

Welcome to our Churches

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Sunday 6th September 2026

Services In Our Churches This Sunday

- Holy Communion at All Saints, 10am. Clare Owen will be speaking.
- Morning Praise at St John's, 10am. Paul Pritchard will be speaking.
- Baptism of Lara at All Saints, 12noon. Led by Peter Walley.

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

Collect

Almighty God, whose only Son has
Opened for us a new and living way into
Your presence: give us pure hearts and
Steadfast wills to worship you in spirit
And in truth; through Jesus Christ your
Son our Lord. Amen.

This Sunday's Reading at All Saints

Rom 13: 8 to end, Matt 18: 15 to 20

This Sunday's Reading at St John's

Colossians 1: 15-20, John 1:1-14

Next Sunday's Reading

Rom 14: 1 to 12, Matt 18: 21 to 35

Midweek Services and Groups

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

Talk by Dawn Perry

“I AM WHO I AM.” “This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.”

Well, what's in a name? Names are something familiar to all of us and they can be our identity, a description, how we address something or someone. For most of us, our names are given to us, chosen by our parents and often with family connections – names that passed down and have meanings beyond just our own identity.

Dawn- my name means the first light of day. I was never keen on my name as a child but I loved telling people that I was the ‘morning sun’.

Moses – means drawn out of water and therefore describes how he was found. But his name goes beyond just an identity – for us, Moses has a depth of meaning.

Matthew – means a gift of God – well, all our disciples are a gift indeed although I am not sure every Matthew I ever taught felt like a gift at the time!

So, what do our names say about us?

Let's look at our Exodus reading from today – we see Moses at a time where he has run from Egypt, he is away from what he knew growing up and may be feeling unsure about what happens next, where he is in his life. But God sees him. God knows him. God calls him – by name, “Moses, Moses”. And Moses is given a task, an undertaking by God to go back to Egypt and free the people of Israel. How does Moses know who is talking to him? Moses cannot name God. In Hebrew traditions, to name something or someone was to have ownership or authority over them – God stands apart from this and identifies himself to Moses – the God of Abraham, of Isaac, of Jacob – names with depths of meaning – towers of faith for the Israelite people that will give them assurance of a covenant made and still honoured. God says that his name is “I AM WHO I AM, YAHWEY or YHWY” We struggle to identify this name but by giving Moses this task, linked the two names of the Israelite ancestors and giving a name the people will recognise, God sets Moses up to be a tower of faith in return. Obvious to us now, knowing the story but for Moses at the time, not so clear. For us, the actions that Moses took from this point gave a new meaning of a deliverer, a saviour for his people. We know exactly who he is – by his name, based on the actions of his life.

Let's look now at our Gospel. This passage comes just after Jesus has been described as the Messiah. This is a name again that has a powerful meaning, a wealth of expectation attached to it. Just as Moses delivered the Israelites from Egypt and slavery, so the name Messiah suggested that Jesus would be delivering the Jewish people from the Roman rule. Jesus is trying to explain that this is not the case – he is doing God's work, he will be arrested, he will be killed and he will be raised again. But the disciples are trapped in the moment and fail to see the whole picture. They

miss the reference to Jesus being 'raised' and instead, see the disaster of Jesus being arrested and killed. Look again at Jesus words when Peter tries to convince him to do things differently. "Get thee behind me, Satan."

Jesus cannot fall into temptation now. Satan is a bad name to be called, as bad then as it would be now associated with evil and the temptation to avoid God's plan. Jesus has to stand firm and put this down. Jesus is doing God's work, there is only one way forward, the disciples are simply struggling to see the whole picture.

Our lives can also be like this can't they? We can be stuck in the day to day situation and fail to see the bigger picture that our decisions and actions are part of. Names matter but the actions linked to them matter too. They add the colour of our lives and the depth of who we are and what we stand for.

This week has been a particular week, hasn't it? I was away in Norfolk and on Wednesday evening, I was standing looking out to sea in glorious sunshine when Wayne came out to tell me that it had just been announced that Dolly Parton had died. It changed the feel of the day. Dolly Parton – known to all of us, bright blonde hair, larger than life with amazing costumes and songs that filled our heads immediately. But there is more the Dolly than just a few well know songs. A small child, hearing her father talking about Dolly having died, cried. "How do you know Dolly Parton?" he asked, "Dolly gives me books" She replied. Over 330 million children have been given books by the foundation she set up. Over the last few days we have heard about the way she lived, how she worked and lived for others in so many ways. Her name means so many things to so many people. Dolly can be a derivative of 'Dorothy' – which again, means a gift of God. Well Dolly Parton was certainly that.

We may not see the whole picture of our lives, the meanings that will become attached to our names to those that know us but just like Moses, when we are unsure, God is beside us. Just like Jesus, we need to avoid temptation to do things the easy way and we need to work to do God's plan for us, working in God's name to his Glory to be who we are called to be.

What do you want to be remembered for?

Notices

Alpha – Christian Basics Course. Starting on 9th September (7pm Wednesday evenings) at All Saints. We are hosting a new Alpha course on behalf of Christians Together in Mickleover. Speak to Peter if you are interested in joining 07725740407.

Nepal: Tibet Flood - Thank you to everyone who donated to this appeal. A tremendous total of £450 was raised and sent to the Emergency Disaster Fund.

Paint a 'Something' – Sunday 13th September from 2 – 4pm at St John's Hall. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon painting bags, hats, stones, pots and more. £6 on the door, refreshments included.

Men's Breakfast - The next men's breakfast will be on Saturday 19th September, 9:00 at Java. If you would like to come along, please speak to Mike Shooter.

Harvest Festival – All Saints will be celebrating harvest on 27th September. Decorating church will be on Friday 25th Sept from 2pm, all help welcome. Donations towards the cost of flowers can be left with Rebekah in the office or with the of 'flower girls!' Any berries, greenery, dried flower heads etc would be great (may be less of it because of the heat). Thank you in anticipation. *Celia Cullen*.

A Night of Comedy with Paul Kerensa – at St Helens Church, Etwall at 7.30pm on 26th September. Come to hear this national Christian comedian entertain us. Tickets £15, book in advance or on the door. Contact 07791001415 or 07969757449.

All Saints Harvest Lunch – Sunday 27th September at 12.30pm in the Centre. Bring your own picnic, tea and coffee will be served.

Our Love Prayers and Sympathy – to the family of Jim Collyer. The funeral will be at St John's on Wednesday 30th September at 2.30pm following on from a family only service at the crematorium.

Beetle Drive & Themed Quiz! – Saturday 3rd October at 6.30pm at All Saints Centre. Come along for a fun evening with a quiz and beetle drive. £5 each, light refreshments included. Teams of 4. Don't worry if you don't have a team, let us know, there will be others that you can make a team with on the day.

Our Love Prayers and Sympathy – to the family of Sybil Wetton who died suddenly last Friday. Funeral details to follow.

Church Office Closed – from Monday 7th September and back open on Monday 14th September. If you need to speak to someone urgently, please contact one of the clergy. clergyteam@mickleoveranglicans.org.uk