

# Welcome to our Churches

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## All Saints

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Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025



### Services In Our Churches This Sunday

- Holy Communion All Saints, 10am. Ian Godlington will be speaking.
- Morning Praise at St John's, 10am. Helen Walley will be speaking.

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

### Collect

Almighty God,  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes  
again as judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him,  
who is our Lord and our God. Amen.

### This Sunday's Reading

Isaiah 11: 1 - 10, Matthew 3: 1 - 12

### Next Sunday's Reading

Isaiah 35: 1 - 10, Matthew 11: 2 - 11

### Midweek Services and Groups

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

**New Opera Company** - are back at St John's on Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm. Join us for seasonal favourites including several items for everyone to sing. Tickets £10 on the door including light refreshments or from 01332557096 or 882637. We are also welcoming our new Music Director Morris Fisher.

**Talk by Nick Harding (Reader in Mansfield),  
Safeguarding Trainer for Derby and Southwell and Notts Dioceses**

*Advent Sunday*

*Readings - Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44*

We are in the season of Advent again, and amid the excitement and anticipation there may also be an element of panic! We return to the story of Christ coming to earth incarnate – fully human and fully divine - and we are reminded of the truth of this again through the Old Testament prophets and the story of Jesus' birth. Our readings in this season take us to another place too, that of looking forward and anticipating the return of Christ (the second coming). Jesus has to remind his disciples and all of us not to try to predict when this will happen, indeed Jesus says that he does not know that himself. Paul in Romans also encourages his readers to both anticipate and live in hope and constant awareness that the darkness will end one day and the light will come.

Anticipation. As the person who does safeguarding training for a living, it would be a wonderful surprise if people anticipated safeguarding training sessions with joy and happiness.... but that's not usually the case! Even though Jesus makes clear that the day and the hour of his return, and the 'rapture' when some go and some are left, are not known, still people try to predict this event. The Revd William Miller in the USA got tens of thousands of followers to believe that October 22 1844 would see Christ return...and this was followed by what became known as 'the great disappointment'! A former NASA engineer published a bestselling book predicting the rapture to be in 1989...then 1993...then 1994! Even in the year 2000 we had people predicting Jesus would return and computers would crash...but he didn't come and they didn't crash! Anticipation in this Advent season is right, but it shouldn't dominate our thinking. Instead let's adopt godly anticipation into our lives and lifestyles.

Adoption. We are to adopt into our thinking and our beliefs the reality that Jesus will return but not get obsessed by the anticipation at the cost of everything else. Likewise, we are to adopt our attitudes to what we do to care for and safeguard others in the church community into our ways of being and serving. Paul calls the Romans to 'wake up', and look to the hope we have been given, even in this challenging and dark world. As Jesus' disciples we are never without hope and in adopting an anticipation of Christ's return into our lives we will become a safer and healthier community.

Action. As a result of all this Paul calls the Romans to action. They are to put aside darkness and sin, behave decently, kindly and fairly in how they treat others, respect others and put aside any behaviour and habits that are not Godly.

The people are to live in unity and generosity, avoid jealousy, and respect and encourage the gifts that each of us have. These ways of being are all about safeguarding – living out our call to be a community of honesty, openness, care, and love. This is the mission of the church – a collection of people called by God to actively live for Jesus and to live for him.

So, as we move through Advent and remember Jesus coming that first time, we anticipate, adopt and put love, care and safety into action with the sure knowledge that there is hope, and Christ will return one day. ‘Keep watch, for we do not know the day or the hour that the Lord will come’...and in the waiting, ‘we clothe ourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ.’

Upcoming Christmas Services at our Churches			
Sunday	10am	Christingle	All Saints
14 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30pm	Carols and Readings	St John's
Sunday	10am	Nativity with JACK	St John's
21 <sup>st</sup> December	4pm	Carols by Candlelight	St Andrew's
	7pm	Carols by Candlelight	All Saints
Christmas Eve	2pm	Family Carols	All Saints
Wednesday	4pm	Family Carols	All Saints
24 <sup>th</sup> December	4pm	Carols Around the Crib	St John's
	6pm	Family Carols	All Saints
	11pm	Midnight Communion	All Saints
	11pm	Midnight Communion	St John's
Christmas Day	10am	Holy Communion	All Saints
Thursday	10am	Holy Communion	St John's
25 <sup>th</sup> December	11am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's

## Notices

**St John's Christmas and Craft Fair** – Thank you to all who contributed and assisted with the stalls, lunches and refreshments at our Christmas and Craft Fair last Saturday. A very big thank you to all who helped to set up and especially those who helped clear and return the Church and Hall to normal!! We are delighted to report that we raised £1656.81. A detailed break-down of stall income is in the Church porch. *Joy & Richard*

**All Saints Decorating for Christmas** – There has been a change of date, we will be decorating All Saints for Christmas on **MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER at 10am**. We hope to use greenery, if anyone has long lasting greenery it would be most welcome. Help is also very welcome, do come along. *Celia Cullen*

**Midweek Matinee** – Join us at All Saints Centre on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm to watch White Christmas on the big screen. Tickets £5 adults and £2 children (drink and popcorn included). There is a sign up sheet at the back of church or let Janice or Rebekah know if you wish to attend so we know to expect you.

**St Andrew's** – There will not be a Holy Communion service next week. Join us for our Carols by Candlelight on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 4pm or on Christmas Day, 11am instead!

**Christmas Carol Services** - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 4pm at St Andrews and 7pm at All Saints. We are gathering a choir to lead the music. If you have not joined before but think you might like to, please have a word with Stephen Johns at the organ after the service. It helps if you can read music, but it is NOT essential, we would enjoy some new members.

**Reverse Advent Calendar** – Derby Food4Thought have launched their reverse advent calendar again this year to be given out to families in need in Derby. Posters in All Saints and St Johns and lists of items needed too. If you want to find out more, [www.derbyfood4thoughtalliance.org.uk](http://www.derbyfood4thoughtalliance.org.uk). They would like donations to be collected and given to them by December 5<sup>th</sup>. Let's make a real difference this year. *Peter*

**New Year Course** - Peter will be hosting the Bible Society's Bible Course in the Vicarage starting on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January from 7.30pm. The course aims to deepen understanding of the Bible and it is suitable if you're new to the Bible, just curious about it or you've been reading it for years. This is an 8 session, small group resource and it includes video teaching, discussions, a reading plan, a handbook (£10) and extra content. Please do get in touch with Peter, [peterwalley@btinternet.com](mailto:peterwalley@btinternet.com) or phone him on 07725740407 if you are interested.

**Christmas Bells Aren't Ringing** - All Saints Church Mackworth is raising money to repair their wear and tear on their 400-year-old bells, taken down after the 2020 arson attack. To support this appeal, a great local band UNTRACEABLE are playing covers from a range of artists at the Folly at the Farmhouse, Mackworth on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7.30pm. Ticket prices £7 adult and £4 age 16 or under. Tickets on the door.

**Poppy Appeal** – Thank you to everyone who bought a poppy or donated to the poppy appeal at All Saints this year, £29.90 was raised. This is added to the overall district total which came to £22,353.23.

**Carols and Readings for Christmas** – If you would like to read at St John's Carols and Readings for Christmas service on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm, please put your name on the sign up sheet at the back of St John's.