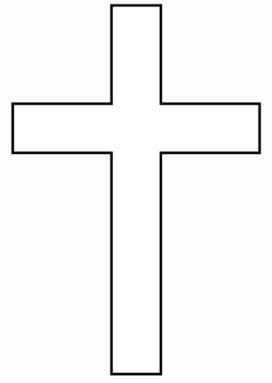


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APRIL 2026



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



# OUR CHURCHES

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## **ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

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***allsaintsadmin@mickleoveranglicans.org.uk***

**Office Hours:** 9am - 3pm on Tuesdays - Thursdays

**Open Church:** Enquire at the office

## **ST ANDREW'S CHURCH**

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***Open Church: Monday - Friday***

***9am - 3pm***



## **ST JOHN'S CHURCH**

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***DE3 9HD***

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**Open Church:** Monday-Friday 9.30am-3.30pm



# 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 - Vicarage

## **Wednesdays:**

Holy Communion, 9.30am - All Saints

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occasional service details  
[www.mickleoveranglicans.org.uk](http://www.mickleoveranglicans.org.uk)*

# EDITOR'S SCRIBBLES

Welcome to our Easter edition.

There is a distinct shift in the air this month, isn't there? It's in the stubborn green shoots pushing through the frost and the sudden, golden stretch of the evenings. After the long, grey "Lent" of winter, these small signs of life feel like a collective deep breath.

In the Easter is often described as a season of "new beginnings," but for many of us, life doesn't always feel brand new. We carry the scuffs and scratches of the previous year with us. Yet, the beauty of the Easter story is that it doesn't ignore the scars. Jesus kept his after all. Instead, it tells us that those scars are not the end of the story. They are simply the place where the light breaks through.

Whether you are joining us for the solemnity of the **Good Friday** liturgy or the jubilant bells of **Easter Day**, we look forward to sharing this great mystery with you and we hope this magazine offers you a moment of peace and a reminder that spring and hope always returns.

Wishing you a joyful and refreshing Easter tide.

*James*

***The deadline for the May magazine will be 16<sup>th</sup> April***

# APRIL

# CHURCHES' CALENDAR

Monday - Friday	9.30 - 3.30pm	Open Church	St John's
Monday - Friday	9am - 3pm	Open Church	St Andrew's
Mondays	10am - 12pm	Internet Café	St John's Link
Tuesdays	8am	Morning Prayers	Vicarage
Wednesdays	9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints
Wednesdays	10am - 12pm	All Saints Café	All Saints
Wednesdays	2pm	Friendship Group	St John's Link
Fridays	10am - 12pm	Rest Stop Café	St John's Link

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Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	Holy Communion w/ Stripping Altar	All Saints
<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	7.30pm	Holy Communion w/ Stripping Altar	St John's
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10am	Morning Worship	All Saints
<i>Good Friday</i>	<b>3pm</b>	<b>Meditation</b>	St John's
	11.15am	Walk of Witness	From OLOL
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Holy Communion	All Saints
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	10am	Holy Communion	St John's
	11am	Holy Communion	St Andrew's
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b><i>No Holy Communion this Wednesday at All Saints</i></b>		
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	CTM Prayer Walk	Meet @ St John's
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	8.15am	Who Let the Dads Out?	All Saints Centre
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Breakfast Church	All Saints
	10am	Morning Worship	All Saints
	10am	Holy Communion	St John's
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Standing Committee	All Saints
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Coordinators	St John's
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Holy Communion	All Saints
	10am	Morning Praise with JACK	St John's
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	Quiz Night w/ Pie n' Peas	All Saints Centre
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Morning Worship	All Saints
	10am	Holy Communion	St John's
	4pm	BCP Evening Prayer	St Andrew's
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	APCM/PCC	St Andrew's
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Midweek Matinee	All Saints Centre



# *Alleluia He is Risen!* *Easter 2026*

## **PALM SUNDAY - 29<sup>th</sup> March**

10am MA Holy Communion at St John's

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY - 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

7.30pm Holy Communion w/ Stripping of the Altar  
at All Saints

7.30pm Holy Communion w/ Stripping of the Altar  
at St John's

## **GOOD FRIDAY - 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

10am Morning Worship at All Saints

11.15am Walk of Witness starting at Our Lady of Lourdes

3pm Meditation at St John's

## **EASTER SUNDAY - 5<sup>th</sup> April**

10am Holy Communion at All Saints

10am Holy Communion at St John's

11am Holy Communion at St Andrew's, Radbourne



# CLERGY LETTER

As I write this, the sun is shining, the temperatures are rising and from now until September 21st, daylight will be longer than night-time! Nature is definitely waking up. Spring is a time for tilling, sowing and planting. What plans have you got for planting this year? The fete at St Andrews is coming earlier this year (May 9th) and amongst all the other attractions there will be a plant stall to look forward to browsing which is stocked by local people.

Warmth brings out the insects too. Brimstones, Small Tortoiseshell and Peacock butterflies have been reported in Mickleover. If you venture along the old railway line, you will hear woodpeckers drumming and chiff chaffs singing. These are so welcome to see and hear alongside the birds nesting (as I write this, I can see a pair of Nuthatches cleaning out their nest hole in a lime tree in All Saints Graveyard).

Easter this year is early (April 5th). During Holy Week why not follow the Easter Story as recorded by Matthew? Jesus begins his final journey up to Jerusalem at the end of Matthew 20 and enters into Jerusalem at the beginning of chapter 21.

A reading scheme for Holy Week would therefore be:

<b>Palm Sunday</b>	Matthew 21: 1 to 31
<b>Monday of Holy Week</b>	Matt 21: 33 to Matt 22:22
<b>Tuesday</b>	Matt 22:23 to 46
<b>Wednesday</b>	Matt 23
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	Matt 25, 26
<b>Good Friday</b>	Matt 27: 1 to 56
<b>Saturday</b>	Matt 27, 57 to end
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	Matt 28

Matthew was a tax collector and Levite when Jesus called him to follow, in other words a Hebrew who knew his Old Testament and so he focusses on Jesus's encounters with the crowds preparing for Passover in the Temple and a detailed account of his trial and execution including the moment when Jesus gave up his Spirit the detail that the huge (roughly 30m high) curtain in the temple, separating the Holy of Holies from the rest of the temple, was torn in two.

The tearing of the curtain was a physical sign that Jesus' sacrifice was accepted by God his heavenly Father and that sacrifices of animals to atone for sins was ended. No longer did God require the High Priest to enter inside the curtain once a year, with a rope tied around his ankle (so he could be

dragged out if he died behind the curtain). Now, the promise to everyone who believes in the atonement that Jesus brought, has full access to God in prayer. This is explained in the book of Hebrews, chapters 8, 9 and 10. So we read in Chapter 8: 10ff (quoting Jeremiah 31: 31 to 34) *'This is the covenant (agreement) I will establish after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbours or say to one another, "Know the Lord," because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, for I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.'*

Chapter 9: 11ff *When Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here...He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, so obtaining eternal redemption.*

Chapter 10: 19ff *Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we possess for he who promised is faithful.*

Unlike the teaching of other world religions, our future is not determined on the judgement scales of whether our good deeds are greater than our bad deeds. As Christians, we have the absolute assurance that our sins are forgiven through faith in the shed blood of Jesus and when we in our turn pass from this life to the next, we need not fear for we are entering into a far better reality. As Jesus said to his disciples. "I am preparing a place for you and after I have prepared you a place, I shall return to bring you with me so that where I am, you may be too."

That is the amazing truth of the Easter story. Death is conquered. New life is here.

The resurrection tells us not to give up hope when everything seems black (Easter Sunday followed Good Friday) Today, when everything in our world is being shaken, let us instead focus our love, our prayers and our worship on the one who came to save the world and bring the world back into relationship with God our creator and let us witness to that good news with real hope and joy.

**The Easter Collect for our prayers:** God of glory, by the raising of your Son, you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Every blessing. *Peter*

# Midweek Matinee

Wednesday  
29<sup>th</sup> April  
2pm

showing  
**Aladdin**  
at  
**All Saints Centre**

£5 Adults  
£2 Children

*Theatre snacks included*



# Quiz Night

with  
**Fre n' Peas**

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm  
All Saints Centre

£5 per person      Teams of 4

Contact the office to book your place  
01332 510446 | [admin@mickleoveranglicans.org.uk](mailto:admin@mickleoveranglicans.org.uk)

*A list will be displayed before the event for you to choose your pie*

## PRAYER CHAIN

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### 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](mailto: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.*



Dear God,  
thank you for bringing Jesus  
into the earth to be born and to  
die for my sins.

Thank you Lord Jesus  
for that act of sacrifice.

I now know that through you,  
I have the hope of your glory in  
my life.

Thank you for your kindness  
and tender mercies.

You are faithful and love me  
with unconditional love.

Amen

## CTIM PRAYER WALK

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**Date:** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April

**Time:** 10.15am

**Meeting at:** St John's

We will walk for about an hour  
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 would like join the walk  
please contact Ray Lee so that I  
know to expect you. 01332  
239645, or 07766927539, or  
email*

*[ray\\_lee16@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ray_lee16@yahoo.co.uk)*

## LIFE EVENTS

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### Congratulations

Kit on your baptism at  
St John's  
on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April

*May the blessings on this  
wonderful day fill your life  
with joy and peace forever.*



# TRUST IN CHRIST ALONE!

***“Whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.”***

JAMES 2:10 NKJV



Paul writes, ‘By grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God’ (Ephesians 2:8 NKJV). Why did Paul say we are saved through grace alone? Because trying to obtain salvation by keeping the law sets you up for failure. ‘For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.’ You say, ‘That’s an impossible standard!’ You’re

right! The law is like an X-ray machine; it can reveal what’s under the surface and identify the problem, but it can’t fix it. The law is also like a mirror. It can tell you that you need to apply make-up, or shave, or comb your hair, but it can’t do these things for you. In other words, the law can show you your problem but can’t solve it. But what the law could not do, Christ did on the cross (see Romans 8:3). When Jesus said, ‘It is finished’ (John 19:30 KJV), all your sins from the

cradle to the grave were atoned for. And when you put your trust in Him, you are saved for time and eternity. Some people acknowledge that you are made right with God by grace, through putting your trust in Christ. But, they believe you maintain your salvation by keeping the works of the law. The problem is, even on your best day, you cannot live up to all the demands of a perfect God. The hymnist

wrote, ‘Trusting as the moments fly, trusting as the days go by; trusting Him whate’er befall, trusting Jesus, that is all!’



A collage of board game elements including dice, playing cards, a Snakes and Ladders board with a green snake, a spinner, and a checkers board with a pink and white checkered pattern and blue and orange pieces.

# Board Games Afternoon

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm**

**St John's Link**

**£3.00 on the door**

**Games for all ages and abilities!**

Oswald Chambers said,

'It is inbred in us that we have to do exceptional things for God,  
but we do not. We have to be exceptional in ordinary things.'

And when we are, we put a smile on God's face.



## All Saints Church

**Saturday**  
**9 May 2026**    **2.30pm**

Tickets £12

Tea, coffee, squash,  
biscuits included

Etwall Road, Mickleover,  
Derby, DE3 0DL

**Supporting Derby Food 4 Thought**

Book in advance 01332 557096 or  
01332 882637 or buy tickets at the door



## The Bartered Bride

by  
**Bedrich  
Smetana**  
Selections

## Lilac Time

by  
**Franz  
Schubert**  
Selections





## THANK YOU TAMMY & JASON



In the summer of 2020, as lock down restrictions were being somewhat lifted, a greengrocers stall appeared on the Robin car park on Friday morning. It was an instant success with people queuing to buy their fresh fruit, vegetables and eggs. Judi, Alun and I spotted an opportunity, to serve tea and coffee outside church to the people in the queue. Rest Stop Café was born.

Over the last 6 years at café we have developed quite a friendship with the stall holders Tammy and Jason. They have supported café by donating numerous prizes for raffles, as well as oranges for Christingles and lemons for pancakes.

Each Friday lunch time Tammy and Jason have donated any left over produce; this has been taken to the food bank at the Hope Centre in town. A car boot full of all manner of fruit and veg.

Tammy and Jason have decided it's time for a change and they are giving up their market stall. We thank them for their friendship and support and wish them well in their future endeavours. We will miss them. If they are ever in Derby on a Friday morning they will be very welcome at café, and could actually come inside and sit in the warm for their cuppa and cake.

*Kim Cooper*



# PCC NOTES

## Meeting held at: All Saints on 9th March 2026

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

The PCC reviewed progress on the following items

- **Safeguarding** – Lindsay Nicklin (PSO) updated the PCC on the new Safeguarding Hub on which records will be stored.
- **Maintenance issues – Church** – work on the old redundant chimney has been completed. The lightning conductor has been repaired. **Centre** – Painting of the centre by the Community Payback Team is hoped to be done after Easter. There is an issue with the Centre boiler losing pressure. Gascoynes have been asked to fix it. **Graveyard** – Six lime trees by the wall to the Manor have been pruned by a contractor. We need to organise an arboriculturist to report on the state of all our trees especially those with TPO. Once we have this report we will again raise with the council issues surrounding the Atlas Cedar in the car park and roots entering drains from the centre.
- **Social** – Janice Toplis reported that the new benefice group ‘*Socialites*’ has created a calendar list of social activities taking place in each of the three churches.
- **Box hedges in Garden of Remembrance** – the replacement of the box hedges had been discussed with the Archdeacon. The preferred replacement was Japanese Holly (*Ilex Crenata*). From a local nursery the total cost was likely to be £240. We will ask for donations to cover this. Peter will apply for List B faculty approval;
- **Bin collection** – following correspondence and a visit by Streetpride, it was agreed to have a contract with Wards (Commercial Waste) for one black bin to be collected once a month for Centre waste. The recommendation for the PCC was that we ask the council for one 240l blue bin, two 240l black bins (one to be placed at the exit of the graveyard/cemetery by the gate), and 3 240l brown bins all for church/graveyard use;
- **Finance** – the Treasurer, Brian Devenport reported that we were able to send monies collected for the charity in Burundi of £454.99 through Western Union. The PCC approved the annual accounts;

- **Preparations for APCM** - The Chair referred to the circulated paper, noting that Ian Nicklin would be stepping down as Churchwarden and Maggie Hird's time as Deanery Synod rep would come to an end this summer. In terms of elected members we will need up to 3 new members to serve for 3 years and 1 member to serve for one year. He also noted the need for reports to be written and given to Rebekah to compile for the Annual Meeting.
- Colleen Bowles has tendered her resignation as PCC secretary. The PCC thanked Colleen for her support.
- **Formation of a new sub committee** - to be set up to enable to the PCC to focus more on mission and Ministry during their meetings.

## FREE PRINTER CONSUMABLES RECYCLING

You can now recycle all **GENUINE OEM**  
(Original Equipment Manufacturer) printer consumables such as:  
**toners, inks, drums, fusers, transfers and full waste toner boxes**  
at All Saints Church!

Bring your consumables to the office, or leave them at the back of church to be collected and recycled.

This service is provided by Circular Planet, which is a multi-brand cartridge collection programme that is designed in cooperation with the original ink and toner cartridge manufacturers. The goal is to relieve the end user by collecting all cartridges and other print consumables for them in one single collection box resulting in reduced CO2 emissions.

For more information about Circular Planet, visit their website  
<https://circular-planet.com/>





Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

# EASTER CRAFTING



and fun for all ages at  
Rest Stop Café  
10am - 12pm



St John's Church Hall

Refreshments with usual Cakes + Hot Cross Buns!  
Donations welcome and a small charge for some  
adult crafts but all children's activities are FREE

# ROMANS 4: 1 - 5, 13 - 17, JOHN 3: 1 - 17

*Sermon by Dawn Perry from 1<sup>st</sup> March*

Our readings this week are both leading us to a very personal question – are we a righteous person, are we ‘right with God’?

Not on the outside, in ways that people that anyone can see, but in our heart of hearts, deep down.

We can only answer this personally and it might take a challenge for some of us to really face up to this. But before we can answer this question, we need to fully understand what it means to be ‘Right with God’. What makes that happen?

Our readings gave us answers both to what it means to be ‘Right with God’ and what it means not to be. In our readings from Romans we see Abraham given as our example. There are many parts to his story but initially we meet him as a Jewish man, who followed the law. He was circumcised and he lived as he was meant to do according to the law of his Jewish faith.

To all intents and purposes, on the outside, this would make him a ‘righteous’ man, it would make him ‘Right with God’, but Paul is telling us that this was not the case and that all Abraham actually needed to do was to trust in God, to believe in God. Not superficially, just reading words because you always have done, or saying the words you see in front of you because everyone around you is doing that – that’s just following the law without really thinking about it, it is not a deep belief.

Well Abraham did lots of things. God gave him a promise but Abraham’s trust wavered slightly and he tried his own method which all went a little bit wrong... Then he came back to God, and actually he showed how his trust had deepened to a deep belief. He had absolute trust in God that day so that he took his only Son up onto a mountain. At one point God asks him to kill his son. How could God have even considered putting Abraham in this position.

But look again, isn’t that exactly what God did, for us. And all he is asking in return, is that we believe, and we trust, fully, deeply, to the depth that Abraham did, to the depth that the disciples did. That we own what God has done for us in our heart of hearts.

All of us, in our church family are at different points in our journey of faith, not related to how long we have been Christian, not related to our age but related in how we engage with our faith. We should be exploring, asking questions, because this is how we grow, how we deepen our faith, how we learn to trust. So, what questions do you have in your heart of hearts, deep down, what questions do you have there? This is a deep thing, not something we can share or answer in 5 minutes, because it’s personal, isn’t it?

Yet, we see Nicodemus doing exactly that with Jesus. Now Nicodemus is one of the Jewish Council, an upstanding and important man in his

community. Surely he is a righteous man? He has seen Jesus, heard and seen the things he has been doing and although he would know the opinion of the rest of the council, he has a position, a family. He would also know what it would be to stand against the council at this point. But he is asking questions, wanting explanations, “What does this mean, how can that happen?”

“How can we be born after growing old?”

We see Abraham do this, being born again into that spiritual trust with God, we know that he gained a deeper, stronger faith as an older man than the younger man had. But we also see this growth in Nicodemus and of course, in the disciples. We are in Lent, looking towards the events of Easter, and it is on the witness and the described events of that period that we see the depth of faith in the disciples. Many of them died awful, dreadful deaths for their faith. They could not have done that for something that was only superficially believed.

Where are we in our own journey of faith? Are we, just ticking the box, turning up, reciting the words, or are we going to take this further? Do we know how to take this further? Jesus said that we need to be born of both water and of the spirit. Now we could easily assume that means we are baptised in water and our confirmation is in the spirit but Jesus explains that to be born of water, is our birth, the birth of flesh that is just that – flesh. To believe, with trust, fully in God, is to be born of the spirit.

Go back to the joy and euphoria of the Pentecost event when the Holy Spirit came down on the disciples. This was a massive thing, it brought thousands of people to faith. The utter power of the spirit in the moment, can we really imagine such a thing. Well, we don't have to, do we, because if we are ‘Right with God’, if our trust, our belief in Jesus, his life on Earth, his death for us, his resurrection, all that he did for us, if we fully, truly, deeply believe this, then we are born of the spirit and God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit will be active in us, in our lives. Through this faith, we can bring others into our faith and then we too, like Abraham, like Nicodemus and like the disciples will be living examples of his word – IF, we are ‘Right with God’.

Only you know where you are on your journey. Only you know what you truly believe in your heart of hearts but here we are in Lent and what a perfect time to look deep... You can be asking questions, there are Lent courses running, chances to meet together to question and explore as Nicodemus did. We have our Church family all around us, we can help and support each other to develop this deeper faith to fully, deeply, trust and believe in all that God can be for us.

So this week, whatever is happening in your life, your worries, the stress you carry, the joys you share, examine your heart and give it to God, because wherever you are, God walks ahead of you, He walks behind you and all around you, today, tomorrow and always. You are never alone and you can trust in that.

# THANK YOU SO MUCH TO EVERYONE!

I am happy to announce that this group, Friends of BCRT (Bone Cancer Research Trust) has raised an amazing £8885.12 from your donations of new, used and obsolete postage stamps from all around the world, collections, first day covers, presentation packs, horizon labels, Royal Mail parcel labels, postcards and everything else philatelic in 2025!

We know that less postage stamps are being used, but can we raise even more this year?



*Coming to St Andrew's*

## Derbyshire Community Male Voice Choir

*Celebrating 75 years of performing*

Friday  
5<sup>th</sup> June

St Andrew's Church  
Radbourne

7.30pm

**Tickets: £12**

**Contact: Diana on 07854809680 or [rosediana1947@gmail.com](mailto:rosediana1947@gmail.com)  
or the office [admin@mickleoveranglicans.org.uk](mailto:admin@mickleoveranglicans.org.uk)**

*all funds raised in aid of St Andrew's Church*

# PCC NOTES

## Meeting held at: St John's on 16th March 2026

Full minutes are available at the back of church and on the website in the members' area. Do talk to a member of the PCC if you want to know more.

At the recent PCC meeting we

- Heard about the recent positive meeting with the Archdeacon when he visited the benefice on 3rd March.
- Agreed a contribution to Bishop Malcom's retirement gift.
- Approved the accounts for 2025 subject to signing off by the examiner, and thanked Barrie for his work as treasurer.
- Discussed the Everyday Faith actions to be taken forward and agreed the provision of welcome bags for newcomers and visitors.
- Agreed the request from the Welcome group to purchase banners, feather flags and other items for external publicity.
- Noted PCC vacancies to be filled at the APCM and the need to elect Deanery synod representatives.
- Heard about arrangements for Easter services and events. The Good Friday Walk of Witness will start at 11.15 from the OLOL car park and finish with hot cross buns at the Methodist Church. The meditation service will be at 3.00pm instead of the morning as in previous years. There will be no Easter Day dawn service this year.
- Approved our Safeguarding Level 3 Action Plan and thanked Kim and Andrew for all their work to achieve 100% green lights on the Safeguarding Dashboard.
- Received a report on events planned for the coming months, including a board games afternoon in the Hall on 17th May and Harp Concert on 23rd October.
- Heard that the Friday greengrocery stall will be finishing shortly and that it is hoped that someone else will be taking over. There will be an article in Threefold recording our thanks for their support and co-operation with us.

# JACK

Jesus And Cool Kids

## AT JOHNS

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

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!*

## FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Wednesdays 2pm - 4pm  
St John's Link

Formed in 1975 for older people to meet up socially

**Bingo, Dominoes and Cards**

Tea and Coffee served



## REST STOP CAFE

Fridays  
10am - 12pm  
St John's Link

Join us for a cup of tea or coffee, friendly conversation, and of course, delicious cakes!

**EVERYONE WELCOME**



# Pause & Ponder

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

## ALL SAINTS CAFE

Wednesdays  
10am - 12pm  
All Saints Centre

Come for a friendly chat, tea/coffee with delicious home-made cakes and biscuits

**Everyone welcome!**



## WHO LET THE DADS OUT?

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



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## Breakfast Church



2nd Sunday of the month  
(full weekend)

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

**All ages welcome!**

# DIOCESAN MESSAGE

APRIL

*Bishop Malcolm writes... Let's not be April fools.*

At school I was taught that the French say 'Cocorico' instead of 'April Fool'. I have believed this for years - but it turns out to be fake. I may be the last credulous victim of a long running prank. The French equivalent of 'April Fool' is not 'Cocorico' but Poisson d'Avril!' or 'April Fish'. All a bit fishy, anyway.



Nonetheless, 'cocorico', or 'cockadoodledoo' can be a bit of a tease too. There's history here. In Edmond Rostand's 1910 play *Le Chantecler* the rooster's self-important delusion is that it is his duty to announce the day – that if he fails to do his duty the sun cannot rise and day will not begin.

And in the gospels, Jesus tells Peter that by the time the cockerel crows he will deny knowing Jesus three times. When this happens, Peter weeps bitterly. The truth about ourselves is sometimes hard to swallow.

Cockadoodledoo is a mocking signal of untruths told and loyalties lost. Of moments missed, and opportunities wasted. Wake up! Wake up! Wake up to what is going on around you! Don't sleepwalk into disaster. The events of the first Easter, and the events that lead up to it, are remote from our 21<sup>st</sup> century world, but they are real. And they are relevant as ever.

They are real because of the places they happened, still there today. A so called 'Holy Land' brutalised by violence, hatred, and division. Jerusalem, towards which Jesus set his face, to the city and the confrontation that would inevitably happen there. To the upper room, where he would break bread and share wine with them. Where their weary, dusty feet were washed by the one who would next day give his life for the world. To the place also where Jesus, three days later, would suddenly appear, behind locked doors, and startle them all with his greeting, 'Peace!'

Not dead at all, but alive, with them: a new beginning, and a whole new world.

This is the city where Jesus gave himself in love. 'Father, forgive them, they don't know what they are doing.' Whilst this could be a comment on current events, these words were Jesus' prayer for his torturers and executioners, and for all who colluded with the scandal of an innocent man condemned to die. God is with us the suffering and death of Jesus. God is with us in the joy of resurrection, and in the new creation that springs from the love of God in Jesus.

How we long for Easter peace this year! How we pray for the peoples of the Holy Land, and for real, just, and lasting peace! We think especially of the people of the Anglican churches across the Middle East at this time. We don't know how or when this prayer will be answered. Though, as the writer to the Hebrews says, 'but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.' Hebrews 2.9

**The Rt Revd Malcolm Macnaughton, Bishop of Repton**

*If in addition to praying for peace in the Middle East you would like to give, please join Bishop Libby and me in contributing to the Good Friday appeal for the work of the Al Ahli hospital in Gaza, serving the sick and injured of that community at this time? Donations can be sent directly via this link: <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/24585#!/DonationDetails>*