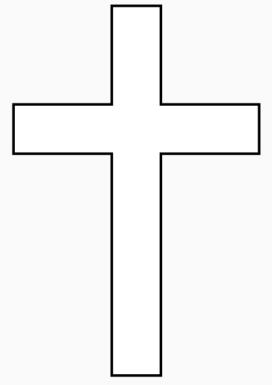


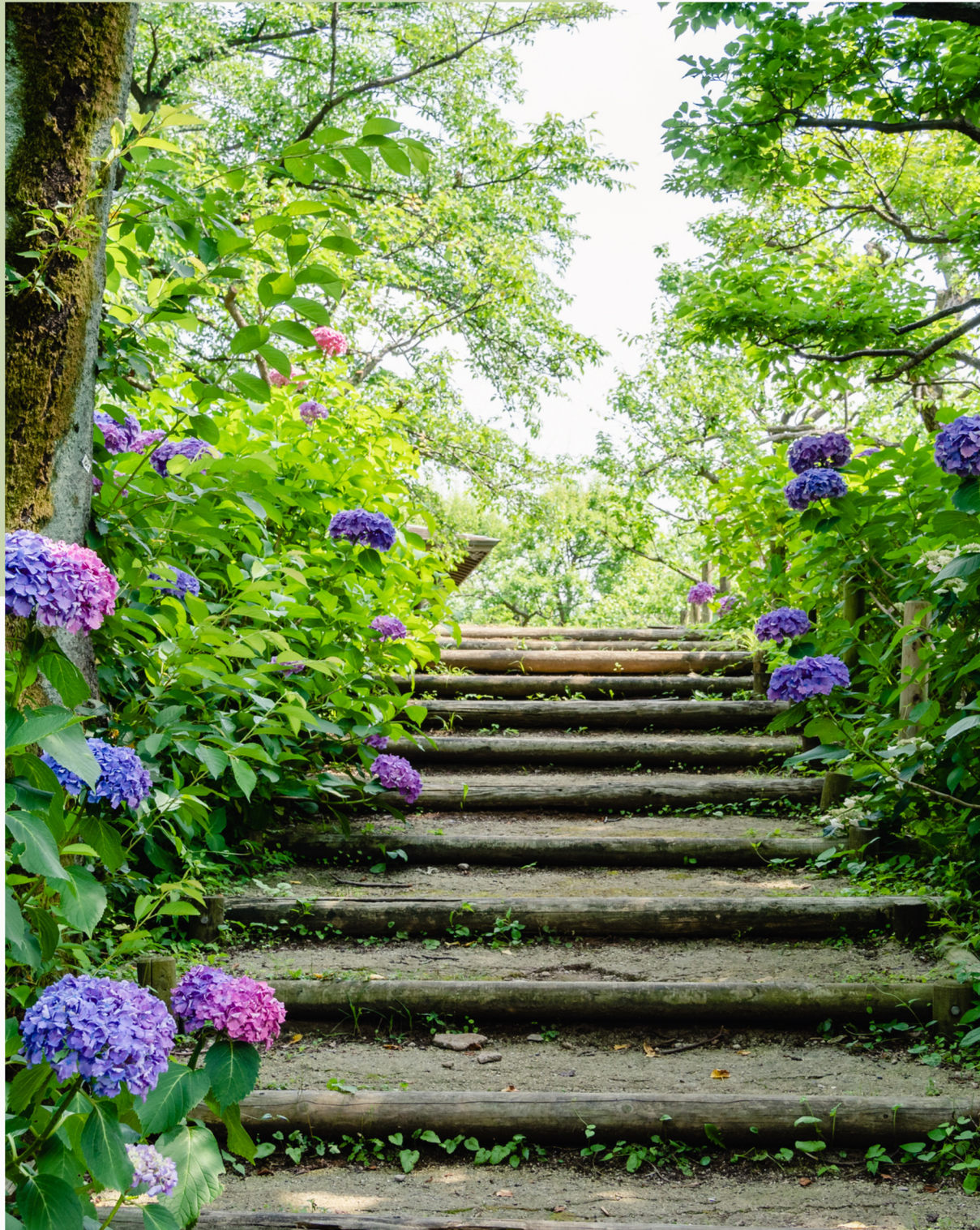
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JUNE 2026



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



# OUR CHURCHES

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## **ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

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**Open Church:** Enquire at the office

## **ST ANDREW'S CHURCH**

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

***9am - 3pm***



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# 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 with JACK, 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 - All Saints Vicarage

## **Wednesdays:**

Holy Communion, 9.30am - All Saints

*Please see the website/newsletters for  
occasional service details*

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

## PRAYER CHAIN

### All Saints

Marion Godlington  
Denise Martin  
Helen Walley  
Steph Brinklow

**St John's** - Please text or call  
Helen Walley (Co-ordinator)

*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.*



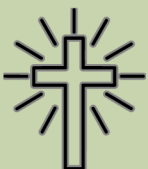
Lord, thank you for this new month.  
As June begins, I give you this day  
and all the days to come.

No matter what I face, help me walk  
through it with grace, strength and  
peace.

Guide my thoughts, my words, and  
my actions. Help me stay kind when  
it is hard, patient when it's slow, and  
focused when I am weary.

Remind me that you are with me in  
every moment.

Amen.



## CTiM PRAYER WALK



**Date:** Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June

**Time:** 10.15am

**Meeting at:** Honeycomb Car Park

We will walk for about an hour in the Silverhill area, 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*

## THANK YOU

After around 45 years of organising and creating beautiful flower displays at St John's, **Eunice Upton** is stepping down from her role.

Thank you Eunice for all your hard work and dedication for so many years.



## EDITOR'S SCRIBBLES

Welcome to our monthly parish magazine with lots of interesting and inspirational articles.

There is profound beauty in an "ordinary" season. Just as plants grow silently and steadily under the warm June sun, our spiritual lives often do their deepest work in the quiet stretches between major life events. God is intimately present not just in the roaring wind of Pentecost, but in the simple pleasures of daily routine, community fellowship, and the peaceful stillness of a summer evening.

June has arrived, and with it, the full blooming of the natural world. The days are at their longest, gardens are rich with colour, and there is a distinct, collective shift in our daily rhythm. After the long, unpredictable transition of spring, June invites us to step outside, slow down, and breathe a little deeper. As we head into this beautiful month, let us challenge ourselves to step away from the noise and the constant "to-do" lists. Take a moment to sit in a garden, look up at the green canopy of the trees, or share a quiet conversation with a neighbour on the doorstep.

May this June be a time of gentle growth, renewed energy, and a deeper appreciation for the steady, faithful love of God that anchors our everyday lives.

Wishing you a warm, peaceful, and blessed summer.

*James Bowles*

***The deadline for the next magazine will be 15<sup>th</sup> June***

# JUNE

# CHURCHES' CALENDAR

Monday - Friday	9.30 - 3.30pm	<b>Open Church</b>	St John's
Monday - Friday	9am - 3pm	<b>Open Church</b>	St Andrew's
Mondays	10am - 12pm	<b>Internet Café</b>	St John's Link
Tuesdays	8am	<b>Morning Prayers</b>	Vicarage
Wednesdays	9.30am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	All Saints
Wednesdays	10am - 12pm	<b>All Saints Café</b>	All Saints
Wednesdays	2pm	<b>Friendship Group</b>	St John's Link
Fridays	10am - 12pm	<b>Rest Stop Café</b>	St John's Link
<b>For more info, please visit the website <a href="http://www.mickleoveranglicans.org.uk">www.mickleoveranglicans.org.uk</a></b>			
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.15am	<b>CTiM Prayer Walk</b>	Honeycomb CP
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<b>Derbyshire Community Male Voice Choir</b>	St Andrew's
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	All Saints
	10am	<b>Morning Praise</b>	St John's
	2pm	<b>Trev's Trio</b>	St John's
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	<b>Coordinators</b>	St John's Link
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	<b>CTiM Bible Stdy</b>	St John's Link
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	8.15am	<b>Who Let the Dads Out?</b>	All Saints Centre
	2pm	<b>Pot-Pourri Words &amp; Music</b>	All Saints
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	8am	<b>Breakfast Church</b>	All Saints
	10am	<b>Morning Worship</b>	All Saints
	10am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	St John's
	11am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	St Andrew's
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	<b>Standing Committee</b>	All Saints
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	All Saints
	10am	<b>Morning Praise with JACK</b>	St John's
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	<b>Midweek Matinee</b>	All Saints Centre
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	<b>CTiM Bible Study</b>	St John's Link
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10am	<b>Morning Worship</b>	All Saints
	10am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	St John's
	4pm	<b>BCP Evening Prayer</b>	St Andrew's

I know we've had several articles on the Rest Stop café over previous issues of Threefold. If you are a new reader, or to remind you if you are a regular, the Friday morning café between 10 to 12 in St. John's is a popular resting place for church and community. It's an opportunity to meet new people, connect with friends, and just sit, eat cake and drink simple tea or coffee in a loving atmosphere. (There is a similar café at All Saints on a Wednesday morning again between 10 and 12 in the Church Centre.) Our Bibles record many references around hospitality across the Old and New Testaments. For me though, the verse that resonates most with me as a reason why we offer Rest Stop comes from St. Paul's letter to the Hebrews, '*Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.*' (Hebrews 13:2) How powerful is that? The thought that every Friday our café entertains angels, and do you know, I really believe I've regularly seen angels in action as people support others in difficulty. No names no pack drill as they say.

The team think then that we do need to advertise what we do as well as build links to other agencies and officials. We are constantly on the lookout for those who can add value by assisting our lovely clients in their lives as well as help us to spread the word to enable us to assist others. To this end here are two recent accounts, one of a high-profile visitor and the other of a successful grant application.

Firstly then, we had a visit from Catherine Atkinson MP for Derby North, at Rest Stop on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April. This was a follow up from the letter our PCC Secretary organised and sent on behalf of the PCC. It was originally in support of Clare Penter, the Manager of Bramblebrook Nursery, who hire our Church Hall every day in term time. Along with many private nurseries, they are finding huge challenges in funding the 30-hour free entitlement the Government introduced this year but the contribution per child falls short of covering the costs. Catherine spent an hour with Clare and me (I'm a



trustee for the Nursery) and then came through for another

hour in the café. She really listened and in my opinion understood the issues. She was very complimentary of Rest Stop and promised she would come back for a 'Coffee with Catherine' drop-in session with us during café in the future. Hopefully this should introduce us to more of the local community and how we can help them. We don't have a date yet but Catherine has asked her office to arrange a future date with us for this to happen. Given sufficient notice we will advertise it in Threefold when we know.

The second happening I referred to was a successful grant application. Along with other community groups in Mickleover we received an email from a Public Relations agency working on behalf of Bloor Homes who are building locally. They were inviting applications for one of four £250 donations they were offering towards the work of these groups. Clearly for them the opportunity was to generate public recognition, while for the successful community groups, much needed funds.

I've included the application I sent by email to them as I believe it shows the aims and successes of Rest Stop. (Of course that's in my humble opinion!)

*We at St. John's Church, Devonshire Drive, Mickleover have always had a heart for and relationship to our local community. As the country went through the Covid pandemic, it highlighted the importance of human relationships to wellbeing, health and happiness. The wider community of our area of Mickleover surrounding the church has many senior citizens who found the lockdowns very challenging. When allowed to tiptoe back out into society some found it still very scary from a health and even the basics of meeting people again point of view. Other challenges such as bereavement, illness diagnosis and so many other life changing events still hit us all.*

*When outside hospitality was partially allowed following the easing of lockdown around the end of April 2021, we decided to put a few tables on the Church carpark on a Friday morning from ten to twelve and offer hot drinks and homemade cakes to see if there was a take up. It was, and still is, volunteer led and staffed. We called it 'Rest Stop' as it seemed to perfectly fit what we were aiming for. We were delighted with the take up. More tables and chairs were soon added, and it was clear of the need as the sound levels from conversation and laughter were great to hear.*

*When the weather cooled down around September of 2021, we decided to move inside to our Community Link Area (link between Church and Hall) and see if people would risk coming inside with us. They did, and 'Rest Stop' continued to grow to the extent we needed to move some pews around and put extra tables in the back of the Church.*

*'Rest Stop' continues to thrive and has become a really lovely place to be on a Friday morning but there is still more room. To give you an idea, we regularly have between 40 to 60 people across the two hours we are open. We don't keep registers; it's an open drop in café, but as a guide there is a rough split of around 15/20% Church members, so 80/85% local community. We have great relationships with the Derby City Local Area Coordinator who has brought in helpful people to chat to people such as PCSOs, Trading Standards, Crime Watch etc. We also try to support various charities with raffles, collection plates etc. perhaps once a quarter, often suggested by the attendees.*

*If we were successful in our application, we would use it to put towards much needed external marketing items, such as quality banners, feather boards etc. As I said earlier, we have room for more people. We have the volunteers (wonderfully not all Church people!) We believe we understand the social interaction needs of the community well by now based on our experience and wish to tell more people about it. Our makeshift advertising boards could definitely do with professional updating for the next stage of our journey.*

We were delighted to be successful and before too long you will see new outside advertising information boards and banners to replace the well-used and definitely tatty ones we use currently.

So that's what Friday mornings are all about. Thankyou to all you who come to Rest Stop currently, you are what makes it as successful as we think it is. Thank you so much to all our volunteers and all you do to serve and make people so welcome. We look forward to welcoming new people in the future. We're here for you.

God bless. Alun





**St John's Church Hall**  
**SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2pm – 4pm**

**Join us for a**  
**STRAWBERRY TEA with**  
**TREV'S TRIO**

(Back with us by popular request!)

**Admission: £10**  
**PLEASE BOOK IN**  
**ADVANCE**

Enjoy a relaxing afternoon listening to a selection of swing-based music, chatting to friends (old and new) and eating a splendid strawberry-based tea!

Contact: **Richard Finch 01332 493939** so we can sort seating & catering appropriately or email **events-stjohns@mickleoveranglicans.org.uk**

## **RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL OF UNWANTED ITEMS**

Recycling and waste bins have become a familiar (and often ugly!) sight everywhere, and most of our everyday unwanted items can be put into one of the bins for collection by the council.

However, some items are banned from the bins: batteries, electrical items, printer ink cartridges, soft plastics, pill packages (blister packs). Many of these can be recycled in some form. We would encourage our readers to be aware of responsible ways of disposing of these items.



**BATTERIES:** **the majority of supermarkets** have a container for used batteries.

**ELECTRICAL ITEMS:** **Curry's at Kingsway retail park** will take broken or unwanted electrical equipment.

**PRINTER INK CARTRIDGES:** Curry's accepts household quantities of empty cartridges for free recycling in-store, regardless of where they were purchased. "Genuine" cartridges (not the cheaper compatible ones) can be taken to All Saints as part of a fund-raising initiative.

**SOFT PLASTICS:** The majority of major supermarkets have a large container for soft plastics which include carrier bags, bread bags, produce bags, cereal liners, food pouches, film lids (including from meat/cheese), bubble wrap, and crisp packets. Ensure items are free from excess food waste. These materials are collected to prevent them from entering landfills. The collected plastic is sorted and repurposed, with some being used to create new items like garden furniture, planters, and bin liners.

**BLISTER PACKS:** Superdrug and some Boots stores will take empty blister packs from an individual's use – not bulk items collected from a group of people. Frequent visitors to Derby might like to take their packs with them and visit one of the Superdrug shops.

To help put empty blister packs to good use, collection boxes are available at All Saints and St. Johns churches. These are transferred to a large cardboard box which, when filled, is sent to a Yorkshire based group called MYGroup. where they are recycled. There was an article in the February 2025 edition of Threefold about this initiative.

We are pleased that this facility is being used so much. However, we do have to pay for this service (£88 per box). St. Johns recently provided some envelopes near the container in the porch for those who wished to make a small contribution towards the cost. We are so grateful to those who have already made contributions.

The All Saints treasurer would be delighted to receive any contributions from anyone who would like to make a donation towards the cost of their box.

It is also possible to make a one-off bank payment or set up a regular Standing Order to either All Saints or St. Johns, and the treasurers could help you with this.

If any of our readers are part of another church or organisation and would like to have a box of their own, do contact Rebekah in the office for details.



Coming to St Andrew's

# Derbyshire Community Male Voice Choir

*Celebrating 75 years of performing*

Refreshments will be served - All funds raised in aid of St Andrews' Church

**Friday  
5th June**

**St Andrew's Church  
Radbourne**

**7.30pm**

**Tickets: £12**

**Contact: Diana on 07854809690 or [rosediana1947@gmail.com](mailto:rosediana1947@gmail.com)  
or the office: [admin@mickleoveranglicans.org.uk](mailto:admin@mickleoveranglicans.org.uk)**

Sponsored by  **Brindle  
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**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2pm  
at All Saints Church**

**POT POURRI  
WORDS & MUSIC CONCERT**  
*A showcase of talent within our  
three churches*

We have a wealth of talent, of all ages, across the congregations, whether spoken word, sung word, instrumental musicians, artists, crafters and more.

Come along for a celebration of talent!

*£6 on the door, all profits will be going to  
All Saints Church*

# HOLY ISLAND

As part of a week's walking holiday in Northumberland we decided to follow in the footsteps of many walkers and pilgrims by taking the

"path" across the sands to Holy island (Lindisfarne). Like all good pilgrims as we started we met a solo traveller who joined us for the walk and then coffee afterwards. Our companion turned out to be a Major and divisional leader with the Salvation Army who was on sabbatical. As part of her

sabbatical she was visiting some of the UK's "thin places". These are part of Celtic Christianity and are said to be places where God is closer; or you might say where the "veil" between this world and God is thinner. Holy island and Iona are two such places; places of pilgrimage. Our conversation left one of our group wondering which came first, the "thin" places or the religious communities that formed there. Regardless of how one might feel about the spiritual side of the walk, the journey across the wet sand, paddling through the puddles left behind by the tide, as the sun shone and the natural world around us seemed to go on forever was a profound experience.

*Kim Cooper, Michael Vick, Joy Andrews and friends.*



# Midweek Matinee

at  
**All Saints Centre**



**Showing:**

**South Pacific**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June**

**at 2pm**

**£5 Adults, £2 Children**

**Theatre snacks included**



# Maker's Market



All Saints Church  
15th August, 10am - 3pm



Join us for our first ever Maker's Market with various stalls with hand crafted goods!

Contact the office or Karen if you would like a stall 07927183325



## A PERSONAL RESPONSE TO 'TALL PAUL'S' 'WHERE ARE YOU?' LETTER IN MAY THREEFOLD

Well, 'Tall Paul,' where do I start in responding to your thoughts in the May Threefold? After all I might be seen as one of those individuals ordained to 'speak to God' on your behalf even though I'm not paid for it! Nevertheless, I'm going to dive in regardless.

I know 'Tall Paul' and I are around the same age, and I perhaps understand a little about others 'speaking to God' on my behalf when I was growing up. However, I was a child and perhaps not ready for deep theological reflection on the Holy Scriptures. It was good to have that support from Clergy, Sunday school leaders, Choir Master and so many other adults in my life. Mind you, I also remember being expected to sit behind my desk in school while various teachers told me what to believe and how to behave while never really allowing questioning. Apostle Paul comes to mind in 1 Corinthians 13 verse 11 'I understood as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.' From what I've seen through my involvement with schools as parent, grandparent and even school governor the modern pupil is encouraged to discuss, discover, research and form opinions supported by teachers. Let's not bring the internet into it! Life is different. Education is different. Experiences are different. By the way, I genuinely never came across the vicars recognised as 'stern authoritarian figures.' I guess that brings out another truth in that everyone's experience of life is different which I suggest is a point we overlook at our peril.

I love the Apostle Paul's next statement in 1 Corinthians 13 verse 12 when he writes 'now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then I shall know as also I'm known.' Of course, it points to that glorious time when I pray I get to heaven, wherever it is, avoiding all the other satellites that have come after Sputnik. For the avoidance of doubt, I'm not in a hurry. God willing there's more He needs me to do on His behalf yet. But does that verse also open the possibility it's ok to doubt? After all, if there is so much more behind the Scriptures, how can there not be questions here on earth. Surely various levels of doubt is common for many, if not the majority of believers. I'm sure the reality is that no one's faith is ever perfect in this life. That definitely includes me! By the way, like the rest of real life, if our faith is not perfect, then it can grow and become stronger today than it was yesterday. I see doubt as the gap between our current faith and the probably unattainable holy grail of perfect faith. After all even John the Baptist once expressed doubt about the very identity of Christ in Matthew 11 verse 3 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?' And the Apostle Thomas initially doubting the resurrection documented in John 20 verse 25, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.' I think the really important fact comes later on when Jesus appeared to the disciples again when Thomas was there. He said 'My Lord and my God.' Yes, he

was able to physically see Jesus, but we too are able to build a loving relationship with Him where things can be revealed to us as our relationship and love for the Lord grows and we don't have to know everything all at once. It's clear the disciples, his closest friends and confidants, didn't either. In true Anglican style I could go on for ever on the subject of doubt, but I'm trying not to deliver a sermon, just an honest reply to 'Tall Paul' and hopefully help others in their struggle or searching for meaning. So here are a few headlines that hopefully might help us all.

God understands doubt and forgives us through his grace. Therefore, it's not up to anyone to criticise others. Jude, the brother of Jesus and James, writes in verse 22 of his letter (tucked in just before Revelation) that we should 'have mercy on those who doubt.' That's the opposite of judging others and gives us all opportunity to be there for them, comforting and building them up.

We should always be ready to live with mystery. Isn't that what the word faith implies? I know we want all the answers. I understand, I'm an electrical engineer! But while God has revealed so much to us, and there is much we can understand, there are the "secret" things that belong to Him alone. Deuteronomy Chapter 29 verse 29 tells us, 'The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.' Yes I know this is from the Old Testament but Jesus said the important parts of the law are 'love the Lord your God' and 'love your neighbour as yourself.' Do we need full knowledge to do this? Let's face it we will never be able to fully understand the Trinity, or how God created everything out of nothing. But what we can grasp is enough for us to rest and trust in God when mystery arises.

Should we just concentrate on the main things? Apostle Paul told the Corinthians he delivered to them things "of first importance" (1 Corinthians 15 verse 3). He defines this further by talking about the atoning death and subsequent resurrection of Christ as being most central to the faith. I reckon so many doubt secondary issues such as how and when God created the world or the details of Christ's return. A dip into theological books shows there are many issues in the Christian faith about which there has been legitimate disagreement for centuries. The key to being a Christian though is unity about who Christ is and what he did. So, when we have doubts about some of the secondary issues, let's not get too hung up on it. A lot of fellow Christians are still working it through. I reckon the important thing is for us to continue to endeavour to live as Christians by repenting and believing the key gospel while praying for a deeper understanding. Dipping into our Bibles again helps us in this. I love the story of the unnamed Father in the crowd with a child troubled with some illness that made him convulse and become mute. The story is told in Mark 9, Matthew 17 and Luke 9. The Father responded to Jesus 'Lord, I do believe, help my unbelief.' The perfect prayer for us.

God bless. *Revd Alun*

Programme 2026/2027

- 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026:** Allestree Rewilding with Andy Honman. *Quiz & Raffle*
- 9<sup>th</sup> Jul:** Craft Group Dabble. Craft Display and Bring & Buy stall.  
*Competition - Prettiest Purse!*
- 13<sup>th</sup> Aug:** History of Playing Cards with Mike Lister. *Competition - An Old Card Game*
- 10<sup>th</sup> Sep:** Aquabox Charity with Colin Petty. *Bottle Tombola.*
- 8<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Stabbo & Sandiacre Hedgehog Rescue with Yvonne Dunning.  
*Competition - A Hedgehog with any medium Food Collection*
- 12<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Textile Art & Fashion with Mig Holder. *Competition - Something Recycled*
- 10<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Christmas Canapes with Food Folk. *Free Raffle.*  
*Donations in lieu of Christmas Cards*
- 14<sup>th</sup> January 2027:** Air Ambulance with Molly Norten. *Competition - A Paper Plane*
- 11<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Penguin Talk with Rodney Paul. *Quiz*
- 11<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Bayeux Tapestry with Lois Wilkes.  
*Competition - A Piece of Hand Needlework*
- 8<sup>th</sup> Apr - Birthday Meeting:** Spring Bulbs, Seeds & Propagating with Garden Group. *Competition - Easter Egg Cup. Raffle*
- 13<sup>th</sup> May:** Annual General Meeting. Resolution Voting. *Quiz*

**New Members welcome, come along and see if it's your cup of tea.**

Telephone Linda on 07793037901 for more details.

Or our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/mickleoverWI/](http://www.facebook.com/mickleoverWI/)

# MEN'S SHED... WITHOUT A SHED

**Men-only space at Vicarage Road Allotment**



# Peak District Mighty Hike Half Marathon *Susan Bevan*

On 18th July I'm taking on the Peak District Mighty Hike, pushing my limits to raise £500 in support of Macmillan Cancer Support, because no one should have to face cancer alone.

As many of you know, Glynn was diagnosed with cancer in May 2023. It has been a journey with lots of ups and downs. Visits to oncology can be triumphant - the cancer is not visible. However, sometimes visits bring worry, anxiety and difficult news. As an onlooker I have struggled to watch and have reached out a number of times to Macmillan.

In addition, my best friend died of cancer last year - Pauline. An amazing lady who fought the disease with such dignity.

This is a difficult task for me to walk such a distance. However, every step

will be for Glynn - he's a testimony to us all on how to battle such a disease. I believe it is the least I can do. Please check my Facebook page for updates.

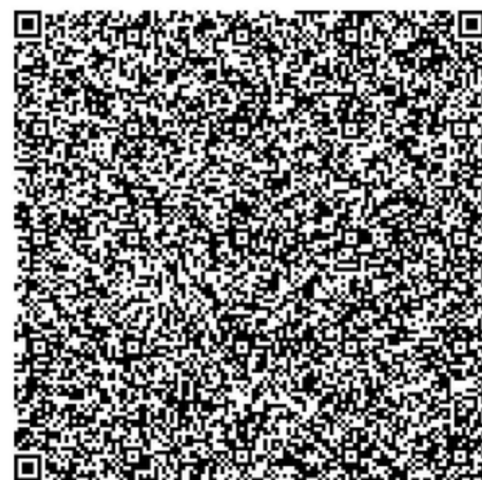
Today, almost 3.5 million people in the UK are living with cancer, a figure that's growing steadily. Macmillan's goal is to be there from diagnosis through every step of the journey.

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# 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



## Breakfast Church



2nd Sunday of the month  
(full weekend)

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

**All ages welcome!**

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## RADBOURNE FETE - 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026

The fete was a huge success this year. Starting earlier, great weather across the afternoon, even larger crowds and a good selection of stalls and activities, from archery, the dog show, Rock Choir, plant stall, refreshments and other stalls.



Huge thanks to the Chichester family for hosting again in the grounds of Radbourne Hall and to Rachael Frearden, family and friends for working tirelessly behind the scenes to organise it. The fete raised over £8k for St Andrews Church funds.

### St John's APCM

At our Annual Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> May Wendy Lee and Michael Vick were elected churchwardens for 2026/27. Kim, Cooper, Pat Seager and Barrie Witcomb were elected to a 3 year term on the PCC. Ray Lee and Judi Witcomb were elected to serve as our lay representatives on the Deanery Synod.

At the special PCC meeting following the APCM PCC officers for the coming year were elected: Vice Chair Ray Lee, Treasurer Barrie Witcomb, Assistant Treasurer Elaine Pritchard, Secretary Richard Finch, Electoral Roll Officer Andrew Templer, Safeguarding Officer Kim Cooper, Safeguarding Administrator Andrew Templer

### All Saints APCM

At the annual meetings on the 10<sup>th</sup> May, Janice Toplis and James Bowles were elected churchwardens for 2026/27. Maggie Hird was elected to a 3 year term on the PCC. Liz Melville was elected to serve as lay representative on the Deanery Synod.

At the PCC on the 18th May the following PCC officers for the coming year were elected: Vice Chair Janice Toplis, Treasurer Brian Devenport, Secretary Vacant Electoral Roll Officer James Bowles, Safeguarding Officer Lindsay Nicklin

### St Andrews Radbourne APCM

At the annual meetings on the 27<sup>th</sup> April, Diana Rose was elected as churchwarden for 2026/27.

At the PCC following the APCM on the 27<sup>th</sup> April the following PCC officers for the coming year were elected: Vice Chair Annie Chichester, Treasurer Olivia Keep, Secretary Amanda Dearden, Electoral Roll Officer Amanda Dearden, Safeguarding Officer Mandy-Louise Stattersfield

# 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!*

## 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**



## CTiM

*Churches Together in Mickleover*

## BIBLE STUDY



Meeting every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday of the month  
at St John's Link  
10.30am - 12.00pm

For more information, contact Judi Witcomb on 07531495891  
see calendar for dates

# DIOCESAN MESSAGE

*The Ven Matthew Trick writes...*

Can you believe that we're already halfway through 2026? In many ways, the first half of the year has been characterised by movement. By the time you read this Bishop Malcolm will have retired, Archdeacon Emma will have started, other clergy and laity will both come and go, and the stories of our lives (in most spheres of life) will rarely be "static".

In the midst of constantly changing times, building our lives on the rock that is Jesus offers us stability a rootedness- that many of us crave. Jesus ends the

Sermon on the Mount with that picture: "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock" (Matthew 7:24).

Discipleship is not an optional extra for a few keen Christians; it is the steady work of becoming people whose lives are held firm by Christ, whatever shifts around us. I entered 2026 with a prayerful sense that the Lord was saying to me, "Your power comes through prayer", and with a sense of being invited into deeper dependence on Jesus as life threw some significant challenges my way. It reminded me that we are not formed by good intentions alone, but by encounter —by repeatedly placing ourselves where Jesus has promised to meet us.

That is where "making new disciples" begins: not with techniques, but with being made new ourselves. St Athanasius famously wrote, "He became what we are that He might make us what He is." If that is true, our calling is to be shaped into the likeness of Jesus—so that, in our words, patience, courage, and compassion, others might catch a glimpse of him.

This matters because the Church is not sustained primarily by activity, but by holiness—by lives quietly remade. St Irenaeus wrote, "The glory of God is a human being fully alive." We become "fully alive" as Christ's life takes root in ours, and we begin to radiate out what we have received. Paul says it with breathtaking simplicity: "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Galatians 2:20). People do not only need our programmes; they need our presence in communities across the diocese—Christ's presence shining through ordinary disciples.

How are we formed? By grace, yes—and also by habits that keep us close to the Lord. The Christian tradition has always known that we are shaped by what we repeatedly attend to, love, and practise. Not as a way of earning God's favour, but as a way of becoming available to God's transforming work.

Worship re-centres us in God's story and trains our hearts to love Christ. Week by week, we are gathered, forgiven, fed by word and sacrament, and sent back out into our communities. Over time, the liturgy sinks beneath the surface and



becomes reflex: gratitude rather than grumbling; forgiveness rather than resentment. “Do this in remembrance of me” (Luke 22:19) is not simply recollection; it is, and becomes a way of life. We remember Jesus until, slowly, our lives begin to resemble him.

Prayer is not merely asking for help; it is communion. As St Augustine wrote, “our heart is restless until it rests in you.” In prayer, our hearts are reordered—where anxiety becomes intercession, anger becomes radical honesty, and weariness becomes healthy dependence. Jesus often “withdrew... and prayed” (Luke 5:16); if the Son of God sought the Father’s company, how much more do we? Prayer also builds courage: it teaches us to see the world truthfully and to love it without being consumed by it. “Those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength” (Isaiah 40:31). Waiting is not passivity but practised dependence—resilience for leadership, parenting, friendship, service, and grief.

Bible reading is not information-gathering but meeting, and dwelling in, the living Word: “All Scripture is breathed out by God...” (2 Timothy 3:16–17). We come with our questions and let the Spirit comfort, confront, and form us. Meditation helps the Word sink in—slowly letting Christ’s words dwell in us (Colossians 3:16). Nature, especially the beauty of Derbyshire, can restore wonder and patience as we remember “the earth is the LORD’s” (Psalm 24:1). And study is loving God with our minds (Mark 12:30), so we can “give a reason for the hope” within us (1 Peter 3:15).

None of these practices are about spiritual heroics or instant ‘wins’. They are about attention. They are ways of turning towards Jesus so that Jesus can turn us outward again. They are also wonderfully adaptable. A busy parent might pray in ten-minute fragments. A carer might read a Psalm each day. A student might find Christ in study and service. A retiree might offer the gift of time and intercession. The point is not the quantity; it is the orientation: “Abide in me... for apart from me you can do nothing” (John 15:4–5).

As we are being formed in this way, evangelism becomes less about pressure and more about overflow. New disciples are rarely argued into existence; they are often drawn to a life that radiates Jesus—steadiness in chaos, hope in sorrow, kindness under strain. Peter says, “Always be prepared to make a defence... yet do it with gentleness and respect” (1 Peter 3:15). Gentleness and respect are not add-ons; they are evidence that Christ is at work in us.

So, as this year continues to move and change, let’s choose the steady places of encounter. Let’s build on the Rock. Let’s make room for worship, prayer, Scripture, meditation, nature, and study— not as tasks, but as meeting places. And as we seek to be with Jesus, become like Jesus, and do what Jesus did, may our neighbours—through our ordinary, grace-shaped lives—come to know the extraordinary love of Christ.

***The Ven. Matthew Trick***  
***Archdeacon of Derby City and South Derbyshire***