

Welcome to our Churches

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All Saints

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Sunday 3rd May 2026

Services In Our Churches This Sunday

- Holy Communion at All Saints, 10am. Clare Owen will be speaking.
- Morning Praise at St John's, 10am. Paul Pritchard will be speaking.
- Baptism of Grace at St Andrew's. Led by Peter Walley.

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

Collect

Risen Christ, your wounds
declare your love for the world
And the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

This Sunday's Reading

Acts 7: 55 to end, John 14 1 to 14

Next Sunday's Reading

Acts 17: 22 to 31, John 14: 15 to 21

Midweek Services and Groups

- Mondays: **St John's Internet Caf ** – 10am – 12pm in St John's Link
- Tuesdays: **Prayers** 8am at the Vicarage
- Wednesdays: **Holy Communion** 9.30am at All Saints.
- Wednesdays: **All Saints Caf ** 10am – 12pm in the Centre.
- Thursdays: **CTiM Bible Study** 10.30am at St John's Link. (2nd + 4th Thur of month)
- Fridays: **St John's Rest Stop Caf ** 10am – 12pm in the Link.

Talk based on Acts 2 42 to end, John 10 1 to 10

What would be your vision of heaven?

Scripture talks about a heavenly banquet, a paradise garden, room for everyone, worship, love, joy, peace, no more disease, suffering and death.

In our reading from the book of Acts we read how in the first few weeks after Jesus' resurrection and ascension, the first believers were together in Jerusalem, caring, sharing meals, praising God. A people who knew the saving grace of Jesus Christ, living for God in ways that were very different from that which had gone before (with all the rules and regulations that they had had to follow).

Their living out joyful loving faith both in the Temple and in their homes was attractive and Luke comments that 'day by day the Lord was adding to their number those who were being saved.' It is a good vision – and one that I am sure we would aim for.

Of course, it didn't take long for the Temple authorities to decide to clamp down on the 'followers of the way' and start persecuting them because the status quo was being challenged and the high priest had decreed that followers of Jesus would be caught, tried and executed for calling Jesus the Son of God. Within months of the resurrection being a follower of Jesus meant living out their faith in secret and fear of being betrayed.

We will be recalling soon in our readings how Stephen was martyred for speaking boldly about the resurrection of Jesus, and Saul (who had voted for Stephen's killing) was then sent by the Temple Authorities to Damascus to arrest those who were followers.

But God was not going to let the baby church be snuffed out. Saul was met by the resurrected Jesus on the Damascus road and he turned into one of the most effective evangelists that the church has ever known.

The temple authorities and the Pharisees could not destroy the church. Our meeting week by week is testament to the on-going or continuing story of the saving grace of God in peoples' lives.

And be in no doubt, God is still very much working in peoples' lives here and across Mickleover. I was very encouraged to hear about the JACK service at St Johns last Sunday and the baptism that took place within it. Breakfast Church (AS), Morning Worship/Morning Praise and Jack (SJ) all provide places for people to come, hear and experience welcome, love and friendship along with teaching as to why we come week by week to sing, to pray and to learn.

We live in turbulent times. But God's spirit is still working. We are experiencing 'the quiet revival' along with churches across the country. Young people are coming to us, wanting to have the real deal. Before Easter Karen and I hosted the Bible Society Bible course in the Vicarage over 8 sessions with four very enthusiastic young adults who really wanted to learn. It was wonderful for us to be able to share what following Jesus means and for them to gain an overview of the Bible story of Salvation at the start of their Christian lives.

In our Gospel reading, John records Jesus' teaching which used a picture that referred back to the old testament image of King David as Shepherd. When the prophet Samuel came to Jesse's house, he chose the youngest, David who was guarding sheep and fending off the wild animals, to be king after Saul. Jesus applies the Shepherd image to himself and expands it. For Jesus is both the gate: 'No-one comes to the Father except through me' (John 14:6) and gatekeeper.

Shepherds would build stone enclosures in the wilderness to keep the sheep safe at night and they would usually lie down across the opening and act as a gate to protect the sheep. When daybreak came, they would lead their sheep out of the pen and lead them to good pasture.

Very often several flocks would be herded in together for the night but at daybreak the sheep would head their own shepherd's call and follow him. As Jesus put it, they wouldn't follow a stranger. So, our gospel reading gives us deep reassurance.

Jesus' role is to be shepherd. He calls, he leads, he guides, he cares for his sheep. He looks out for our welfare. He protects us from harm if we let him.

Jesus is clear, there are shepherds around who do not have the best interests of the sheep at heart. As he puts it, they come to steal and destroy. We are in a spiritual battle. We as the sheep need to decide, are we going to throw in our lot with the Good Shepherd or are we going to turn our backs on him and follow another. The choice is ours.

Every blessing, Peter

Notices

Our Love, Prayers and Sympathy – to the family of Eileen Wade. The funeral will be on Wednesday 20th May at All Saints at 12pm. Followed by committal at Markeaton.

All Saints Electoral Roll – Has been revised and can be viewed at the back of church.

Men's Shed without a Shed! – Men-only space at Vicarage Road Allotments. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Nadine on 07385 401068.

CTiM Prayer Walk – Thursday 7th May at 10.15am. Meeting at the Great Northern car park. We will walk for about an hour in the Hackwood Estate, praying God's blessing upon the people and businesses in this area, and listening to God's Holy Spirit as we go. If you are unable to walk but willing to pray, join with others at St. John's Devonshire Drive. If you plan to join us, please let me know by email ray_lee16@yahoo.co.uk, or phone or text to 07766927539 Thanks Ray Lee

New Opera Company Concert - Saturday 9th May at 2.30pm at All Saints, featuring Smetana's 'The Bartered Bride' a tale of intrigue and misunderstanding and 'Lilac Time' based on the lovely music of Franz Schubert. Tickets on the door or in advance via: jannice@read55.plus.com or 01332 557096 or 01332 882637 or email.

All Saints APCM – Sunday 10th May at 11.30am. We need to elect 4 PCC members, 3 Deanery Synod Reps & 2 churchwardens. Nomination forms at the back of church.

Group Outing! - a few of us are getting a Hawkes Tours bus to Tissington and Buxton on Thursday 14th May, pick up time is 9.40am in Mickleover. It costs £20, if you want to come along phone Hawkes on 01332 205400 or 01332 202726 to book your place.
Lindsay Nicklin

St John's Annual Meeting - is on Sunday 17th May at 11.30 in church preceded by the Meeting of Parishioners to elect churchwardens. There 5 vacancies on the PCC to be filled - nomination forms are available in the Link. We shall also be electing 2 members to the Deanery Synod.

Board Games Afternoon – Sunday 17th May, 2pm at St John's. Games for all ages and abilities! £3 for adults and 50p for children. Pay on the door. Everyone welcome!

St John's Electoral Roll - The Electoral Roll has now been revised. Please take the opportunity to check that the roll is correct and if any mistakes are found, please inform Andrew Templer (Tel: 01332 515293 or andrew@templerfamily.co.uk) as soon as possible.

New CTiM Bible Study – will be meeting on 14th and 28th May, 11th and 25th June and 9th and 23rd July at 10.30am at St John's Link. Put the dates in your diaries. For more information, please speak to Judi Witcomb.

Welcome – to David and Lynsey who are having their banns read this Sunday at St John's. To Grace and her family and friends at St Andrew's this Sunday for her baptism. Also, to and Joseph and Alexandra who are having their banns read this Sunday at All Saints.