conscious we can't do everything, and we should be open to how the Holy Spirit wants us to actively become involved with people. Peter is abreast of this key issue and is exploring what we can and should do.

**10. Breakfast church** - All Saints have successfully launched this service at 8.00am on one Sunday a month for those who wish to be involved in worship, but, have school sports and other activities later in the day. Although it has started small it has shown great signs of encouragement. St John's are not considering this at present due to a lack of resources, but it is not being ignored as a very viable opportunity.



# ALL SAINTS CHURCH CENTRE

**4TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH**  
**3:30PM - 5.00PM**

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

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

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

Simple supper served



# ALL SAINTS CAFÉ

Wednesdays  
10am - 12pm  
All Saints Centre

Come for a friendly chat, tea/coffee with delicious home-made cakes and biscuits

**Everyone welcome!**



# 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 to have fun, form friendships and find support



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# Breakfast Church



**2nd Sunday of the month**

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

**All ages welcome!**

# DIOCESAN MESSAGE

APRIL 2025

## Bishop Malcolm writes....

The message of Holy Week and Easter is that God's love for us in Jesus is Good News - the best news anyone could ever get. How are we doing at making this obvious to everyone, as it has become obvious to us?

One way we do it is simply to be present in each and every local community across Derbyshire. The way we are with our neighbours, the way we are as a church, and the way we are with each other are all supposed to express the love of God in Christ – and very often they do! Where there is a community of life and love and hospitality, people will experience 'good news' simply by walking through the door and being made welcome. Others will simply see the church tower, and be prompted to pray. *But how else do we share the wonders of the life in Christ we have been blessed with?* Another way is by making sure our churches are always places where people who are coming with questions about life and faith can find help in their search. Local churches either do it alone or they can team up to ensure there's always something going on locally geared towards helping people make a start with Jesus. This can be one of the many courses available, or simply a fun evening in church or café or pub where any question is taken seriously, and where new disciples and others can explore the scriptures honestly, making the connections with everyday life.

I do enjoy my ministry a lot – but the best thing I get to do as a bishop is to do confirmations. Hearing the stories of people's search for God – and sometimes of how God has surprised them without their previously having been interested – this is an extraordinary privilege. It encourages the whole church when they tell their story. I thank God for the many churches where an annual confirmation course has once again become routine - something we lost perhaps during Covid, but now have the opportunity to revive. More and more we are hearing of newcomers, especially young people, just turning up at church wanting to see what goes on and to find out more. They don't necessarily want to be smothered – but they are glad when there is clear information about what is going on and how they can engage if they want to.....

It is also worth thinking of that most searching and enquiring today happens online. My guess is that some of those who are just randomly turning up at church have begun their search out there. There are a range of great online resources out there to help people become disciples of Jesus – for younger people #thewayuk on Instagram or YouTube or Facebook [facebook.com/twuktv/](https://www.facebook.com/twuktv/) is a great place to start. Or there is the Christian Enquiry Agency [christianity.org.uk/site-map](https://www.christianity.org.uk/site-map) And there is helpful material on the Church of England website too [churchofengland.org/faith-life/what-we-believe](https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/what-we-believe)

This April we keep company with Jesus on his road to Good Friday and to Easter while the guns of war still sound, and in a world where human failure and sin are all too evident. So many lives are broken and hurting. There are many and various factors at play: with ever deepening poverty and rising inequality, with the global rise in political extremism, and with today's preference for social media silo talk rather than open, honest conversation. Meanwhile the climate emergency only gets more urgent. It would be easy to give in, and give up hope. We must not. And yet, even in these perilous times, Sunday by Sunday, many are finding real hope in Jesus, the crucified and risen one. Jesus' life, death, and resurrection are still good news to those who encounter him alive and present today. In Him there is a new creation – a whole new world. Let's find ways old and new to pass this on. ***The Rt Revd Malcolm Macnaughton***



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