

Welcome to our Churches

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Sunday 11th October 2026

Services In Our Churches This Sunday

- Morning Worship at All Saints, 10am. Mary Staunton will be speaking.
- Harvest Holy Communion at St John's, 10am. Alun Rowlands will be speaking.
- Harvest Holy Communion at St Andrew's, 11am. Led by Peter Walley.

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

Collect

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases and
whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you and to
receive the gifts of your love, new every
morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sunday's Reading at All Saints

Exodus 32: 1 – 14, Matthew 22: 1 - 14

This Sunday's Reading at St John's

Philippians 4: 1-9, Matthew 22: 1-14

Next Sunday's Reading

2 Timothy 4: 5 – 17, Luke 10: 1 - 9

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

Honouring God and One Another

One of the most remarkable real-life examples of honouring both God and others is the story of **Eric Liddell**, the Scottish runner whose conviction inspired the Oscar-winning film *Chariots of Fire*. In the 1924 Paris Olympics, Eric Liddell was the clear favourite to win gold in the 100m sprint—his signature event. However, when the official Olympic schedule was published, he discovered that the qualifying heats were scheduled for Sunday. Liddell held a deeply personal conviction that Sunday was a day set apart for worship, rest, and honouring God. Despite intense pressure from many, Liddell stood firm and, he entered the 400m race—an event far outside his comfort zone and training focus. On the day of that race, someone handed him a piece of paper with a verse from 1 Samuel 2:30 *"He who honours Me, I will honour."* Liddell not only won the gold medal but set a new world record. He always treated his fellow athletes, officials, and opponents with genuine humility, respect, and kindness, winning the admiration even of those who had previously criticized his decisions.

Honouring God and one another forms the core of our Christian faith, we have read the commandments today providing us with a moral framework in **Exodus 20** and then in **Philippians 3** we read of the transformative grace of God in the apostle Paul's life.

The Ten Commandments outline the essential boundaries for honouring God and living in harmony with others. Jesus later summarized these into two commands: loving God and loving our neighbour (Matthew 22:36–40). The danger is that where once the Ten commandments were widely accepted as a guide on how to live, in our world today exposure to content, especially online, that promotes abuse and hate seems to be shifting our social norms, changing our values and validating our, sometimes flawed, human wisdom in our decisions and actions. So how might we live in today's world and take positive action to show honour and respect to God and all who are made in the image of God. The Ten commandments are like God's plumbline, like the one the builder uses to check on the accuracy of his building, to give us the guidelines to live lives that honour him and others. The first four commandments teach us about how to be in our relationship with God, 5-10 teach us about honouring one another. Do read Exodus 20 to see what I mean.

So, what about Philippians 3 and Paul's words. He provides personal context on how the Law functions in a relationship with Jesus. Paul had an impeccable religious record ("a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee"), yet he shifts from relying on outward righteousness to pursuing a personal relationship with Christ. He speaks of counting everything he had, his human credentials and outward rule-keeping, as worthless compared to the "surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus our Lord." He speaks of having Righteousness by Faith, He is clear that true honouring of God comes through faith in Christ. He was keen to know Christ's Power and Sufferings, sharing in the power of Christ's resurrection and participating in sacrificial love for others. He uses the metaphor of the athlete by talking of Pressing Toward the Goal, Forgetting What Lies Behind. Honouring one another requires releasing past failures, guilt, and religious self-righteousness to move

forward in grace. Straining Ahead we are called to actively pursue the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, so that he drives how we live day by day.

Honouring God begins with recognizing His authority (the Commandments) and finding ultimate value and righteousness in knowing it is Jesus who works it out in us (Philippians 3). Honouring one another naturally flows out of this: as we experience God's grace and press toward the goal together, we treat others with the dignity, truthfulness, and love that reflect Christ.

I recently came across something written by **Bear Grylls, the adventurer** who is often featured on television and seeks to live his life for God. He said:

For most of my life, I tried to control everything. It turns out I control almost nothing. It is a tiring, anxious way to live. And if I am honest, it never worked half as well as I liked to tell myself it did. What slowly changed everything for me was learning to hand over the reins. I started to picture it like riding a bike. I could keep doing the pedalling, the hard work, the showing up. But maybe I could give the handlebars over to someone wiser and stronger than me. To a God who could actually see the road ahead, when I could barely see past the next bend.

We could see it as riding a tandem with God on the front pedals. Where are you and I in our lives gripping the handlebars so tightly that we have forgotten we were never meant to steer alone? Out of our love for God, taking his commandment to love him with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and to love others as ourselves, enables us to live in harmony and peace with those around us. So let us always remember we don't need to strive hard on our own, Jesus opened his arms wide on the cross to give us all that we need to live a life that honours God and enables us to honour others. Let us live in the power of his love.

The full version of this talk can be found on www.mickleoveranglicans.org.uk click on Service times and then within that page *YouTube* which gives you the service at St John's on 4 October 2026.

Blessings, *Helen Walley*

Notices

Matt Barnes Questionnaires – If you have not yet handed in your questionnaires from Matt Barnes's visit, please put them in the box at the back of church or post them through the letter box in the Centre by this Sunday. Thank you.

Lost Stainless Steel Cake Knife – left in the Link kitchen at St John's after the Friendship Group on 9th September. Missing at 9am on 10th September. If found, please let the office know.

St John's Coffee Rota – There are a few vacancies on the St John's Sunday coffee rota. If you would like to volunteer to help, please speak to Jenny Rowlands.

Craft and Tabletop Sale at St John's – Saturday 17th October 10am to 1pm. Help to set up on Friday 16th from 3.30pm would be appreciated. Contributions to the refreshment stall (tray bakes and small cakes), and for the bric-a-brac stall would be welcome. Please deliver to Rest Stop Café, after 3.30pm on Friday or before the start on Saturday. We will also have Jigsaws and a Book stall. Help on the day, especially to reset the hall, link and church at the end of the event, is invaluable. Do invite friends, relatives and neighbours to visit – there are over 20 stalls to browse. *Joy Templer and Richard Finch.*

Joint Christians Together Service – We are all invited to a shared evening service at Mickleover Methodist, Sunday October 18th. This is their usual 6.30pm service but they are welcoming all Mickleover Christians for a time of shared fellowship. It would be good to see as many of us supporting them as are able.

Autumn Harp Ensemble Concert – Friday 23rd October, 7pm at St John's. Tickets £10, children free. All proceeds split between Cancer Research and St John's.

Craft-ernoon – in the Link at St John's on Sunday 1st November 2 – 4pm. Create something amazing with felt! Suitable for all abilities. Please bring your own sharp scissors. £5 per person. Places are limited, please book in advance by contacting 01332 513363 or admin@mickleoveranglicans.org.uk.

Craft, Coffee & Tabletop Sale – Saturday 7th November in the All Saints Centre from 10am – 3pm. A range of craft and tabletop stalls with a light lunch available in the afternoon.

Beetle Drive/Quiz Night – Thank you all who joined us last Saturday night! What a lovely evening – super atmosphere! Competitive? – Yes! Fun? – Yes! Quiet? Absolutely not! Thank you to the Socialites – Joyce, Brian, James and Zoe who organised this joyous evening; and also those who retuned the room to decorum! We all left the building much lighter of spirit... and a few left with prizes!! Next Socialite event **Midweek Matinee: Darkest Hour** on Wednesday 25th October, Tabletop Sale 7th November.) Full list of events is at the back of church. Thank you all, again. *Janice.*

Christian Aid Roadshow - For anyone interested in the work of Christian Aid there is a regional meeting to hear about its work in South Sudan at Meynell Langley Thursday 15th October 2-4pm. To book a place see the poster in church.

Peter & Helen's Move – Peter and Helen are leaving Mickleover after 14 years. The Acting Bishop of Derby is delighted to announce that the Revd Canon Peter Walley, Vicar of Mickleover and Radbourne, Diocese of Derby, has been appointed Chaplain to the Bishop of Derby in the same diocese. Peter will start in post on Monday 16th November. Details of a leaving service will be announced shortly.

"The Bible Comes Alive" - at 10am on Monday, 12 October, at 12 Murray Road. Luke 11, 29-32 – Jesus in conflict. All welcome.