

Welcome to our Churches

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Sunday 8th February 2026

Services In Our Churches This Sunday

- Morning Worship at All Saints, 10am. Peter Walley will be speaking.
- Holy Communion at St John's, 10am. Paul Pritchard will be speaking.
- Holy Communion at St Andrew's, 11am. Led by Alun Rowlands.

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

Collect

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

This Sunday's Reading

Rom 8: 18 - 25, Matthew 6: 25 - end

Next Sunday's Reading

2 Peter 1: 16 - end Matthew 17: 1 - 9

Midweek Services and Groups

Mondays	<i>St John's Internet Café</i> 10am – 12pm in St John's Link
Tuesdays	<i>Prayers</i> 8am at All Saints.
Wednesdays	<i>Holy Communion</i> 9.30am at All Saints.
Wednesdays	<i>All Saints Café</i> 10am – 12pm in the Centre.
Fridays	<i>St John's Rest Stop Café</i> 10am – 12pm in the Link.

Weddings, those most beautiful and joyous occasions are wonderful, right up until something goes wrong! That was certainly the experience for those gathered to celebrate the couple being married in Cana, in Galilee (John 2.2-11). Fortunately, Mary, the mother of Jesus, was a guest and she knew exactly what to do, her wisdom resonates through the years.

A wedding is not a bad metaphor for the life of church, they both should be joyful, life affirming, filled with grace and hope where all ages can gather and marvel at the gift of love. However, like our story in scripture, sometimes we can feel that the resources we have are running low and this can create stress and anxiety for those involved. When this happens, we have encouragement as we remember:

When the wine runs out, Jesus is already present.

Jesus didn't just appear when the wine had run out—he was already there, long before the shortage was noticed. Similarly, Christ is clearly already present in the ministry of St John's. There's lots to be encouraged by, and the kingdom of God is clearly being expressed as good news for all as you seek to transform lives, grow the church and build communities. We often assume that renewal begins when we are ready, it doesn't, the gospel says renewal begins when Jesus is present ...and he already is.

When the wine runs out, God invites us into a different way of seeing.

Mary demonstrates exceptional wisdom when she told the servants to do exactly what Jesus told them. This act of faith opened the way to see six large stone water jars used for purification, ordinary objects, everyday resources, things people walked past without noticing, to be vehicles for something extraordinary. Sometimes, as churches consider their next chapter and begin to make plans for the future it can raise anxiety, because people feel they will have to do something new that will require energy and resources they just do not have. Renewal does not always come from something new. It often comes from seeing what God has already given us—differently, hopefully, expectantly, with a few tweaks to existing activities the missional impact of this church may be exponentially increased.

When the wine runs out, Jesus brings transformational hope.

John tells us that the water did not become wine through strategy or effort or clever planning. It became wine because of Jesus. And not just any wine, wine of excellence, wine of abundance. In the same way that ordinary water is drawn up through the mud of the earth into the vine and then into the grape before it is crushed and becomes vintage wine, so too we, ordinary people of the earth, can be transformed through the vine (which is Jesus) and become God's love gift to the world, his missional church.

A church of everyday faith disciples committed to making new missional disciples, others who can carry the story of Jesus to a needy world.

This is the heart of Christian hope: God's future is better than God's past. Even when we feel older, smaller, or weary—God is not finished with us! If you feel tired— you are in good company. The servants at the wedding were tired too. They still filled the jars. If you feel unsure— Mary was unsure too. She still trusted Jesus. If you feel your resources are small—the jars were empty too. Jesus still filled them with new life.

The One who stood at the wedding in Cana stands with this church still.

Gracious God, in your mercy and for your glory, renew us, reshape us, revive us – with generous faith, courageous hope and life-giving love - that, in transformed lives, through growing church and building community, we may see your Kingdom come and be good news for all. Amen.

Rev Canon Matt Barnes
Director of Mission.

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Notices

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*

All Saints Stitchers – Will be selling their craft items during the St John's Rest Stop Café on 20th February 10am – 12pm. There will be some half price items and also Easter items. Come and see what we've got!

The Chosen: Lent Course – A six-week journey through Scripture, with scenes from The Chosen drama series from. All Saints Church Centre Wednesdays 25th February – 1st April at 2.30 – 4pm, Mickleover Methodist Wednesdays 25th February – 1st April at 7pm – 8.30pm and St John's Thursdays 26th February – 2nd April at 10.30am – 12pm.

Beetle Drive – Thank you to all those who came and supported the Beetle Drive at All Saints, it was a very enjoyable evening. Thank you to Joyce for organising and running the event.

Afternoon Tea & Concert – My sincere apologies. After some deliberation, it has been decided to postpone the 'Pot-Pourri' afternoon. It will now take place in May or June, date to be confirmed after discussion with accompanists. Those of you who have volunteered to take part.... I've got you on my list!! Again, my apologies, new date will be published as soon as possible. *Janice*

Our Love Prayers and Sympathy to the families of:

- **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 All Saints Church at 1pm followed by committal at Nottingham Road Cemetery.
- **John Roper** – The wake for John will be at the Royal British Legion on 20th February at 1- 4pm.
- **Michael Heap** – The funeral will be on 23rd February at Markeaton Crematorium at 1.30pm.

Margaret's Funeral – Thank you to all of you, who came and made it a memorable occasion. You gave £653 to Margaret's favourite charities, Marie Curie Nurses and The Children's Society. Thank you. *Michael Huggett*

From Mike & Joy Shooter -We are adding an extension at the back of our bungalow and, looking to the future, are wondering about the benefits of including solar panels and a heat pump as part of the overall design. We wondered if anyone had experience (themselves or family members) that could help us decide and avoid any pitfalls. Thanks.

"The Bible Comes Alive" – We shall meet at the home of Michael Huggett on Monday 9th February, at 10am. Mark 6: 53 – end. All welcome.