

Welcome to our Churches

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Sunday 4th October 2026

Services In Our Churches This Sunday

- Holy Communion at All Saints, 10am. Peter Walley will be speaking.
- Morning Praise at St John's, 10am. Helen Walley will be speaking.

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

Collect

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day with
confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Sunday's Reading

Philippians 3: 4-14, Matthew 21: 33-end

Next Sunday's Reading at All Saints

Exodus 32: 1 – 14, Matthew 22: 1 - 14

Next Sunday's Reading at St John's

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

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

Introduction

DF4TA has been going for 6.5 years now and supports with food, school uniform, furniture and electrical items, clothes for new arrivals to UK and other basic welfare support.

Moving from model of just giving away for free to everything requesting a small donation so help build dignity, resilience and make it sustainable. We are launching a food membership scheme very soon. No one will be turned away if they don't have any money.

Statistics on the City of Derby

- 1 in 3 children living in poverty;
- 6 wards of city above national average and city as whole above national average for child poverty;
- Derby South Parliamentary Constituency is in top 3% of rates of child poverty for whole country YET Derby has companies whose pay to staff puts them in the top 3 highest salary paying companies outside of London;
- Average life expectancy between richest and poorest parts of Derby differs by a staggering 11 years.

A huge thank you to the churches in Mickleover for their consistent support of DF4TA over these past years.

Ruth 2 - What is gleaning?

The Hebrew word for “glean” is laqat, and it means “to collect, gather up, pick up.” Gleaning is the gathering of grain or other harvested material left behind by reapers. In the Bible, the Israelites were commanded to allow the poor to follow behind reapers and pick up leftover spears of grain and fallen grapes. In this way, the Law of Moses provided food for the poor, orphans, widows, and resident aliens. The law specified that landowners must leave some of the harvest for gleaners: “When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the LORD your God” (Leviticus 19: 9 – 10).

Amazing principle that I wonder if we applied to our lives and everyone applied if what we do not need, we gave away to those in need - what would the world look like today with all its wealth!?

Paul told a story of when he was a kid, he was invited to a party and ate too much and made himself ill – often we try to store too much for a rainy day and it can make us ‘unwell’.

Notice in the story, Boaz doesn’t just say Ruth ‘what do you need and I will give it to you.’ He says: ‘Ruth I have noticed what you have sacrificed to look after your mother-in-law Naomi – come glean in my fields and you will be safe’. Dignity is about helping someone build resilience and support themselves not just rely on handouts for ever – a model we are trying to follow at DF4TA

2 Corinthians 9: We should live generous lives being ‘cheerful givers’

Paul is talking here about our motives – what is our heart behind giving to others? He then told a story of giving away his last Rolo as a child - He didn’t want to give it away but gave because people were watching him. Was that the right motive?

Why do we give at Harvest? – is it because it is tradition? is it because it is duty? or are we compelled to feed the poor?

An offering is more than our tithe – giving a tithe is our duty, giving an offering is from our heart.

Paul has done lots work with Ukrainian refugees and recently did a campaign to help the school in Burundi that AS supports. He was told that 50p a week could give 108 children the stationery they need to go to school. He managed to raise all the funds for these 108!! Amazing to see the heart of Ukrainians to give – why are they generous? They know what it’s like to lose everything – they fled from war with just 1 bag each and left everything else behind. Because of this they don’t want anyone else to be left with nothing when they now have built home again. Often those with little give the most.

If we follow principle of gleaning and ask God to stir our heart – what difference can we make to those in need in our country and those in Burundi and beyond.

Notices

Beetle Drive & Themed Quiz! – Saturday 3rd October at 6.30pm at All Saints Centre. Enjoy 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, there will be others to team up with!

Messing About with Notes – Sunday 4th October at 2pm at St John's. 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.

St John's Harvest & Lunch – Sunday 11th October we will be celebrating harvest at 10am. At 12.30pm harvest lunch will be served in the hall, £12 per person. There is a signup sheet at the back of the churches if you would like to attend.

St Andrew's Harvest – Sunday 11th October at 11am. Collecting harvest goods for Derby Food 4 Thought.

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.

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.

Derby Refugee Forum - at the Bosnian Centre on Curzon St, is in urgent need of volunteers to welcome and support refugees and new asylum seekers. Roles include giving basic advice on how to access services (Tuesday and Thursday) – full training given; preparing and serving a basic soup and rolls lunch (Thursday); and taking a beginners' English group (Thursday afternoon) – you don't have to be a qualified teacher for this. Please ask me, or email Selma at info@derbyrefugeeforum.org for further details. Copies of the Annual Report are at the back of the church, for further insight. Many thanks, Anne Johns