

# Welcome to our Churches

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## All Saints

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Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026

## Services In Our Churches This Sunday

- Holy Communion at All Saints, 10am. Ian Godlington will be speaking.
- Morning Praise at St John's, 10am. Paul Pritchard will be speaking.

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

### Collect

Almighty God,  
send down upon your Church  
the riches of your spirit, and kindle  
in all who minister the gospel  
your countless gifts of grace;  
though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### This Sunday's Reading

Rom 7: 15 - 25a, Matt 11: 11-19, 25-end

### Next Sunday's Reading at All Saints

Genesis 25: 19-end, Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

### Next Sunday's Reading at St John's

Romans 8: 1-11, Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

## 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. (2<sup>nd</sup> + 4<sup>th</sup> Thur of month)
- Fridays: **St John's Rest Stop Café** 10am – 12pm in the Link.

## Talk based on Romans 6 12 to end, Matthew 10 40 to end

Following Jesus Christ, his life and teachings has never been simple, easy or indeed straightforward (just ask the disciples!). But here in this short extract from Matthew's gospel, Jesus is telling them and by extension us, that the people who welcome the disciples, welcome him too and receive a blessing.

The challenge for the disciples when they went on their missionary journeys was that not everyone was welcoming of them, or the Good News they spoke about.

In verses which precede this reading Jesus has warned them that following him will in some cases cause division even in their own families. That is as true today as it was then. Jewish families will hold a mock funeral if one of them becomes a Christian and refuse to talk to them again, Muslim families will do everything in their power including using violence to make Christian converts deny Jesus.

There can be a huge cost to making the statement 'I believe Jesus is the Son of God, Messiah, the saviour of the world.' Most of the time in Western society there is a polite interest if we tell our friends that we are now following Jesus, but that is where it ends.

At the same time, Jesus says, God recognises those who may not be followers of Jesus, who see the good in what they are doing and offer hospitality to his followers, whether that is to provide a roof over their heads or to give a cup of cold water or food on a table.

The East window in All Saints also refers to verses later in Matthew's Gospel in Chapter 25 where Matthew records Jesus as saying – at the last judgement.

*<sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink, I was a stranger and you took Me in, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you looked after Me, I was in prison and you visited Me.'*

*<sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You something to drink? <sup>38</sup>When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? <sup>39</sup>When did we see You sick or in prison and visit You?' <sup>40</sup>And the King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me.'*

This is how we don't just love our neighbour, but we love strangers even those who we don't particularly get on with. We go the extra mile.

To do this is a challenge as our reading from Romans says because this challenges us to make choices each day. To put away our old selfish attitudes of 'Me first....' and instead be open to give what we have to others who need our help.

But how can we change our own attitudes? Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would come to dwell in every believer. The very Spirit of God resides inside me and you. He reveals Jesus to us. He empowers us, as we let him, to say no to selfish attitudes and yes to unselfish attitudes.

I love the prayer that is used at the end of Lectio 365 morning prayer each day. It goes like this:

Father, help me to live this day to the full,  
being true to you in every way.  
Jesus, help me to give myself away to others,  
being kind to everyone I meet.  
Spirit, help me to love the lost,  
proclaiming Christ in all I do and say. Amen.

In praying this, we acknowledge that we cannot live our Christian lives on our own. We ask the Father to help us to live like Jesus. We then ask Jesus to do as he has commanded – to give ourselves to the service of others each day – being kind to everyone we meet. Thirdly, we ask the Spirit to work in our minds, our hearts and our lives to be bold in proclaiming the good news by loving others as we love ourselves.

This is the ideal – it is what we aspire to as followers of Jesus.

Two things to end with: Mary last week had done a wonderful summing up of the previous weeks sermon and she ended by telling us:

*'To choose God as the disciples were choosing God by going out to serve Him. We are God's called children, and we are saved and loved eternally. Be certain you are loved and saved by God and filled by His spirit so that whatever you face or God calls you to, you are eternally safe in His hands.'*

In all this though, we remember that we are not perfect, we are all sinners.... but and here is a good 'but' we are, (and this is the most important thing), **saved by grace**. All our sins, committed up to now, now and in the future are taken by Jesus when he hung on the cross – no ifs, no buts. That is why we can live lives as Jesus has asked us to live them each day. So, if you would like to explore what Christian faith is all about, from September 9<sup>th</sup>, we are, together with Christians in Mickleover hosting the Alpha Course at All Saints on Wednesday evenings.

Alpha, is I think the best introduction to what the Christian faith is all about. May I invite you to come? You won't regret it. Do speak to me if you are interested. Every blessing. Peter.

## Notices

**Summer Activities** – St John's Hall this Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2 – 4pm. No-sand sandcastles, treasure hunt, quiz and lots more! £5 adults and £2 children, refreshments included.

**Church Offices Closed** – From Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and back open Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Please contact a member of clergy if you urgently need to speak to someone. [clergyteam@mickleoveranglicans.org.uk](mailto:clergyteam@mickleoveranglicans.org.uk)

**Mickleover Singers Concert** - 4th July, 7:30pm at St John's Church. Tickets cost £8 on the door and include light refreshments.

**Our Love Prayers and Sympathy** – to the family of Christine Kirby. The funeral will be at Markeaton Crematorium Round Chapel on 7<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm.

**Derby University** - Osteopathy department urgently seeks volunteers as simulated patients for their students' July exams: must be 18+, no upper age limit. 1 person, Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>, 9.30am, for a male student; 2 people Weds 8<sup>th</sup>, 1.15 pm, for 2 female students; 1 person, Thurs 9<sup>th</sup>, 9.30am, for a male student; 1 person, Fri 10<sup>th</sup>, 9.30 am, for a female student; 2 people Fri 10<sup>th</sup>, 1.30 pm, for a female student. See Anne Johns, or email Julia on [j.craig@derby.ac.uk](mailto:j.craig@derby.ac.uk)

**Who Let the Dads Out** – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 8.15am at All Saints Centre. A monthly group for dads and their children to spend time with each other, socialise and enjoy breakfast together.

**Benefice BBQ** – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July from 1pm at All Saints Centre. £7 per person, pay on the gate includes soft drinks. There is a signup sheet at the back of the churches if you would like to come. Please put your name down by this Sunday for catering.

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

**Maker's Market** – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Temporary Help Needed** - We are in need of volunteers to help clean the All Saints Centre at various times during the week until September. If you are able to help, please speak to Rebekah or the Wardens (James and Janice). Thank you.

**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*