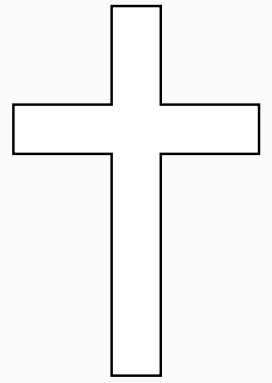


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OCTOBER 2026



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



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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*

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EDITOR'S SCRIBBLES

May your autumn be filled with warmth, community, and peace. As the days grow shorter and the evenings draw in, October marks the true beginning of the colder season. It is a time when we naturally retreat indoors, seeking warmth, comfort, and a cup of something hot.

While the physical world cools down, it is the perfect time for our church community to warm up. Darker months can sometimes feel isolating, which makes our fellowship more vital than ever. A simple phone call, an invitation for a coffee, or a quick chat after a Sunday service can be a beacon of light to someone who is feeling the quiet chill of autumn.

This month, our church calendar is packed with opportunities to gather, connect, and support one another. From our community coffee mornings to our regular worship, there is a place for everyone by our metaphorical fireside.

Let's make a conscious effort this October to look outwards. Let's ensure that no one in our village or parish feels forgotten as winter approaches. Together, we can make our church a sanctuary of warmth, kindness, and hope.

James

October's Grace

By Anonymous

The golden leaves begin to fall,
A quiet peace comes over all.
With thankful hearts for harvest days,
We lift to God our autumn praise.

The deadline for the next magazine will be 14th October

PRAYER CHAIN

All Saints

Marion Godlington
Denise Martin
Helen Walley
Steph Brinklow

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

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.



Dear Lord, when we hear the gentle sound of the rain watering the earth, help us to remember the thirst of those whose land is dry.

When we feel the warmth of the Sun on our faces, help us to remember the plight of those locked away in darkness.

When we buy the fruit of the world's harvest, help us to remember the hunger of those whose basket is empty.

When we celebrate our blessings at harvest time, help us remember those who experience disaster.
Amen.



CTiM PRAYER WALK



Date: Thursday 1st October

Time: 10.15am

Meeting at: Cavendish Way & Uttoxeter Road junction.

We will walk for about an hour praying God's blessing upon the people and businesses in the 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

LIFE EVENTS

RIP

Sybil Wetton



CHRISTIANS TOGETHER UNITED SERVICE

Sunday 18th October
at Mickleover Methodist Church
at 6.30pm followed by
refreshments. All welcome.

Something of a miracle has happened this week. Nigel Farage and I found ourselves in agreement this week. I don't know if you heard him speak. He was complaining about how the nation complains. This is something of a national hobby. Somebody is always upset about something: The biscuits have changed in church, football was better in the 1970s. Indeed everything was better in the past. the weather, the roads. A penguin was a proper size. Of course we can smile about this. There is something embedded in human nature, we often look back with rose tinted spectacles. It is easier to remember what we have lost rather than remember what we have been given. Both of our readings have at their core: will God's people be shaped by the future, or fear? Do we have confidence in God's grace for now?

The Israelites stand trapped. The sea ahead of them, Pharoah's army behind them. No obvious route ahead. They start to panic. But something remarkable happens in the story. Before the people move God moves. Before they see a path, God is making a path. Before they understand what is happening, God is already at work. The angel of God is at work. The pillar moves. God places himself between the people and their fear. Looking ahead, the people see the sea, but God sees a road. Is there something here that is true to us too? We can be tempted to spend so much of our time looking in the rear-view mirror remembering what happened in the past, how society felt a little bit more Christian, how children used to know Bible stories and maybe life felt a little bit more predictable.

There is nothing wrong in being thankful for the past, for that is our story that has shaped us. The faithfulness of previous generations is a gift. God doesn't call us to live yesterday. God calls us to live in tomorrow.

Ted Lasso is an American football coach who has come to England to coach Richmond FC Women's team, it is a great comedy show. One thing he says: there's a reason why the windshield (in a car) is larger than the rear-view mirror. Let's hold that image in our heads this morning. The great question is how do we get back to what was, but where is God leading us to next?

Our Diocese talks about becoming more Christ-like, growing church and transforming communities. Not just a strap line, or a strategy or nice words to say. It is the pattern in our readings this morning. Because before anything else can happen, God calls his people to trust him before his people can move forwards.

Trust God enough to move forward. Faith is not standing on the shoreline endlessly discussing the possibilities. Faith is taking the next step. Perhaps that is God's word for us this morning. Go forward, not anxiously, not nostalgically but expectantly because God who made the way through the sea is still making a way forward for his people.

First God leads us forward. He starts by making us more Christ-like. Notice that they did not need a better plan, nor a bigger committee or a bigger strategy document, they needed confidence in God. Same is true for us. That is why we pray, that is why prayer matters so much. Every prayer walk, every prayer prayed on our own, on the prayer chain and in worship, prayer offered for a neighbour, for our families, prayer offered for our schools, prayer offered for the businesses, for our doctors, for community workers for our cafes, for our outreach. These are not sideline activities for the few, that is how discipleship is formed. Becoming more Christ-like comes as we learn to see people, see places, see possibilities through the eyes of God. Prayer changes the way that we look at the world, instead of seeing obstacles, we see opportunities, instead of seeing problems, we learn to see people, instead of seeing decline we learn to see how God may be working. And when that happens, churches begin to transform communities. Not through grand gestures, but simple acts of grace. A conversation with a stranger, a welcome, a listening ear, a cup of coffee, Wednesday (Friday) cafés matter. To God it may be the beginning of a relationship. The beginning of healing, the beginning of faith beginning in ordinary hospitality. Small communities of faith usually start with simple acts of kindness.

Peter asks Jesus how often should we forgive? Jesus tells a story about a servant who owes a debt so enormous the servant couldn't possibly pay it back and yet the King forgives everything. It is a story about grace, extraordinary grace, lavish grace, life-changing grace. The tragedy of the story is not really about unforgiveness. The tragedy of the story is that the servant forgets the scale of grace that he has received. He forgets mercy. he forgets generosity, he forgets the future that has been given back to him. Once he forgets grace, he becomes fearful, defensive, small-minded, protective. In other words, he starts to live out from scarcity instead of abundance. We are to place our hands into His hands. So often as church we can find ourselves living out of scarcity and fear rather than out of the abundance of God which is beyond measure. We become preoccupied with what we don't have, what we used to have, what we wished we still had. Meanwhile God is saying to us: Look at what I have already given you. You are an incredible group of people, able to do incredible things in this local community. So, be faithful disciples, prayerful

people. Where there are friendships, care and generosity, Christianity is displayed. When we remember God's grace, we become more Christ like and when we become more Christ like we naturally become more outward facing because grace has to flow, has to flow out from this place because grace has to be shared with the world. That is where growth happens in churches. People encountering Jesus, one person, one family, one conversation at a time. We see glimpses of this all the time across your churches across Mickleover. The question is not therefore how do we preserve what we have, but who else needs what God has already given to us? Who in Mickleover still needs hope? Who needs friendship? Who is asking questions about faith? Who has moved onto the new estates and who is not yet rooted in our community? It is one relationship at a time. God is already at work outside this building. Mission isn't taking God somewhere He isn't. When we go, we find that God is there already and it is a joining in with what He is doing. The sea looked impassable to the Israelites, but God was already there. He is already here in Mickleover. The good news of the gospel story this morning is the grace that God gave the servant. Before certainty, before all the answers God offers you forgiveness welcome and a new beginning. Maybe a prayer for you this morning is Lord Jesus thank you for loving me, thank you for your grace, help me trust you, help me love you.

As we close let me remind you. The Israelites saw a sea but God saw a road, the servant saw debt, but God saw grace. the world looks at the church and sees challenge, but God sees opportunities. God still sees people to be reached. God sees communities still to be renewed and disciples still to be formed. I believe God's call to All Saints today is beautifully simple, become more Christ-like, keep praying, keep welcoming, serving, keep inviting, keep taking next steps of faith because the God who led his people through sea isn't finished with his church. not finished with you. He is already ahead of you, He is amongst you and He is already preparing the future for you. Don't just stand on the shore and look at the sea, look for the road and walk forward with Jesus Christ.

Following Matt Barnes' talk at the All Saints service on 13th September, there is a questionnaire at the back of church. Please pray and jot down some notes for the PCC and put it in the box at the back of church. Thank you.

BEETLE DRIVE & THEMED QUIZ



All Saints Centre

Saturday 3rd October at 6.30pm

£5 each - light refreshments incl

Teams of 4

contact the office for information

bring your own alcohol

Toad is Becoming a Tenor

Toad is giving up boats

Sunday 4th October, 2 - 4pm
at St John's Church

He wants to become a composer so he's

Messing About with Notes

Join Toad and Stephen Johns for some organ and piano music and a 'singalong', exploring how exactly music works



Entry £6, refreshments will be served

OCTOBER

CHURCHES' CALENDAR

Monday - Friday

9.30 - 3.30pm	Open Church	St John's
9am - 3pm	Open Church	St Andrew's
10am - 12pm	Internet Café	St John's Link
8am	Morning Prayers	Vicarage
9.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints
10am - 12pm	All Saints Café	All Saints
2pm	Friendship Group	St John's Link
10am - 12pm	Rest Stop Café	St John's Link

Fridays

For more info, please visit the website www.mickleoveranglicans.org.uk

Thursday 1st

10.15am	CTiM Prayer Walk	<i>See note on page 5</i>
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Saturday 3rd

6.30pm	Beetle Drive & Quiz	All Saints Centre
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Sunday 4th

10am	Holy Communion	All Saints
10am	Morning Praise	St John's
2pm	Messing About with Notes	St John's

Monday 5th

7pm	Standing Committee	All Saints
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Wednesday 7th

2pm	Coordinators	St John's Link
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Saturday 10th

8.15am	Who Let the Dads Out?	All Saints
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Sunday 11th

8am	Breakfast Church	All Saints
10am	Morning Worship	All Saints
10am	Harvest	St John's
11am	Harvest	St Andrew's

Saturday 17th

10am - 1pm	Craft & Tabletop Sale	St John's
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Sunday 18th

10am	Holy Communion	All Saints
10am	Morning Praise with JACK	St John's
2 - 4pm	Sunday Afternoon in the Link	St John's
6.30pm	Christians Together United	Mickleover Methodist

Friday 23rd

7pm	Harp Ensemble Concert	St John's
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Sunday 25th

10am	Morning Praise	All Saints
10am	Holy Communion	St John's

Wednesday 28th

2pm	Midweek Matinee: <i>Darkest Hour</i>	All Saints Centre
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Midweek Matinee

at

All Saints Centre



Showing: **Darkest Hour**

Wednesday
28th October
at 2pm



£5 Adults, £2 Children
Theatre snacks included

St John's Church Micklegate

Craft & Tabletop Sale

Saturday 17th October 2026
10am – 1pm

TO BOOK A TABLE: Contact Joy via ☎ 01332 515293 or
[Email: events-stjohns@mickleoveranglicans.org.uk](mailto:events-stjohns@mickleoveranglicans.org.uk)

FREE ENTRY

Over 20 different stalls, including a wide range of crafts, books & jigsaws
Refreshments available throughout

St John's Church, Devonshire Drive, Micklegate, DE3 9HD

'PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER, THAT YOU MAY BE HEALED'

James 5:16 NKJV

Christian cardiologist Dr Randolph Byrd had a great interest in knowing if prayer had a 'scientifically measurable' impact on healing. He has said, 'After much prayer, the idea of what to do came to me.' Over a ten-month period, a computer assigned 393 patients in the coronary care unit at San Francisco General Hospital to one of two groups. The first group was prayed for by home prayer groups. The second group was not remembered in prayer. The home prayer groups were from various Christian denominations. They were given only the first names of the patients and brief descriptions of their diagnoses and conditions. They were prayed for each day. The prayed-for patients differed from those not prayed for in these ways:

- 1) They were five times less likely to need antibiotics.
- 2) They were three times less likely to develop fluid in the lungs.
- 3) None required an artificial airway attached to a ventilator.
- 4) Fewer died.

If the technique being studied had been a new drug or procedure, it would have been heralded as a breakthrough. Even Dr William Nolan, the author of a book denouncing faith healing, said, **'It sounds like this study will stand up to scrutiny...Maybe we doctors ought to be writing on our order sheets, "Pray three times a day."**' In the Old Testament, we read: **"For I will restore health to you and heal you of your wounds,"** says the Lord' (Jeremiah 30:17 NKJV). In the New Testament, James wrote: **'The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up... Pray for one another, that you may be healed'** (James 5:15-16 NKJV).

Taken from Word of the Day





JOIN US AT ST JOHN'S TO
CELEBRATE

-Harvest-

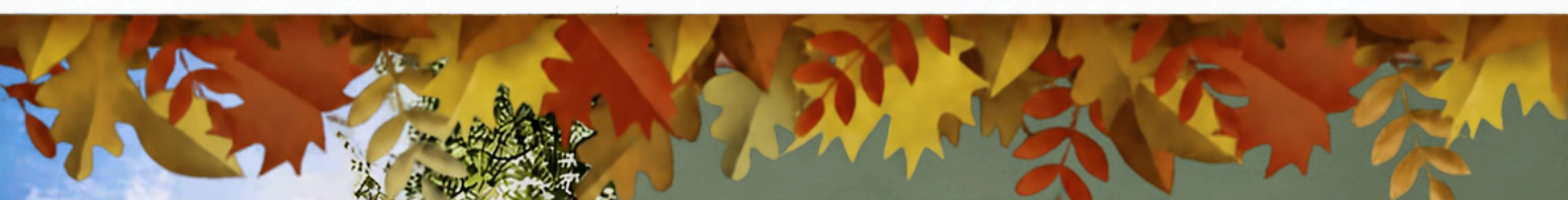
Holy Communion

Sunday 11th October at 10am

Any donations of non-perishable food will be given to
Derby Food 4 Thought.

The list of items needed are at the back of church.

Harvest Lunch will be in the Hall at 12.30pm.
£12 per head.



St Andrew's

Harvest Festival

11th October 11am

All donations are much appreciated &
will be distributed to

DERBY FOOD 4 THOUGHT

A local charity based in Mickleover





LET IT ALL GO GREENBELT

27-30 AUGUST 2026 BOUGHTON HOUSE

Greenbelt festival describes itself as 'where exceptional arts, courageous activism and open hearted belief come together'. Greenbelt 2026 was the last one at the current site, Boughton House. Its been a fabulous location, with trees, a lake, an orchard and lots of space. They are currently looking for a new home.

This was my 8th Greenbelt, and the first where I experienced rain. Not just a bit of drizzle. Biblical rain. And mud. Lots of it. We called in at Tesco and got soaked there before we even left Mickleover. The forecast for the weekend was heavy rain and storms. In the car Joy (Andrews) and I discussed pretending we'd been to Greenbelt but actually booking into a bed and breakfast, where we would be dry , have warm showers and flushing toilets. I'm very pleased we decided to brave the rain instead.

Joy and I had invested in a new tent this year. A blow up one that's easy to put up. We discovered that it's only easy if you follow the instructions, not just read them and then do your own thing.

Friday afternoon the heavens opened. I was in the tea tent getting drinks but Joy was outside with our chairs, coats, bags and picnics. By the time she staggered to the tea tent she was soaked, as was all our stuff. I mean drenched. Dripping wet. By now the tea tent was crowded; but her cuppa was passed along by strangers across the tent till it reached her.

I'll admit we had a bit of a moan as we walked the half mile back to our tent, our chairs were dripping wet, all our clothes now soaked and wanting a warm drink but it was too wet to light the stove. Then we realised what a privilege to have these problems for a weekend, compared to people who have to live like this -refugees, the homeless and victims of natural disasters.

All the rain combined with about 9000 people walking around turned the fields into a quagmire. While talking to a steward I said 'my feet are really muddy.' She looked and commented her boots were muddy too. My reply was 'Im wearing sandals, its my feet you are looking at!!'

The sun came out on Sunday morning for the communion service. As this was our last visit to Boughton house the theme was 'let it all go'.

The sight of bubbles blown by about 6000 people rise into the air was incredible. After the service an oak tree was planted as a gift back to Boughton.

We went to a talk titled 'Blessed are the Hairdressers'. An ex-army chaplain who had trained as a hairdresser set up a salon in Plymouth called Rev 7. The salon worked with the homeless, people suffering from addiction and domestic abuse. The talk was fascinating, describing how difficult it can be for some people to even walk into a hairdressers because they don't feel they deserve to be there. This was likened to the difficulty some people feel over walking into a church. When you say you are a welcoming church is there an unspoken 'BUT'? Do we really accept people as they are or are there conditions attached?

Another fascinating talk was an interview with the journalist Cathy Newman. She talked about the channel 4 investigation into the child abuser John Smyth.

My favourite music of the weekend was Flamy Grant. A brilliant singer songwriter, with amazing lyrics and a very powerful voice. Flamy is a drag queen from America.

Some of the poetry we listened to contained swear words. The poet (Robin Ince) was asked about this. His view was there is much worse language than swear words. Being racist, bullying and intentionally hurting someone with words are in his opinion much worse.

In spite of the rain we had a brilliant weekend, and my feet did eventually come clean!!

Kim Cooper

Thank you to everyone who is continuing to support the Bone Cancer Stamp Appeal. This year we have been a part of a contribution of stamps that have raised **£4583.31**.



Recent breakthroughs in research are shifting the treatment paradigm away from traditional chemotherapy towards precision medicine and immunotherapy. A major 2026 milestone includes the development of OSM CAR-T cell therapy. This engineered immune treatment successfully targets multiple receptors on aggressive osteosarcoma cells, offering a localized alternative to toxic chemotherapies. Additionally, OS Therapeutics is seeking accelerated approval for OST-HER2, a novel cancer vaccine designed to treat metastatic bone disease.



Derby Choral Union's Autumn Fayre



Saturday 3rd October 2026
10am - 2pm

St John's Church

Cake stall



Preserves

Refreshments



Sweets

Books



Tombola



Puzzles



Honey



Derby Choral Union

Autumn Harp Ensemble Concert



St John's Church, Mickleover (near Derby)

Friday 23rd October at 7pm

Tickets £10 for adults • Children free

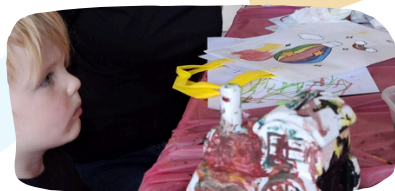
All proceeds split between Cancer Research and St John's Church Funds

Paint a 'Something'



Early in September we had a Sunday afternoon activity designed for all ages of; Paint a Something. Rather than repeating the very successful Paint a Pot held at the beginning of the year, we supplied a wide range of things to paint, from pots to T-shirts to bags. About 25 people came along aged from 2 to over 80 and had a wonderful afternoon creating their own masterpiece. If success is measured by the smiles on everyone's faces, this was a triumph. Maybe future events should be renamed, Paint and Smile!

With that in mind, there are plans for 'Paint, Sip and Smile' on 21st November in the evening. This will be an opportunity for adults to come along with their favourite tippie and enjoy an evening decorating a tote bag whilst chatting and 'smiling' with friends.





CRAFT-ERNOON

Sunday 1st November
2 - 4pm
in the Link at St John's

Create something amazing with felt!
suitable for all abilities

Places are limited, book in advance by contacting
admin@mickleoveranglicans.org.uk
01332 513363

Please bring your own sharp scissors

£5

per person



Saturday
7th November
10am - 3pm

CRAFT, COFFEE &
**TABLETOP
SALE**

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Light lunch will be available in the afternoon

If you would like a table (£12) at the event, please contact 01332 510446 or
admin@mickleoveranglicans.org.uk



THE MINISTRY OF WELCOME

I have travelled to 69 countries during 46 years of evangelistic ministry. I have encountered a considerable number of airports, immigration officers, baggage carousels and people holding signs with my name on them. I have experienced all kinds of welcomes – warm welcomes, formal welcomes, and a few where I wondered whether the people meeting me had been told I was actually coming.

Welcome. Such a small word. Such a big ministry. To welcome someone is to say: We see you. We value you. We're glad you're here. There's room for you.

Perhaps that is why welcome lies so close to the heart of the Christian gospel. Paul writes, 'Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God' (Romans 15:7 ESV).

Notice the standard:

Not: Welcome people when they agree with you.

Not: Welcome people when they behave like you.

Not: Welcome people when they vote like you, worship like you, dress like you or share all your opinions.

Welcome one another as Christ welcomed you.

That raises the bar considerably because Christ welcomed us before we had sorted ourselves out. Thankfully. If Jesus waited until we were perfect before welcoming us, the church would be the emptiest building in town.

When Welcome Becomes a Wall - In recent years I have accepted invitations to conduct evangelistic events in three English towns. In each case the invitation came from a significant majority of local Christian leaders. Yet subsequently, a small number of clergy attempted to obstruct the invitation because they perceived me as associating with people they regarded as 'sinners'.

I confess, I find that accusation strangely encouraging. After all, Jesus was accused of precisely the same thing. His critics said, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners' (Matthew 11:19 NIV). They meant it as an accusation. History remembers it as an accolade: Jesus, friend of sinners. I'm rather pleased to be associated with that company, especially because I qualify as a sinner myself. Actually, every church is full of sinners. Some are saved by grace. Some are being transformed by grace. And some are on committees!

The danger is that Christians can become so determined to avoid contact. But how can we reach people we refuse to meet? How can we love people we refuse to know? How can we share good news with people we have already written off?

Evangelists are not called to guard the drawbridge. We are called to lower it.

The gospel is not: Keep out.

The gospel is: Come in.

Have We Become a Culture of Critics? - What particularly intrigues me is the timing.

I have been doing the work of an evangelist for 46 years, yet this particular kind of opposition has become noticeably apparent only during the last couple of years. Why? Perhaps it reflects something of our present culture. We seem to be living through an epidemic of judgement. Everybody has an opinion. Everybody has a platform. Everybody has a verdict.

And thanks to social media, everybody can deliver all three before breakfast.

We can Google someone's name, inspect a photograph, notice who they once stood beside and construct an entire theology of their life before we've even met them.

We have become remarkably good at guilt by association. Yet if association implied approval, Jesus would have been in serious trouble. He ate with tax collectors. He spoke with Samaritans. He allowed a sinful woman to anoint his feet. He touched lepers. He welcomed children. He spent time with society's outsiders.

Jesus never confused loving people with endorsing everything about them. Neither should we. This is a distinction our culture – and sometimes the church – desperately needs to rediscover: welcome is not endorsement.

I can welcome you without agreeing with everything you believe.

I can listen to you without adopting all your opinions.

I can sit at your table without signing my name beneath everything you have ever said. I can love you even when we disagree.

Christians ought to be exceptionally good at this. Grace does not require agreement before it offers kindness. You don't have to agree with someone to treat them like they are made in the image of God. Hospitality isn't just making tea, it's making room – room at our table, room in our conversation, room in our church and room in our heart.

The church must be careful that in defending truth we don't forget grace. Jesus was 'full of grace and truth'. Not 50 per cent grace and 50 per cent truth. He was full of both. Truth without grace can become brutality. Grace without truth can become sentimentality. Jesus embodied both perfectly.

And here's the challenge. The holiest person who ever lived was also the person sinners wanted to be near. Children came to him. Outcasts came to him. Tax collectors came to him. The broken came. The curious came. The ashamed came. The religious came.

Somehow, they knew, 'I can approach him.'

If our holiness makes sinners want to run away from us, perhaps we need to examine our holiness. The church should never make it harder to come to Jesus than Jesus did.

In a world with plenty of walls, perhaps the church could become known again for its doors. Open doors. Open hearts. Open arms. And one wonderful word: Welcome.

Come in. There's room for you.

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 CAFÉ

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



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Breakfast Church



2nd Sunday of the month
(full weekend)

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

All ages welcome!



St John's Church

at the heart of the community

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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 Café

10AM - 12PM
Every Friday at
St John's

Join us for a coffee/tea,
friendly chat and of
course delicious cakes!

Everyone
welcome!

Sunday Afternoon in the Link

Spend a relaxing couple of
hours on the

3rd Sunday of the month
2 - 4pm

at St John's Link

There will be games for all ages
(feel free to bring your own), or
just come to chat and enjoy being
with other people. Refreshments
will be available throughout the
afternoon. No set charge, just a
donation if you wish to make one.

Giving thanks to God for God's goodness

One of the theological threads running throughout the Psalms is giving thanks to God for God's goodness. Remembering all God's benefits and blessings including forgiveness, healing, salvation, provision, love and compassion (Psalm 103).



Our liturgies reflect this attitude of gratitude too. The Book of Common Prayer's General Thanksgiving begins: 'Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all....' A wide-ranging prayer exhorting us to thank God for creation, everyday blessings, salvation, God's present help and future hope of eternal glory. It encourages us to rediscover the centrality of gratitude in our lives, as well as in our words.

Throughout the Autumn, our worship and teaching emphasises gratitude. The giving of ourselves in love and service when gratitude flows out of our hearts in response to everything God has first given us.

Celebrating harvest and God's faithful provision, we will reflect upon all those who partner with God in feeding and caring for the needs of the disadvantaged and marginalised. We will share the resources at our disposal supporting foodbanks, community projects, missionary organisations and charities. Many churches will hold stewardship days or giving campaigns, helping us take seriously our commitment to discipleship and good stewardship giving generously out of gratitude for God's abundant generosity to us.

October 11th marks Clergy Appreciation Day. Jody Stowell, a rural parish priest, in her book *Bruised Reeds and Mustard Seeds* (2026, Canterbury Press) talks about the impact on clergy wellbeing when clergy are unsure whether they have done a good job. October is an opportunity to address that concern offering affirmation, encouragement and positive feedback to the clergy we know.

And, if you are serious about supporting our clergy, you might like to encourage your PCC to review their pledged giving to Common Fund as every penny that is asked for is needed to sustain our current staffing. The 2027 diocesan budget goes to Diocesan Synod for approval this month and we need to work together to ensure the finance is available to continue to resource the vital ministry of our clergy.

'And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.' (Colossians 3:17)

The Ven. Nicky Fenton Archdeacon of Peak and Derbyshire Dales