

Welcome to our Churches

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All Saints

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Sunday 25th January 2026

Services In Our Churches This Sunday

- Morning Praise at All Saints, 10am. Peter Walley will be speaking.
- Holy Communion at St John's, 10am. Paul Pritchard will be speaking.
- BCP Evening Prayer at St Andrew's, 4pm. Led by Peter Walley.

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

Collect

God of mercy, your Son
proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your holy spirit
and set all your people free
to praise your in Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Sunday's Reading at All Saints

1 Corinthians 1: 10-18, Matthew 4: 12-23

This Sunday's Reading at St John's

Acts 9. 1-22, Matthew 8: 18-22

Next Sunday's Reading

1 Cor 1: 18 to end, John 2: 1 to 11

Midweek Services and Groups

Mondays	St John's Internet Café 10am – 12pm in 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.

Beetle Drive – Saturday 24th January 2026 at All Saints Centre, 6.30pm.

Come along for various refreshments and friendly competition.

Tickets £5 on the door.

The Christian calendar moves quickly. Here we are only a few weeks after Christmas and by the end of the first chapter of John's Gospel we are quickly taken from "the Word made flesh" to the baptism of Jesus to John the Baptist's declaration that he, Jesus, is the chosen one and on to Jesus's ministry beginning as he gathers his first disciples including Andrew and Peter.

These verses from John's Gospel are very familiar to us with some of the words and phrases resonating in our routine practice worship such as:

"The lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world". Jesus is the ultimate sacrifice that will be accepted on our behalf. Jesus' work is for everyone not just the righteous.

"The Chosen One", the "Messiah" (Christ)- Jesus is not just a very good man. He is divine, he is God incarnate.

However, there are some phrases and actions in this passage which seem quite mundane yet are actually very significant.

Firstly, when two of John's disciples saw Jesus and followed him Jesus turned round and said, "What do you want".

When they asked him where he was staying, he said: "come and you will see".

"What do you want?". You can put the emphasis on different words of this phrase to take it from the aggressive to the exasperated to the genuine enquiry- What are you looking for?

Are we looking for temporary fixes? Are we looking for answers to tragedies or disasters or are we longing for meaning, purpose, forgiveness, and wholeness. Jesus rarely gives direct answers and in this passage he doesn't tell us what we should want or what we should be looking for but over the course of his ministry he points to something deep and unselfish where deeds such as compassion, love, justice and generosity are foremost.

When asked where he is staying Jesus does not simply give his address. He gives an invitation- "Come and you will see". To truly find out about Jesus we need to follow him. Perhaps we could combine "What do you want?" with "Come and you will see" in the following ways:

Do you want healing and wholeness? Come and you will see.

Do you want forgiveness and reconciliation? Come and you will see.

Do you want justice and change? Come and you will see.

Do you want light and clarity? Come and you will see.

Do you want life and life abundant? Come and you will see.

Jesus' invitation takes us beyond observation and towards experience. It is a call to join him, learn from him and discover His presence in our lives.

It doesn't end there. Jesus calls us to be his disciples and to share our experience with others. He empowers and fortifies us to do that just as he took Simon the fisherman and transformed him into Peter the Rock. Jesus saw in Simon/Peter a potential that he himself did not see. What potential does he see in us?

So, what are the key messages we can take away from this passage and apply to ourselves?

We should:

- embrace the Lamb of God who takes away our sins.
- accept His invitation to "Come and See".
- share our experiences with others so that they may also come and see.

Amen

John Foxon

Notices

The Bible Comes Alive - at 12 Murray Road, home of Michael Huggett, on Monday, 26th January, at 10am. Mark 3,22-30 – Jesus' success brings opposition and enemies. All welcome.

Wreath Making Workshop – Thank you to everyone who attended and helped at the wreath making workshop in December at St John's. It was not held as a fundraiser, the intention was to break even on a community event. However, it was so popular it raised £513.

Vicarage Home Group – starting 14th January at 7.30 - 9pm and will meet for 6 sessions, every two weeks until 25th March. We will be looking at the topic '**Struggling with Judgement**'. Many have questions about how a God of love can be a God of judgement, particularly as we read the Old Testament? If this is a question you have, or struggle with like me, then please come and join this informal and friendly group. Meeting at The Vicarage, Etwall Road, Mickleover DE3 0DL. Helen Walley (contact through the church office)

Midweek Matinee – Wednesday 28th January at 2pm All Saints Centre. This month's film is 'Calendar Girls'. Tickets £5 adults and £2 children (drink and popcorn included).

Paint a Pot – Sunday 1st February at St John’s Church Hall, 2pm. We have a range of pots to paint from children’s money boxes to trinket boxes and mugs. All the materials are provided and refreshments. Suitable for all ages. Come and join us!

CTM Prayer for Mickleover - 5th February 10:15am in St John’s Link. During the winter months we suspend our prayer walks but still meet to pray for our community. We will spend about an hour praying for our community, businesses, schools, etc. listening for anything the Holy Spirit reveals. If you plan to come, please contact me at ray_lee16@yahoo.co.uk or phone 239645 (answerphone screened), so I know to expect you. Thank you. *Ray Lee*

Prayer Exhibition during Lent - We are planning to put up a display about Prayer in the Link during Lent. Please share any inspirational quotes, thoughts, images or familiar and favourite prayers with us. Deadline for material is Friday 13th February. We may not use everything but are hoping to include as much as we can. *Alun Rowlands and Joy Templer*

Afternoon Tea & Concert – A Pot-Pourri of words and music on Saturday 28th February at 2.30pm at All Saints Church. Showcasing the wealth of talent among our three churches across all ages. Tickets £5 available on the door or in advance from the office, profit going to All Saints Church. If you would like to take part, please let Janice or Rebekah know by 14th February.

Men’s Breakfast - Following the successful Church Ladies night out at the end of last year, I thought it might be a good idea for the church men to also have a time out. I wondered about a breakfast at the Great Northern one Saturday in the next month or so. To co-ordinate, I want to set up a WhatsApp group so we can sort out the best date, but I would need everyone’s mobile number for that. If you are interested, please let me have your name and mobile number. I am on 07504041046 or mikeshooter@hotmail.co.uk

Our Love Prayers and Sympathy to the families of:

- **Mary Lofthouse** – the funeral will be on 27th January at 1.30pm at Markeaton Crematorium, Main Chapel.
- **Norah Appleby MBE** – the thanksgiving service will be on 30th January at 11am at Mickleover Methodist Church. Parking is limited, please walk or take the bus if possible.
- **Marion Fogg** – the funeral will be on 4th February at 3pm at Markeaton Crematorium, Round Chapel.
- **Peter Wade** – the funeral will be on 9th February at 12pm at All Saints Church.
- **John Godfrey** – the funeral will be on 17th February at 1pm followed by committal at Nottingham Road Cemetery.
- **Christine Taylor**. Funeral details to follow.