

Welcome to our Churches

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Sunday 15th June 2025

Services In Our Churches This Sunday

- Breakfast Church at All Saints, 8am.
- Holy Communion at All Saints, 10am. Peter Walley will be speaking.
- Morning Praise with JACK at St John's, 10am. Karen Cowgill will be speaking.

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

Collect

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Sundays Reading

Romans 5: 1 – 5, John 16: 12 – 15

Next Sundays Reading

Galatians 3: 23-end, Luke 8: 26-39

Midweek Services and Groups

- Mondays: **St John's Internet Café** 10am – 12pm in the St John's Link.
- Tuesdays: **Prayers**, 8am at the Vicarage, Etwall Road.
- Wednesdays: **Holy Communion** 9.30am at All Saints.
- Wednesdays: **All Saints Café** 10am – 12pm in the Centre.
- Fridays: **St John's Rest Stop Café** 10am – 12pm in the Link.
- Fridays: **Brunch Bible Study** 12.15 – 2.30pm in the St John's Link.

Pentecost Sunday Talk by Helen Walley. Acts 2:1-21 and John 14:8 onwards

Today is the day of Pentecost. What is that? Well, long before Jesus came, back in the Old Testament times, it was a day when the Jewish people gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the first wheat harvest of the year, Shav-u-ot. And that is where we start today in Acts 2.

Jerusalem was buzzing with excitement as Jews from 'every nation under heaven' congregated, people speaking in many languages. On this particular Pentecost, it happened to be 50 days since Jesus had risen from the dead and ten days since he had ascended into heaven. It is an event that often goes unnoticed outside the church itself. Jesus spent 40 days with His disciples and was then taken up to heaven - the Ascension, and told the disciples to wait.

Who likes having to wait for something? What were they waiting for? Jesus told His disciples not to be afraid, as God would send someone in His place 'the helper', 'the comforter' The Holy Spirit. Jesus had promised this, but they had to wait. While they waited they were meeting together DAILY and read scripture, prayed together, Worshipped together, Encouraged each other. Jesus said that they would be filled with the Spirit and with power that the whole world would see, and in John 14.12 Jesus told them that they would do what he had done and even greater things! Does this raise our faith and expectation? I think it also meant that with so many more of us we would be able to do more.

The disciples waited then something amazing happened. Suddenly there was a sound like a mighty wind at a deafening pitch. Tongues of fire appeared above them and flames separated to form a flickering flame above each person's head. You might think that they would be afraid however, this was the presence of God, both awe inspiring and peace giving. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to praise God in different languages. It might have felt that chaos had broken out to those outside, as all this occurred LOUDLY. When the people disciples came outside, they began sharing the good news of Jesus and all of those there heard it in THEIR OWN LANGUAGE AND UNDERSTOOD. They could not find an explanation for what was going on. What did it all mean? Some mocked them and accused them of being drunk, but we know different, as it was only 9 o'clock in the morning. The Spirit had come in power just as Jesus had promised. He would enable them to do many things in His name and gave them a new courage to do so, help them understand Jesus and God even more, especially when they read the scriptures, would direct their decisions in life when they wanted to know what to do. Jesus by His Spirit could be there with people in different places at the SAME time.

Pentecost is also known as the **'Birthday'** of the Christian Church. 3000 people became followers of Jesus that day. The Holy Spirit came with wind and fire and helped them to do things they'd never been able to do before, like speak other languages and have the courage to speak in front of crowds of people and heal the sick! It was just then, it is the same for all who followed after, including us. Now as it is the birthday of the church, I decided to bring a cake. (I had a cake with re-lighting candles and after each statement blew out the candles and they re-lit) Many have tried to stop the Church and snuff it out over the years. **But** they couldn't do that. Through the centuries there have been times of great persecution where people have been beaten or killed for being Christian, **but** that hasn't stopped the Church. There are places this very day where it is illegal to be a follower of Jesus **but** the Church still lives. There have been times of apathy when people didn't believe or seem to care about Church anymore. Where people stopped reading their Bibles and praying and coming to church. **But** the Church still lives on. Even a world-wide pandemic, where people couldn't attend church for months could not bring an end to the Church. Why is this? The answer goes back to that first day of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit of God, who Jesus promised to send is the sustainer of us all. The Comforter, who comes with power, the Counsellor. He answers our questions about life, troubles, and our world. God is with us, through his Spirit. His fire cannot be put out.

I wonder if there are things that seem impossible to you, situations either personal, local or global about which you feel at a loss? You'd like to share Jesus' good news but feel timid or unsure, you want to understand even more about Jesus and God, you want to be able to trust that God can direct your decisions in life. In John 14 Jesus said, *'And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you forever the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.'* Are we ready to wait for God to fill us each day with that same Spirit? Are we ready to be guided into ways that he directs us in the future? Spend some time now just waiting and asking the Lord to come afresh to you, asking him to fill you, to refresh you, to enable you to be his ambassador in your homes, families, and community. Amen.

Notices

Who Let the Dads Out? – This Saturday 14th June at 8.15am at All Saints Church Centre. This group is for dads, grandads, father figures and their children (babies – 11 years old). Join us for breakfast, games, craft and an opportunity to socialize with others.

Our Love, Prayers and Sympathy – to the family and friends of Maureen Underwood (St John's) who passed away this week. Funeral details will follow.

Bible Readers and Leaders in Intercession for Sunday Services – we are keen to hear from anybody who may sense a calling to come onto the reading and intercessions list for any of our churches. Please speak to any of the clergy and we will arrange for training.

St Andrew's Harp Concert – Thank you to those who attended the harp concert at St Andrew's on Sunday 1st June. £661.30 was raised through ticket sales and teas and cakes for St Andrew's church funds.

Brunch Bible Study – Will be taking a break on Friday 20th June. Join us again on 27th June with a new course, taking us through the Summer. Come along on Friday afternoons at 12.15pm in the St John's Link for brunch and bible study.

Our Mickleover Summer Fete – Saturday 28th June at 2pm – 6pm on the Vicarage Road playing field. Churches Together are arranging a prayer tent and stall. If you would be willing to volunteer to come for an hour to help at the stall by talking to people who come. Please give your names to Rebekah who will forward them to Mike Shooter. We would like to be able to put a rota together by the end of next week.

Mickleover Singers Summer Concert - Please join us for an evening of uplifting and entertaining music at our Summer Concert entitled "Kaleidoscope - a musical celebration of East and West". It will be held on Saturday 5th July at 7:30pm in the St. John the Evangelist Church on Devonshire Drive, Mickleover, DE3 9HD. £8 cash or card on the door including light refreshments in the interval. Doors open at 7pm.

Date For Your Diary – Radbourne Summer Fete, Saturday 19th July from 2pm.

All Saints Box Hedges - that surround the garden of remembrance and the war memorial appear to have been attacked by 'box blight'. It has only recently come to Derby and has ravaged many box hedges locally. If you know of any family who has someone buried in the Garden of Remembrance, would you please let them know that we are having to deal with this quite drastically. We will place notices so visitors will understand the situation. We will be taking advice as to what our options are, usually it involves removing the box completely. We also need to work out what will be the best thing to put in its place. *Peter*.

Free Meals for Families – at Padley Community Hub, Parcel Terrace, Derby, DE1 1LY. No referral needed, just turn up. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free breakfast during term time on Thursdays 7.30am – 8.30am. Free dinner every week on Tuesdays 3.30 – 4.30pm.