Welcome to our Churches

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Sunday 8th November 2026 – Remembrance Sunday

Services In Our Churches This Sunday

- Morning Worship at All Saints, 10am. Clare Owen will be speaking.
- Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at All Saints, 10.45am.
- Holy Communion at St John's, 10am. Alun Rowlands will be speaking.
- Holy Communion at St Andrew's, 10.45am. led by Clare Owen.



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

Collect

God, our refuse and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end, that
earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sunday's Reading at All Saints

Thess 4: 13 – end, John 15: 9 - 17

Sunday's Reading at St John's

Amos 5: 18 – 24, Matthew 25: 1 - 13

Next Sunday's Reading

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-end, Matt 25: 14-30

Midweek Services and Groups

Mondays:	***St John's Internet Café*** 10am – 12pm in the Link
Tuesdays:	***Prayers*** 8am at St John's – *starting 17th November*
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

Revelation 7: 9-end, Matthew 5: 1-12

In the film 'Educating Rita', Rita (played by Julie Walters) is a hairdresser by day and an Open University pupil by night, seeking to create a better future for herself. Talking to the English tutor, Dr Frank Bryant (played by Michael Caine), she explains why she wants to study, describing a family night out at the pub: "I did join in the singing but when I turned around, me mother had stopped singing and she was crying. I said, 'Why are you crying mother?' and she said: 'There must be better songs to sing than these.' And I thought, 'Yeah, that's what I'm trying to do – sing a better song.'"

In an earlier chapter of Revelation, John records his vision of heaven like this:

And they sang a new song… in a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb…!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: "To him who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honour and glory and power, for ever and ever!" (Rev 5:9; 12 – 13)

And in our reading today, we hear the whole company of heaven crying out: *"Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."*

The commentator Simon Ponsonby, who wrote the book 'And the Lamb wins' said this: *'The optimistic slogans at the end of the '50s and the early '60s, expressed by Harold MacMillan, 'You've never had it so good' were soon deflated by the Cold War. Hope was then rekindled in continental Europe in the late 1980s when the Iron Curtain came down, and decades of communist oppression were lifted off the peoples of Europe.'* But now hope has again been replaced by fear as we all face the ominous shadow of Russian aggression.

And what of medicine? The scientific optimism that all disease was going to be done away with has been stopped in its tracks with the very real possibility that we won't have any antibiotics soon to treat even a small infection. And we haven't even got to questions of global warming and the rapid extinctions in the natural world which are entirely man-made… Is it any wonder then that faced with all these threats, the response from younger generations can be either 'whatever!' expressing an apathy captured by Vicky Pollard in the 'Little Britain' TV series or the opposite which is a really passionate activism as expressed by Greta Tunberg. And what about the mental health of our nation or even worldwide? Someone has calculated that a person across the globe takes their life every 40 seconds, that is over 1m in a year. This figure has grown by 60% since the 1940s. Failed attempts multiply that figure by 20. A new word has been coined in the Oxford English Dictionary – 'polycrises' i.e. a multitude of threats facing us.

Hope is in very short supply. The Prime Minister has recognised this. We need hope and especially among the young. Rita had hope that by applying herself to her studies she would see a different future. Not many people buy into that view today.

If material answers haven't addressed the issues that face humankind, the tragedy is that by and large, people have dismissed the Christian faith as offering anything either. Worse, the church as with every human institution has been plagued by revelations of sexual impropriety.

Everything it seems is being shaken up. However, there is a very great deal of difference between religion and a living faith. And this is the point.
Christianity must offer a living hope. We cannot see into our future, but our future is assured through faith in Jesus Christ. And this is where our readings come in.

In Revelation we have a glimpse into the future following the end times and return of Jesus Christ. In the chapter before, John hears the listing out of the names of tribes of Israel and the numbers coming from them which add up to 144,000, but then he looks up and sees the rest – numbers too large to count.

That's where we will be. When you or I come to faith in Jesus Christ, scripture says that our names are entered into the book of life. That's the hope for the future which we have to hang on to, when life gets tough here on earth. In Hebrews 11: 1 we read: *Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.*

We need that faith, that confidence, that hope and that assurance I believe more than ever. The message of Revelation is that indeed that 'the Lamb wins', no matter what is thrown against us. Every blessing. *Peter.*

Notices

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.

Help Needed – to hand out booklets for Remembrance at the war memorial from 10.45am on Sunday.

Can You Help? – as welcomers and sidesperson at All Saints, especially as we approach the very busy Christmas period, starting with the Christmas Tree Festival on 29th November – 6th December. There will be a 'job description' on the info table at the back of church.

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

Tuesday Morning Prayer - There will be no Morning Prayer this Tuesday 10th November, then from 17th November it will be at St John's at 8am. All are welcome to this prayerful start to the day, about 30 minutes following the order for daily Morning Prayer with time for open prayer for ourselves and the world using the Daily Prayer app.

All Saints Stitchers – will be holding a stall at All Saints Café on Wednesday 11th November and at St John's Rest Stop Café on Friday 13th November, both 10am -12pm. There will be a variety of Christmas novelty items. Bring your friends, have a coffee and browse our stall.

St Andrew's Quiz Night – Friday 20th November at 7pm at St John's Hall. Teams of 6 max. £12.50pp, includes ploughman's platter. There will be a bar and raffle. Please email your team's name and numbers to Tim at: woodlandsgp@gmail.com

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.

Farewell Peter and Helen Service – Sunday 22nd November at 3pm and All Saints. This will be Peter and Helen's final service in Mickleover and Radbourne. Everyone welcome and refreshments will be served. Usual 10am services will still be going ahead at All Saints and St John's.

All Saints Christmas Tree Festival – Sunday 29th November at 4pm. The Christmas *'carols and songs'* themed tree festival will begin with a carol service with Newmount Brass Band during the Our Mickleover Christmas Festival. All Saints Stitchers will be in the Centre selling their crafts and refreshments. The church will be open daily until 6th December to view the Christmas trees and vote for your favourite, opening times to be announced.

Getting Ready for Christmas at All Saints – Thank you to everyone who helped with harvest flowers. Next, Christmas decorating and Christmas Tree Festival! We would like decorated gift wrapped (empty) boxes of various sizes for our windowsills and base of font. Any size, from margarine tubs and upwards, as long as they are beautifully wrapped for Christmas. We will start decorating on Friday 27th Nov 10am – 12pm prior to Tree Festival and complete the decorations on 8th December 2pm. Any help would be appreciated. For more details speak to Celia Cullen or phone 01332 514472 or any of the 'flower girls'. Thank you.

New Opera Company – are holding their Winter Concert again this year at St John's on Saturday December 5th at 2.30 pm. The usual excellent singing and warm welcome that so many of you enjoy on a cold Winter's afternoon. Book the date now, more details to follow. We will, as usual, be supporting St John' s Charity - 'Friends of Kenya's Children'

Wreath Making Workshop – Sunday 6th December in St John's Hall. There are two sessions, 12 – 2.30pm or 3.30 – 6pm. Join us for an afternoon creating your own unique Christmas wreath. All supplies provided with guided tuition and refreshments. £15 per person. Contact St John's office for tickets.

Carol Singers Needed – We will be visiting Ivy House on Sunday 13th December at 2pm if you would like to join us, please let James Bowles or the office know, thanks.