

## Welcome to our Churches

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### All Saints

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**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

### Services In Our Churches This Sunday

- Morning Worship at All Saints, 10am. Dawn Perry/Helen Walley will be speaking.
- Holy Communion at St John's, 10am. Peter Walley will be speaking.
- Holy Communion at St Andrew's, 11am. Led by Peter Walley.

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

### Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,  
ignite in us your holy fire;  
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,  
and revive your Church with the breath of  
love, and renew the face of the earth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Sundays Reading

Acts 2: 1-21, John 14: 8-17

### Next Sundays Reading

Romans 5: 1 – 5, John 16: 12 – 15

### 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.

## Jesus prays for His followers. John 17:20-26

Jesus prayed a lot! Seriously His prayer life was consistent and focused, in fact it was a vital part of His earthly ministry. He would often withdraw to lonely quiet places to spend time in prayer with his Father.

Those quiet places allowed Him to focus on His relationship with God and to seek guidance and strength.

He prayed publicly with His disciples and also before important events in His ministry, for example the selection of the twelve disciples.

He had a well established daily prayer routine which included rising early in the morning to commune with God and to seek guidance.

In times of crisis Jesus turned to prayer which demonstrated His reliance on God for guidance and strength. Jesus prayed constantly for His disciples and as we have heard this morning He prayed for believers which includes us as Christians today. The needs of others was also uppermost in His prayers, which demonstrates his compassion and love for others.

Jesus showed through his prayer life, heartfelt supplication and genuine love for His Father, which Jesus reflected to others through His ministry.

Jesus' prayer life was a vital part of His life and ministry, reflecting His deep connection with God and His willingness to seek guidance and strength. His pattern of prayer is a great example for us His followers today. It demonstrates how important prayer can be in our own lives and in our own relationship with God.

Our reading from John chapter 17 verses 20 to the end focuses on Jesus praying not for His eleven disciples alone but also for all who have ever believed and those who will believe in the gospel of Jesus Christ in the future. In this section of Jesus' final prayer, He prays especially for us.

This long prayer in John 17 is often called His High Priestly Prayer, because Jesus intercedes with God on behalf of the disciples, present and future.

I know that the prayer that Jesus taught the disciples, the Our Father prayer is special, but the prayer in John 17 is the prayer in which Jesus pours out His heart. It also represents Jesus' provision for the disciples on the eve of His death.

For the disciples were about to experience the trauma of Jesus' death. This prayer gives us a glimpse of the trauma that Jesus was about to go through as He prepares to leave them.

Jesus prays that all believers are to be one in heart and mind. We are to be one in Christ and in God. Just as God and Christ are one in each other. This oneness is a spiritual oneness, it is unity brought about by the Holy Spirit.

Further into the prayer Jesus prays that we might remain in Him and in God. Only when we are united with God and Christ can we be united with each other. When this happens we will bear fruit for the kingdom of God.

Our unity with each other comes from our unity with God and Christ. We are branches of the same vine. We can show the world that our unity is not based on human love but on divine love. God does love us, in fact I believe that he loves us just as much as he loves his own Son Jesus.

Let me ask you a question: I don't want an answer, may be you could think about it during coffee or in the car on the way home.

How does the world see unity and love between Christians today?

This is what Christian unity should look like in a perfect world and I quote: Unity should be striving for oneness in Christ despite doctrinal differences and diverse traditions, as emphasized by Scripture and exemplified in the concept of "one body, one Spirit". It's about prioritizing relationships, serving together, and finding common ground for mutual understanding, ultimately becoming a visible expression of Christ's love to the world today.

To conclude:

Jesus continued to make God known to the disciples after His death and resurrection through the Holy Spirit. And He is still doing so today. As believers Jesus continues to make God known to us through the Holy Spirit, so that God's love may be in us and Jesus himself will be in us too. Through the Holy Spirit we know God and we know his deep love for us. We also have Jesus living in us, which is all the work of the Holy Spirit. Today the Holy Spirit is continuing to do his work in the life of every believer.

So can we follow the prayer life pattern of Jesus? Can we set a time and a place to be alone with God? I know that life can be complicated and difficult, getting time to be with God can be at times impossible, we all have intricate and complex lives. Jesus had times when He found prayer difficult, take the prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane for example.

If we can have the love of God welling up within us it will fuel our witness to others and make it impossible for the world to ignore Jesus Christ whose name we bear. "See how they love one another," the world says. That is a powerful testimony. Seeing how Christians love the poor and needy is equally powerful.

Shall we pray?

Blessings Rev'd Ian.

## Notices

**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.

**The Clock Chimes** – You may have noticed recently that the chimes of the clock at All Saints have not been working. This was due to a failure of the mechanism. It was taken away for repair on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you to all those in the congregation and community who have made donations of over £2600 towards the cost of the repair.

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

**"The Bible Comes Alive"** - at 12 Murray Road on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June, at 10am. 1Thessalonians 2,1-12 – Paul's love for the Thessalonians. All welcome.

**New Opera Company Are Back!** - Our forthcoming concert on Friday June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm is at All Saints. Our theme: 'DECEIT DISGUISE and DESPERATION' featuring a wide variety of numbers from Musicals and Operas including a Quack Pharmacist [Donizetti's Elixir of love], a 'Big Spender', the shady 'Mack the Knife' and many more very suspect individuals. Book in advance £10 including light refreshments 01332 - 55096 or 882637 email: jannice@read55.plus.com or pay at the door.

**Who Let the Dads Out?** – Next week on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Breakfast Church** – Next week on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 8am at All Saints Church Centre. This is an All-Age service in the Church Centre for all who would like to come including breakfast, worship, craft and fun.

**Our Mickleover Summer Fete** – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm on the Vicarage Road playing field. Churches Together are aiming to have a prayer tent and stall.

**Advance Notice** – St Andrew's Summer Fete, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July in the afternoon.

**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*.