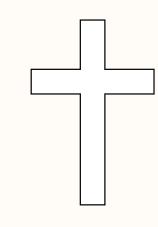
# THREEFOLD AUGUST 2025





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

# OUR CHURCHES

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## 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

**Tuesdays:** Morning Prayers, 8am - All Saints

Wednesdays: Holy Communion, 9.30am - All Saints

Please see the website/newsletters for occasional service details www.mickleoveranglicans.org.uk

## EDITOR'S SCRIBBLES

Thank you to everyone who contributes to our varied content each month. Do keep sending us material. It is important that we have contributions and news from each of our three parishes and that hopefully everyone can find something interesting in each issue.

Following from Clare's article last month "Have you ever wondered how the Church of England makes decisions? outlining the Church's synodical structure I thought it might be appropriate to add that General Synod proceedings can be followed online at

https://www.churchofengland.org/about/governance/generalsynod/groups-sessions/general-synod-july-2025

The recent July meeting included debates on the assisted dying legislation currently being scrutinised by the House of Lords, progressing a redress scheme for victims of abuse, a report on church growth and revitalisation, and much more.

Another aspect of thinking about the Church beyond our own parishes is keeping in touch with what our fellow churches in Mickleover are doing, leading perhaps to supporting some of their events and praying for their work. Do talk to our Churches Together in Mickleover representatives to find out how our local churches are organising joint activities such as the Good Friday Walk of Witness and more recently a prayer tent at the Our Mickleover Fete on the Vicarage Road Field. It is also well worthwhile taking a few minutes from time to time to take a look at their websites and newsletters. For Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church see <u>https://www.ololmickleover.co.uk/</u>; for Mickleover Methodist Church <u>https://www.mickleovermethodist.org.uk/</u>

Hoping for fine, but not too hot, summer weather for enjoyable holidays,

Richard Finch

The deadline for the September magazine is 18th August

## AUGUST CHURCHES' CALENDAR

9.30 - 3.30pm	Open Church	St John's
9.30am - 4pm	Open Church	St Andrew's
10am - 12pm	Internet Café	St John's Link
8am	Morning Prayers	All Saints
9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints
10am - 12pm	All Saints Café	All Saints
10am - 11am	The Quiet Place	St John's
2pm	Friendship Group	St John's Link
10am - 12pm	Rest Stop Cafe	St John's Link
12.15 - 2pm	Bible Brunch Group	St John's Link
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10am	Holy Communion	All Saints
10am	Morning Praise	St John's
10am	Combined Holy Communion	St John's
11am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's
12pm	Wedd & Wileman Wedding	All Saints
10am	Holy Communion	All Saints
10am	Morning Praise w/ JACK	St John's
7pm	Standing Committee	All Saints
2pm	Ind & Foxon Wedding	All Saints
10am	Morning Worship	All Saints
10am	Holy Communion	St John's
4pm	BCP Evening Prayer	St Andrew's
2pm	Roome & Phillips Wedding	All Saints
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## WHO IS OUR NEIGHBOUR?

The Parable of the Good Samaritan is possibly one of the best known of Jesus' parables, even by those who have never opened the Bible. The concept of being 'a Good Samaritan' has entered our language in general usage, as someone who offers help to another, without an ulterior motive; and when the Rev Chad Varah, who as a Church of England priest in London in 1953, was motivated to set up a phone line offering help to those in distress, he chose to name it 'The Samaritans' after the parable.

Today many people look at this parable as being a straightforward instruction to us from Jesus to look after those in need. When aware of the tensions which existed between the Jewish people and the Samaritans during the time of Christ, this parable challenges us to consider who our neighbour truly is, acting with kindness towards those in need, without fear or favour. That care, help and true human kindness exist within those on the margins, those who are seen as 'other', within society.

This way of looking at the parable of the Good Samaritan is very much needed in our world today. Barley a day goes by when I am not horrified by the language

used by some leaders around the world to describe those who they perceive to be unlike themselves or not worthy of help. The language used within our country recently, towards those who receive PIP (Personal Independence Payments) or other benefits, has been truly horrifying.



Not debating policy but setting one group of society against another, using language designed to alienate and dehumanise those in need of support.

This way of reading the parable, is not the only way, however. Early Christian theologians read the parable and interpreted it as an allegory, that is a story with a hidden meaning. Different elements of the story were said to represent parts of the story of the relationship between humanity and God. For Augustine, one of the greatest Christian thinkers of all time, the injured man was said to represent Adam (in turn representing the whole of humanity); the robbers are the devil and his helpers who enticed Adam into sin and left him half alive, having lost the original connection with God; the priest and Levite were said wo represent the rules of the Old Testament, which had not been able to restore humanities relationship with God; The Samaritan who comes along and offers actual healing is therefore Jesus, who binds the wounds of

humankind. The oil used in the process represents hope and forgiveness of sins, offered by Jesus to heal our wounds. The animal upon which the wounded man is placed, represents Jesus' physical body – His incarnation – Literally taking upon himself our burdens, our sins, and carrying us to a place where we can receive complete healing. The inn was said to be the Church, who was there to provide shelter and support during the period of healing, carrying out the instructions of Jesus whilst he was away. The two denarii were said to represent the double love commandment, given by Jesus, which could then be used to help others in turn, or, for the theologian Origen, the two Denari represented the Father and the Son, who together enable our healing to take place.

This way of looking at the parable of the Good Samaritan was about focusing upon spiritual healing, saying that we must attend to our spiritual needs as much as our physical ones, and that injuries to our spiritual health are just as important as injuries to our flesh. In this way of looking at the parable, the Church provides a safe-haven for those in need of recovery and healing. A place where each person's wellbeing is attended to in whatever way they need, regardless of their background.

Augustine's writings, from the late fourth and early fifth centuries, contained for the first time, both ways of looking at this parable. Like Augustine, I believe we have a lot to learn from this parable when read in a straight-forward way; but I would like to suggest that we should also re-awaken our understanding of this parable being about spiritual need, and the healing offered by Christ. Many people today question the need to come to church, or the very need for faith at all. They do not see that the Church has anything to offer them. As members of the Church of England, we have to accept that many people feel particularly wary of this church in particular. We are not always trusted, or seen as somewhere safe. In the more traditional symbolic way of looking at this parable, the Church is represented by the Inn. The Church is a place of healing, care, and kindness. A place offering sanctuary for those who have been injured, and a place to which Jesus promises to return.

People's physical needs are very real, but so are their spiritual ones, and it is that spiritual healing and reconciliation which we as Christians believe the Church can offer.

So let us, like Augustine, look to this Parable as a reminder to not walk to the other side when we see someone in need, and also focus upon making these Churches a safe-haven of spiritual healing and kindness. Amen

### 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

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.



Lord, I dedicate the month of August to You, confident in Your love and guidance. I trust in Your plans for me and ask for Your continuous presence.

I ask for Your divine guidance, wisdom, and strength as I navigate the pathways of August.

May I walk in faith, reflecting Your love and compassion in all that I do. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen

### CTM PRAYER WALK



Date: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August Time: 10.15am Meeting at: The Great Northern

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 phone or text on 07766927539 or email at ray\_lee16@yahoo.co.uk Thanks. Ray Lee

### CONGRATULATIONS

on your wedding at All Saints George Wedd & Holly Wileman Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2025

**Thomas Ind & Hannah Foxon** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025

### Jacob Roome & Florence Phillips

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2025



on your 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Pat & David Rogers

31<sup>st</sup> July 2025



Too often people are devalued or dismissed because of what they have been through in life. Sometimes it's because of what others have done to them or sometimes what they have done to others, or themselves.

If you have ever watched antique programmes on TV, you will know there are valuable items discovered in the most unlikely places; you just have to know what you're looking for. Jesus does. In His eyes you may be 'down' but you're not 'out'.

Peter's sorrow over denying Jesus ran so deep that he decided to go back to his old job as a fisherman. Can you imagine the gossip around the harbour? 'That's the guy who turned his back on Jesus.' Were Peter a minister, we would have called for

# GOD USES DAMAGED PEOPLE

"When you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers."

Luke 22:32 NLT



his resignation. At the very least, he would have nothing to say that we would be interested in listening to. Yet, Peter was the first person Jesus went looking for after the resurrection. And when Jesus saw him, He never mentioned it – not even once. But three times He asked him, 'Do you love me?' When Peter answered yes three times, Jesus said, 'Feed my sheep,' referring to his future as a pastor and leader of the early church (see John 21:15-17).

Jesus looked beyond Peter's failed past and saw his future. Peter's failure was not a surprise to Jesus, He had seen it coming and warned him, 'When you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers.' The weakness he had overcome and our Lord's restoring grace became some of Peter's greatest lessons in his future helping others.

Yes, God will reprove us, but it's for the purpose of restoring us and using us for His future purposes.

# PCC NOTES

### Meetings held at: All Saints on 7th July 2025

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

- We are still looking into the wording/design for the new glass doors at a child's height. Suggestions and ideas are welcome, please pass them on to a member of the PCC or the office.
- The clock chimes have been fixed by Smith of Derby.
- A variety of events is being arranged for the rest of 2025. For the 28<sup>th</sup> September weekend a Harvest Festival and Flower Festival are being organised. If you would like to help, please contact the office or Janice (churchwarden). The Christmas Tree Festival was discussed and will be reviewed again at the next PCC meeting.
- The Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Breakfast went very well on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May with Bishop Malcolm. The feedback from the day was very positive.
- Remembrance Sunday organisation is in progress. We are waiting for a response from the council.
- Box Blight has attacked the hedges next to the war memorial and also the Garden of Remembrance. Fencing will be put up in its place.
- The Community Payback Team continue to do a good job in the churchyard alongside the churchyard maintenance team.
- The next PCC meeting will be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September.
- The next Standing Committee will be on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September.



### Programme 2025/2026

June 12th 2025: A Lovely Cuppa with Maggie Slingsby

July 10th: Hitchhiking with Drunken Nuns with Emily Garces

August 14th: Board Games Evening

September 11th: Stabbo & Sandiacre Hedgehog Rescue

October 9th: Cyber Awareness with Samantha Hencock

**November 5th:** Autumn Celebration at the Winding Wheel, Chesterfield

November 13th: Life of an Airport Duty Manager - Liz Freeman

**December 12th:** Carol Service at St John's 3pm

December 11th: Christmas Party & Faith Supper

January 8th 2026: History of Playing Cards with Mike Lister

February 12th: Street Pastors with Lynn Whalley

March 12th: Curling

April 9th: Potty Plotters & Faith Supper

May 14th: AGM & Resolutions

New Members welcome, come along and see if it's your cup of tea. Telephone Linda on 07793037901 for more details. Or our Facebook page at <u>https://www.facebook.com/mickleoverWI/</u>

# Giving in Grace

## Our Church Our Challenge Our Choice

When Jesus undertook his ministry he did not do so alone. He chose to surround himself with people who would assist him during his journeys, and then take forward his teachings following his death. In the letters of the New Testament we see the followers of Jesus trying to work out how to continue this ministry: spreading the gospel to new places; looking after members of the new communities of followers that were developing around the Mediterranean; resolving disputes that arose due to not having Jesus physically there to guide them during these developments. Being a Christian has never been something undertaken in isolation. Through our baptisms we become members of the family of God, and like all families we each bring different gifts and talents, strengths and weaknesses. There will be times when we can offer more, and times when we have to step back; times when we can take the lead, and times when we each need help and support.

This August we will be running a 'Giving in Grace' campaign at St John's, like the one we ran last year at All Saints, during which will invite everyone to consider what God's call might be upon them at this time. Do you have particular gifts that God might be calling you to use within the Church? Might God be calling you to be more involved in the services? Do you have a particular passion for the environment that might be calling you to involvement in the Eco Group? Do you feel called to help with young people's ministry or with the welcome provided at the Rest Stop Café? Might God be prompting you to develop your prayer life further, praying for the needs of our community? Leaflets will be available highlighting the various roles within St John's where we would especially welcome volunteers, but if you feel a particular calling that has not been thought of, please do also let us know. We will also be asking people to consider their regular giving to church. You may not be aware, but the costs of running of each church are dependent upon the generosity of those who make donations, and the fees received from 'occasional offices' such as Weddings. We are not businesses, but like businesses we receive regular bills, and planned giving helps up to be able to plan our spending more effectively, for example what repairs we can undertake each year, or how might we develop the facilities in church further. There may also be some people whose personal circumstances might have changed. Perhaps they can no longer give in the way they once did, but now have the ability to be involved in other ways? Perhaps you have given the same amount to church each month for years, and have simply never thought about changing the amount? As a society, we are often very embarrassed to discuss money, but without everyone's generous support, our churches would not be able to run.

We hope you will each join in the conversation about what God might be prompting you to be involved with, this August.

Yours in Christ. Rev Clare

## THANK YOU

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.

# PCC NOTES

### Meetings held at: St John's on 16th July 2025

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

- It was agreed that at our next PCC meeting we need to review membership and remit of our Co-Ordinators / Standing Committee.
- We looked at the draft leaflet for the Giving in Grace campaign in August. Among several useful suggestions it was agreed that the importance of supporting our work through prayer and taking time to listen and talk to people needs to be highlighted.
- Clare went through the changed arrangements arising from Peter being signed off work and other pressures on the ministry team. Wardens confirmed their agreement to the second Sunday communion service at St John's being an additional MA service.
- A comprehensive set of safeguarding policy documents was reviewed and approved. Andrew Templer and Kim Cooper were thanked for their work in preparing these.
- Karen and helpers are persevering with the early opening of Rest Stop Café on Friday mornings during term-time and will do further promotion at the beginning of the autumn term.
- Judi's proposal for a regular Wednesday morning 10-11am prayer time in St John's "The Quiet Place" was agreed.
- Clare reported on the national initiative to improve access to church buildings that is being led by Derby Diocese. She has a leading role in this work and will be undertaking an audit of our benefice church buildings.

## RADBOURNE SUMMER FETE

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July



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!** Some of this total was achieved by pre sales of both the Raffle and Plants.

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.

#### We couldn't have done it without you!

The event couldn't take place without all the support we get from Sir Jamie and Lady Chichester and the use of the beautiful grounds of Radbourne Hall. Our thanks to you both.

Lastly, as always big thanks go to all the St Andrew's PCC who help with the fundraising, but in particular the one who tirelessly drives us on, makes so much of it happen and is already planning next year!!!

### PEAK DISTRICT MIGHTY HIKE

St John's churchwarden, Michael Vick walked 26 miles on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July to raise money for Macmillan. If you would like to donate, please go to <u>http://www.justgiving.com/page/michael-vick-2</u>





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

Jesus And Cool Kids

at Johns

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





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! (term time only)



Come to be STILL Come for SANCTUARY Come to be LISTENED TO Come to GIVE YOUR PROBLEMS TO JESUS Come to PRAY

The Quiet Place

**St John's Church** Devonshire Drive, DE3 9HD

> Wednesdays 10 - 11am



### ALL SAINTS CAFÉ

Wednesdays 10am - 12pm All Saints Centre

Come for a friendly chat, tea/coffee with delicious homemade cakes and biscuits **Everyone welcome!** 

As you walk through the All Saints churchyard, take a moment to pause and ponder at our 16 stations with photographs and quotes.



### 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





01332 510446 admin@mickleoveranglicans.org.uk Breakfast Church



### 2nd Sunday of the month (full weekend)

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

All ages welcome!

## DIOCESAN MESSAGE AUGUST 2025

#### Archdeacon Nicky writes...

One of the habits deeply ingrained into me in teaching was looking back and reflecting on progress. Also, the importance of resting after extended periods of busyness to replenish, renew your energy and be ready to start again. That rhythm established by God in creation – working, reviewing, resting, repeat.



August can usually have a slightly slower pace and different rhythm. Opportunities to reflect, rest and plan next steps. God's gift to us. Letting go the tyranny of the to-do-list. Choosing to prioritise things that often don't make it onto the list. Perhaps that might be meeting up with friends, cleaning out the garage, reading that book sitting on the shelf, trying a new hobby, joining a summer club, visiting tourist attractions you've never yet made it to...

Jesus paid careful attention to the things he did and the people he spent time with. He ensured he had space away to rest and pray. At times he chose to leave work undone and move on to something new.

As church meetings slow down, schools close and holiday season sets in, I encourage you to see this month as gift. The opportunity to slow down and do things differently. Is there something you've not been able to find time to do that would be life-giving for you or others?

How might you carve out time and space to enable you to do it during August?

Our vision of the kingdom of God, which is good news for all, centres around God's life-giving love for us. I pray that these summer weeks will be God's gift to you and will feel life-giving and refreshing. A gift that will furnish you with stories and memories of joy and hope you can share with others and look back on during the busyness of general life. A month that will fill your heart with joy and gladness and enable your spirit to soar and sing as you rise up on wings like the eagle. An experience of God's goodness and gift to you.

#### **The Venerable Nicky Fenton**

Archdeacon of Derbyshire Peak and Dales