

# Welcome to our Churches

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**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

### Services In Our Churches This Sunday

- Morning Worship at All Saints, 10am. Mary Staunton will be speaking.
- Holy Communion at St John's, 10am. Alun Rowlands will be speaking.
- BCP Evening Prayer at St Andrew's, 4pm. Led by Paul Pritchard.

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

**Coffee, Clutter-Clear, Crafts & Cobs** - This Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July 10am – 1pm in the All Saints Centre. If you are able to help please contact Janice Toplis or the office.

### Collect

Creator God,  
You made us all in your image:  
May we discern you in all that we see,  
And serve you in all that we do;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### Sundays Reading

Colossians 2: 6 – 19, Luke 11: 1 - 13

### Next Sundays Reading at All Saints

Colossians 3: 1-11, Luke 12: 13-21

### Next Sundays Reading at St John's

2 Peter 1:1-8 & 12-13, Luke 18: 18-30

### Midweek Services and Groups

Mondays: **St John's Internet Café** 10am – 12pm in the St John's Link.  
Tuesdays: **Prayers**, 8am at All Saints Church.  
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.

**10<sup>th</sup> August** – There will be a combined service for All Saints and St John's at St John's at 10am. The service at St Andrew's will take place as normal.

## **Luke 10:39-end. Mary & Martha**

Hospitality was very important in the biblical world, it was actually part of their culture. It particularly shows up very strongly in Luke's gospel.

Hospitality was also important in our household as I was growing up. Especially at Christmas, Easter and birthdays. I can see my mother now busying herself with all the preparations, things had to be right and proper. A little like Martha in our reading from Luke.

I suppose in the end hospitality is an art. Making sure guests are welcomed, warmed and well-fed. Requires a great deal of creativity, organisation and teamwork. Mary and her sister were probably one of the best hospitality teams in the whole of the bible and of course one of their frequent guests was Jesus.

In the opening scene Jesus comes to Bethany and to the home of Lazarus, Mary and Martha. A place where Jesus could unwind and relax with his friends. Martha demonstrates hospitality by welcoming Jesus, then starts to busy herself by preparing a meal and serving her guest.

Meanwhile her sister Mary sits at Jesus' feet listening to His words. Rather than assuming the role expected of a woman in her culture. We read that Mary sat at the feet of Jesus listening to His every word. She actually assumes the posture of a student learning at the feet of a Rabbi, which was a role reserved for men.

This story now takes a sharp turn in proceedings when Martha distracted by her many tasks, comes to Jesus and asks "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself"? Tell her then to help me.

Jesus replies, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing, Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her".

Martha found it hard to relax and enjoy her guests, she found it even harder to accept Mary's lack of cooperation. Martha's as we have seen was frustrated by the situation so asks Jesus to settle the matter.

Jesus gently corrected her attitude showed that her priorities were good but not the best. Personal attention to her guest would have been more important than the comforts she tried to provide for them. Martha's worry and efforts to please prevented her from being truly present with Jesus. In fact it probably caused a rift between the two sisters. Martha needed to listen to the words of Jesus and to know that she was valued not for what she does but for who she is, as a child of God.

Martha in fact breaks all the rules of hospitality by trying to embarrass her sister Mary in front of her guest. To make matters worse she asks her guest, Jesus, to intervene

in a family dispute. She even tries to accuse Jesus of not caring by saying, “Lord, do you not care....?”

Martha needed to just step back take a deep breath, stop worrying and receive the gracious presence of Jesus, listen to His words and know that she is valued.

Many of us I think can identify with Martha. The business of life, feeling pulled in different directions, feeling worried and distracted. We all know that worrying does no good at all and I suppose what we worry about is not so important in the larger scheme of things.

Listen and doing, receiving God’s word and serving others is fundamental and vital to the life of every Christian, just as inhaling and exhaling are to breathing. Trying to serve God and others without being nourished by God’s word is like expecting good fruit to grow from a tree that has been chopped down.

Lukes’s story ends rather abruptly, we don’t really know what happened next, were Mary and Martha reconciled, were they able to enjoy the meal Martha had prepared. Did Martha finally sit and give her full attention to Jesus? What type of hospitality does Jesus receive in your life? Are you so busy running your life that you neglect time with Jesus?

But we do know that Jesus invites all of us who find life hard or who are worried and distracted to come to Him. To hear words of grace and truth, to know that we to are valued and loved. We need God to renew and strengthen us for service. There is only one thing we can do and that is to sit at the feet of Jesus our guest and as it turns out our guest is also our host. Jesus wants to give us all an abundance of gifts so that we can be effective in prayer and service. So can we be like Mary and listen to our Lord as we read our bibles and perform tasks of hospitality and service, which is so vital in making the church in our modern world a welcoming community.

Every blessing, *Rev Ian*.

## Notices

**Update on Peter** - Peter and Helen would like to thank everyone for their prayers, messages and support following their bereavement and his accident. Peter had surgery this week. He is officially on sick leave as he recuperates. Please continue to pray for him and for Helen. Please contact the other Clergy or the Office if you need anything.

**Thank you** - Richard & Melanie Finch thank everyone for their cards and good wishes for their golden wedding anniversary, and a special thanks to Eunice for the beautiful flower arrangement.

**"The Bible Comes Alive"** - at 12 Murray Road on Monday, 28 July at 10am. Matthew 13 – Parables of Jesus. All welcome.

**Funeral of Maureen Underwood** – The funeral of Maureen Underwood will be held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July at Markeaton Crematorium at 9.30am and then at St John's Church at 2pm, followed by refreshments in the Link. All are welcome to attend the services. Please wear colours!

**Benefice BBQ** – Will now be at **All Saints Church Centre** on 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 1pm. Help is needed for this event to go ahead, please let Janice Toplis or Rebekah in the office know if you would be able to cook, help set up/clear away or serve.

**St John's Save the Date** - the cafe style service and bring & share lunch postponed from May will now be on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September. Please keep this date free as it is important that as many as possible are able to take part.

**CTM Prayer Walk** – Then we walk for about an hour in the new Hackwood estate, praying for God's Blessing on our community, the local businesses, schools etc. Listening for anything the Holy Spirit might want to reveal to us. If you plan to join us please let me know by email ray\_lee16@yahoo.co.uk, or phone or text to 07766927539 Thanks *Ray Lee*.

**The Quiet Place** - St John's Church, Wednesdays 10 – 11am. Come to be still, come for sanctuary, come to be listened to, come to give your problems to Jesus, come to pray.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning** – During the Macmillan coffee morning at St John's on 20<sup>th</sup> July, £158.73 was raised from refreshments and the raffle. Thank you to everyone who came and supported the morning.

**Wanted: Mugs!** - Are your kitchen cupboards full of unwanted mugs? All Saints Centre are in need of mugs to replenish some that have gone missing. Please bring them to the office during opening times.

**Radbourne Fete** - We are delighted to let you know that this year's Fete, despite the best efforts of the rain, has raised a fantastic £4,546! Our thanks go to you all for your support. Whether it was baking a cake, donating items to a stall, helping out with refreshments, running a stall on the day or simply buying a raffle ticket. It all helps towards making the event possible and raising the money we do.