

Welcome to our Churches

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Sunday 21st June 2026

Services In Our Churches This Sunday

- Holy Communion at All Saints, 10am. Mary Staunton will be speaking.
- Morning Praise with JACK at St John's, 10am. Karen Cowgill will be speaking.

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

Collect

God our Saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

This Sunday's Reading

Romans 6: 1-11, Matthew 10: 24-39

Next Sunday's Reading

Romans 6: 12-end, Matthew 10: 40-end

Midweek Services and Groups

- Mondays: **St John's Internet Café** – 10am – 12pm in St John's Link.
- Tuesdays: **Prayers** 8am at the Vicarage.
- Wednesdays: **Holy Communion** 9.30am at All Saints.
- Wednesdays: **All Saints Café** 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 Café** 10am – 12pm in the Link.

Freely you have received, freely give

Being "out of your comfort zone" What might it mean for you or for me? Doing a bungee jump or deep sea diving, having some stitches done or going to the dentist? For me it would be a park run. Running is not my thing. One definition I found: intentionally entering a psychological state where your abilities and determination are tested. It involves leaving familiar routines and confronting uncertainty, which can trigger feelings of apprehension or excitement, but each leads to personal development and skill-building.

Our two readings today are complementary and speak about God's **unmerited grace** and the **active, compassionate mission** for us as Christians. That is the invitation to come into relationship with God and to tell others of that wonderful grace that he offers to each of us. Both may require us to step out of our comfort zone.

In Romans 5:1–8: Paul speaks of Peace, Hope, and Unconditional Love and explores the life-changing benefits of justification by faith:

Peace with God: In a place where we are reconciled with God and standing in His grace, we have peace with Him and with ourselves.

Hope: He follows a sequence of growth; suffering produces endurance, endurance builds character, and character leads to unshakeable hope.

Unconditional love: God shows us His love by sending Jesus to die for us while we were sinners.

Matthew 9:35–10:8: The Compassionate Mission

Seeing the crowds "harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd," Jesus has compassion. He instructs His followers to pray for labourers because the harvest is abundant, but workers are few. Jesus calls His twelve disciples, renaming them apostles ("sent ones"), and equips them with His authority to continue His work "*Freely you have received; freely give.*".

How do we understand this for us today? Grace Received means Grace must be given Paul highlights that salvation is an entirely free gift given while we were undeserving sinners. In Matthew Jesus challenges the disciples to go and share. That impacts the way we live. "*Freely you have received; freely give*". The healing and restoration they offer must echo the unearned grace they experienced.

Jesus sent out the 12 to be like shepherds and he calls us to do the same. Are we responding to that? God provides the deep internal security—peace with Him, his unconditional love holding us and hope poured out by the Holy Spirit. This is what enables us to step out of our comfort zone. We are called to leave a life lived purely for ourselves, and actively meet the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of the those to whom he calls us. Surely this is other people? God can't possibly mean me? Stop and think about where you are now, of those you live with, your friends, maybe wider members of your family or those you work with. God may be calling you to come alongside them. The challenge is to move out of living lives for ourselves, in our comfort zone, to being there for others.

It might be about taking a risk to talk about God's forgiveness and grace to someone, or demonstrating his love (actions speak louder than words), or maybe praying for someone, taking the risk to love, someone who it has been difficult to love, accepting difference in another in order to be reconciled, or to walk alongside someone, listen to them. The challenge this week ahead is to be aware of any situations you might find yourself in and be willing to step out of your comfort zone to show God's love to another person, or maybe even speak about God's love to another person. This is our compassionate mission – Jesus is calling us to this.

Be courageous, listen to the call, take the opportunity, dare to step into a place that we might have thought was uncomfortable and be those who freely give because we have freely received.

Helen Walley

Notices

Sunday Afternoons in the Link – Games, chat and refreshments every third Sunday of the month (**21st June**) at St John's from 2 – 4pm.

Our Love Prayers and Sympathy – to the family of Ivy Johnson. The funeral will be on Monday 29th June at All Saints at 12.30pm followed by committal at Nottingham Rd.

CTiM Bible Study – Thursday 25th June in the St John's Link 10.30am – 12pm.

Midweek Matinee – Join us at All Saints Centre on Wednesday 24th June at 2pm to watch South Pacific. £5 with theatre snacks incl, pay on door. Everyone welcome.

Maker's Market – Saturday 15th August 10am – 3pm at All Saints Church and Centre. Join us for our first ever Maker's Market with various stalls with hand crafted goods. If you would like a stall, please contact Karen on 07927183325 or the office. We would welcome help with this event, if you would like to get involved, please let us know.

Temporary Help Needed - We are in need of volunteers to clean the All Saints Centre at various times during the week. The 'full clean' takes around 1hr 20mins (I've timed it several times!) The job description is on the table at the back of church or in the office. Times: Sat/Sun afternoon; Tuesday before 10am; Wednesday afternoons (excl 4th Wed); alternate Friday afternoons before 5pm. If you are able to help, please speak to Rebekah or the Wardens (James and Janice). Thank you.

Churchyard Help Needed – If you are able to lend a hand over the next coming weeks, please speak to either Rebekah in the office or James on 07966533537. Thanks.

Strawberry tea with Trev's Trio - Thank you to everyone who came along and enjoyed the music and tea last Sunday afternoon. Thanks also to our highly efficient team of helpers. After expenses £113 was raised for St John's. We are planning a return visit by Trev and colleagues next January.

DCMVC at St Andrew's – Thank you to everyone who attended the concert at St Andrew's on 5th June. An amazing £1, 004.12 was raised for church funds. A big thank you to Diana for organising the event.

Mickleover Singers Concert - To celebrate 85 years we are hosting a special concert party on 4th July, 7:30pm at St John's Church. We will be singing a selection of songs from every decade since the choir was formed. There's even a chance to sing along with us. Tickets cost £8 on the door and include light refreshments.

Mickleover Summer Festival – Saturday 27th June at Vicarage Road Park 12 – 6pm. CTiM will be having a stall at the event, if you are able to help on the day staffing the stall setting up/dismantling the gazebo please contact Judi on 07531 495891 or Mike