# *Welcome to our Churches*

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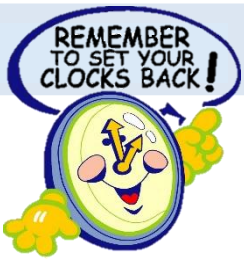


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## Sunday 25th October 2026




**Services In Our Churches This Sunday**

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

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

### Collect

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ
fed the hungry with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom: renew
your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness sustain us
by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and forever.

### Sunday's Reading

I Thess: 2: 1 to 8, Matt 22: 34 to end

### Next Sunday's Reading

Rev 7: 9 to end, Matt 5: 1 to 12

### Midweek Services and Groups

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| 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 |

## Sending out the 72. Luke 10:1-9

This gospel reading describes Jesus sending out the 72 disciples in pairs to towns and villages to prepare them for His arrival. Jesus sent them out with several instructions on how to conduct themselves in this task. They must travel light, rely on local hospitality, heal the sick and proclaim the nearness of the Kingdom of Heaven.

This week the church celebrated the feast day of St Luke, the day where we celebrate the life and work of Luke the gospel writer and missionary, as he supported the Apostle Paul in his mission.

Luke wrote a large part of our New Testament, his gospel and also the Acts of the Apostles. We know that Luke was a prolific writer, and he has left us a very strong impression of himself by what he wrote in his gospel. He emphasises Jesus Christ's compassion recorded both in power demonstrated by His life and by the care with which He treated people. But we still know very little of his life. St Paul gives us a few details in his letter to the Colossians, and we find that Luke was from Antioch. His job which he used to support himself and his work for the kingdom was a travelling physician and he was also a gentile. That's rather surprising that a non-Jew wrote so much of the New Testament. His book, The Acts of the apostles tells us that he travelled with Paul on two of his missionary journeys.

Tradition has it that he lived to the ripe old age of 84, and he died as a martyr, but there is some doubt about this. During his life Luke gathered eyewitness accounts from those who were close to Jesus. These accounts along with others would eventually become his gospel, which he wrote to a certain Christian named Theophilus.

As I mentioned earlier Luke was a physician, but God also had another calling on his life, to be sent out to preach the good news of the gospel.

The gospel reading appointed for today his feast day reflects his own account of Jesus sending out the seventy two.

The Lord said this just before He sent the 72 out into a fairly hostile environment. "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into the harvest fields". The Lord is not talking here about fields of wheat or barley, He is talking about human beings, living souls, for God wants everyone to have the opportunity to enter His kingdom. We can help by telling others our own journey to faith and what God has done in our lives.

There are 4 lessons from our gospel reading this morning from Luke 10 verses one to nine that can help us as we speak to others about God's saving grace. We could even use Luke as an example, why not read his account in the Acts of the Apostles and use that as a guidebook.

**First lesson - The Harvest is Plentiful**
In Luke 10:2, Jesus tells His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few."

This verse reminds us of the vast opportunities to share the Gospel and the need for more labourers in God's field. As believers, we are called to be active participants in spreading the Good News, knowing that the fields are ripe for harvest. We have to seize every opportunity to share the love of Christ with those around us. I know that that is not an easy task to do but remember that Jesus is with us when we speak to others about the kingdom of God.

**Second lesson - Go with Simplicity and Trust**
When Jesus sends out the 72, He instructs them to "carry no purse or bag or sandals" (Luke 10:4). This lesson teaches us to rely on God's provision and to travel light, both physically and spiritually. By trusting in God's care, we can focus on our mission without being weighed down by unnecessary burdens.

**Third lesson - Peace as a Greeting**
In Luke 10:5, Jesus advises, "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.'" Offering peace is a powerful way to open doors and hearts. As we interact with others, let our words and actions be filled with peace, reflecting the peace that Christ has given each one of us. This approach can create a welcoming environment for sharing the Gospel.

**Forth lesson -The Kingdom of God is Near**
Jesus instructs His disciples to proclaim, "The kingdom of God has come near to you" (Luke 10:9). This message is as relevant today as it was then. We are ambassadors of God's kingdom, bringing His presence into every situation. Let's live in a way that reflects the nearness of God's kingdom, inviting others to experience His love and grace.

Jesus gave to His disciples a principal to guide their actions as they ministered to others, which I think should guide us as we minister to those who are seeking to learn more about the saving power of Jesus and it this. “Freely you have received, freely give”, why, because God has freely showered us with blessings. Then we should give generously of our love and of our time to those who we meet in our everyday lives.

Blessings Rev Ian.

## Notices

**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.

**Midweek Matinee**: *Darkest Hour* will be shown on **Wed 28th October** in All Saints Centre at 2pm. £5 entry, theatre snacks included. Come along, everyone welcome!

**FKC 2026 AGM** – Wednesday 28th October at St John’s at 7.30pm. come and hear the latest news of Champions school in Eldoret and the very exciting updates on how the Vocational Centre is progressing - an up to date video recently received from Kenya of the Schools development will also be shown. For those who support this amazing work in Kenya, this is an event you shouldn’t miss.

**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 bok in advance by contacting 01332 513363 or admin@mickleoveranglicans.org.uk.

**CTiM Prayer for Mickleover** – 10.15am Thursday 5th November in St John's Link. To avoid walking in bad weather, during the winter months we will meet to pray in St John's Link. We spend about an hour to pray for our community, businesses, schools, etc. as led by the Spirit. Listening for anything that the Spirit prompts. This is also an opportunity for those less able to walk to join us. If you would like to join us, please let me know, either by email ray_lee16@yahoo.co.uk or text / phone 07766 927539.

**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. *Have you been decluttering? Have you found any bric-a-brac you would be willing to donate to the table raising funds for All Saints Church? Please contact the All Saints Wardens or Rebekah.* Thank you!

**Commemoration for the Bereaved** – Sunday 15th November at 3pm at All Saints. There is a list at the back of church for the names of loved ones you wish to be remembered during the service.

**Paint, Sip & Smile** – 21st November at 7 – 9.30pm at St John's. Decorate a tote bag as you sip your favourite tipple (bring your own drink), £5 per person. Please book in advance with the details on the front page.

**Guidance for Holy Communion from Bishop Jackie**: "I have noticed that there is a variety of practice regarding the administration of Holy Communion, particularly intinction. If intinction is your practice, I would like you to restore the common cup as the norm at Holy Communion. This is established Church of England practice. For those who would prefer not to receive the common cup, be assured that receiving in one kind is a full receiving of Holy Communion. As Common Worship says, 'Communion should normally be received in both kinds separately, but where necessary may be received in one kind, whether of bread, or where the communicant cannot receive solid food, wine.'" As a ministry team, we feel it is necessary to comply with her request. This means that we will stop intincting by the priest and instead offer either the bread on its own, or if you wish, with the common cup too. This will be discussed at each church on Sunday.

**Craft and Tabletop Sale at St John's on 17th October -** A big thank you to all who helped at this event. We raised £687 – a good result. Our next event is the Christmas Fair on 28th November – More details soon. Joy and Richard

**Christmas Tree Decorating** – help is needed to decorate St John's' tree for the All Saints Christmas Tree Festival (starting 29th Nov). This years' theme is Christmas carols and hymns. Please speak to Wendy Lee if you are interested or would like further details. Thank you.