

Welcome to our Churches

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Sunday 19th July 2026

Services In Our Churches This Sunday

- Holy Communion at All Saints, 10am. Peter Walley 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

Generous God, you give us gifts
and make them grow: though our
faith us small as mustard seed,
make is grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

This Sunday's Reading

Rom 8: 12 – 25, Matt 13: 24-30, 36-43

Next Sunday's Reading

Rom 8: 26 to end, Matt 13: 31-33, 44-52

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.

Talk by John Foxon

At first glance the extract from Paul's letter to the Romans (Ch8; vs 1-11) may look like we have been given a "Get out of Jail, Free" card. God has allowed his son to be sacrificed for the sin of mankind. As Graham Kendrick says in his worship song "The price is paid, Alleluia".

However, it is always good to read the small print. God allowed his son to go to the cross to pay for the sins of the world and although Jesus accepted his father's will, this was not done so that we could fill the clean slate with the same things that had just been wiped from it.

Paul tells us that freedom from sin and death are not for those who continue to live according to the flesh but instead are for those who live according to the Holy Spirit.

We all struggle to live our lives solely according to the spirit with zero acknowledgement to worldly concerns. We may not always be successful, but we know that God loves those with a willing heart (Paul's Second letter to the Corinthians Ch8 vs 12). For those of us who endeavour to live according to the Holy Spirit, Paul tells us that if we are in the realm of the Spirit then the Spirit of Christ lives in us then we will be given life and raised from the dead. However, if our full focus is on the worldly, fleshly life then the mind is governed by death, does not obey God, is hostile to God and cannot please God.

It can be a challenge not to be of the world when we are in the world

In Matthew Ch13; 1-9 & 18-23 Jesus tells us the parable of the sower and the seed to guide us to what we should attain to be.

The farmer went sows his seed. Some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. Although it sprang up quickly, when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.

Jesus is the farmer and we are the seed. We can see which of the seed acts according to the spirit and which does not.

Jesus explains the parable thus:

“When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

We can clearly discern the seed that acts according to the Spirit, and which does not. Jesus understands our trials and tribulations, and he sacrificed everything to enable us to be free from sin and death. Even so he rightly expects that we should do our best to let the Holy Spirit work through us to obey and honour God and to help make the soil fertile for others.

Jesus says to us: “Whoever has ears, let them hear.” Hearing is not the same as listening. Listening means to process, understand and act. Let us not only hear but let us live our lives in such a way that others can hear, listen and act and also live according to the spirit.

Notices

Sunday Afternoons in the Link – Sunday 19th July from 2 – 4pm. Come along to St John’s Link for games, refreshments and friendly chat.

Our Love Prayers and Sympathy – to the family of Mavis Deeley. The funeral will be on Friday 24th July at 10am at Markeaton Crematorium, main chapel. If anyone needs a lift, please let me know. *Judi* 07531495891.

Midweek Matinee – This month’s film is The Alamo. Come and watch along at All Saints Centre on Wednesday 29th July at 2pm. Tickets £5 includes theatre snacks, pay on the 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. ***A variety of stalls, showcasing and selling handcrafted products created by local artisans.*** If you would like a stall (£12), 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.

Thank You - Thank you to all who helped in any way with the Mickleover fair last Saturday. It was good to be able to show our presence at the event. *Mike Shooter*

Alpha – Christian Basics Course. From 9th September (7pm Wednesday evenings) we will be hosting a new Alpha course. Leaflets will be in the churches soon for anyone to pick up. We are hosting on behalf of Christians Together in Mickleover. If anyone would like to help host, please also get in touch with Peter on 07725740407 or peterwalley@btinternet.com

Thank You – to everyone at St John's for the prayers and thoughts while I have been unwell, I am now thankfully improving. *Sybil Wetton*

Vicarage Barbecue - If anyone has any photos of last Sunday's barbecue that could be included in Threefold please send them to Rebekah at threefold@mickleoveranglicans.org.uk

CTIM Bible Study – Thursday 23rd July at St John's Link at 10.30am. Everyone welcome.

All Saints Clock – We are aware that the clock is running fast again, an engineer is coming back to fix it on 22nd July. Please don't change your watches!

St John's Food Bank Collection – There is a list of items needed by the foodbank at the back of St John's. If you are able to donate any of the items, it would be gratefully appreciated and they can be left in the box at the back of St John's. The box will be sent off each month to the foodbank.

CTIM Summer Fun – Christians Together in Mickleover are running two activity mornings at St John's from 10am – 12pm. Monday 3rd August will be Magical Mayhem and Monday 10th August will be Messy Church. Children must be accompanied by an adult. To reserve places at the activity days, please contact Paula Whitley on WhatsApp or email ccow@mickleovermethodist.org.uk or 07449760886