

Sept/Oct
2018

Alvaston Parish Church

Sharing God's Love through Inspiration Word & Action



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BOOK NOW

Fri 19-Oct

19:45 £10

Derbyshire Community Male Voice Choir

Alvaston Parish Church, Church Street, Alvaston DE24 0PR



**Tickets available from Margaret on 757359 or
St. Michael & All Angels, Church Street, Alvaston
And evening of Song and refreshments**

Formerly Derbyshire Constabulary Male Voice Choir

Stewardship

Our Autumn Theme—What are we called to be Good Stewards of. How are we Stewards and not Owners. What is different between a Good and Bad Steward. How do we Steward God’s Message the Gospel of Christ, and what does this mean about our heritage, buildings, and community. We are called to be Stewards of the Good news of Jesus Christ. Something the world wide church has not been good at focusing on over the years. Now often when people speak about stewardship its all about money. Its not about the money. Jesus told stories using money, because we find it hard to live without it so it should be something we can all understand.

Bible readings	Autumn Series Stewardship—What it is & why it matters		
30-Sep	Luke 14:25-30	Proverbs 15:1-8	Cost of Stewardship
07-Oct	Luke 14:31-35	Proverbs 15:17-26	Need for Stewardship
14-Oct	Luke 10:1-9	Galatians 6:1-10	Stewardship & Harvest
21-Oct	Luke 10:25-37	Acts 6:1-7	Community Stewardship
28-Oct	Matthew 17:24-27	Gen 14:18-20	Stewardship Today

Even the Church has to use money so we can stay open- For many things like safety checks on the building, churchyard, gas & electric, maintenance on Clock, Organ, Bells, roof, footpaths, wages, trees, and even licences so we can play music and sing. But we aren’t here for the money. The work of the local church is mainly funded by the regular giving of its members. It is easy to be distracted, & to focus on the good news that we can be certain of our place with God after our death, and forget that we are ment to be caring for the poor, showing his Love, and Justice. It is easy to confuse his teaching with the teaching of man (see Mark 7:8). So we must first look at the call on us to be good stewards of His message first and foremost. The message that God Loves us, Values us, and has paid for our mistakes. All he requires is that we follow him first, completely and always. We then need to decide what resources we need, so we can feed

the hungry the food of eternal life. Then we need to commit our time and resources to this pilgrimage.

Part of this is to have a base of operations, in good repair and fully manned so that visitors can see we give of our best to God, and are prepared to show his love in word and action.

What priority do you place on your provision for God's work, through his Church? Do you really give of the first fruits of your harvest of skills, time, love and resources?

Yours in faith

John Whitney,
Vicar of Alvaston

Prayer Group

Meet every Tuesdays at 1pm to pray around issues and seek God's will for his Church in St. Michael & All Angels

History of St. Michael & All Angels

Alvaston Parish Church has met on Church Street for hundreds of years. Indeed the first known Vicar is recorded in 1535, and we have evidence of the sites use in Saxon times. The Building 'St. Michael & All Angels' was constructed as a larger meeting place for the church in 1856. A booklet is available for £2 at the welcome table detailing more history of the building and churchyard.

Regular Worship

Every Sunday

9 to 10am Holy Communion
10:45 to 12:15 Family Worship

All Welcome

**Term time Wednesday
10:30 Holy Communion**

Wednesday Craft Group

1-4pm Bring your craft and make new friends—All Welcome
St. Michael & All Angels

Small Groups

Small groups meet regularly to pray, study the scriptures, share fellowship, refreshments and share pastoral care with their members.

Currently there are small groups meeting :

Sundays 7-9pm

Tuesdays 1:45-3pm

Thursdays 7:30-9pm

Which one would you like to join ?

Please note a faculty (like planning permission) is required to put any object in the churchyard. Details available from web site or office.

Food Bank Thank you to the additional helpers for the food bank, There are still opportunities to volunteer in this ministry.

The food bank is in need of regular donations of food and basic necessities.

Debt & Welfare Support

ACT have started the Debt and Welfare support & advice service

Event Program 2018

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Sat 6 Oct	10:30 12:00	Coffee Morning
Sat 13 Oct	16:00 18:00	Messy Church
Sun 14 Oct	10:45 12:00	Harvest Festival
Fri 19 Oct	19:45 £10	Derbyshire Community Male Voice Choir
Sat 3 Nov	10:30 12:00	Coffee Morning
Sun 4 Nov	10:45 12:00	Operation Christmas Child — Shoe Box appeal
	16:00 18:00	Memorial Service
Sat 10/Nov	16:00 18:00	Messy Church
Sun 11/Nov	10:45 12:00	Remembrance Sunday — Armistice Day
Sat 24/Nov	10:30 14:00	Christmas Fair
Sun 9 Dec	10:45 12:00	Christingle
Sun 16 Dec	18:00 20:00	Lessons & Carols
Mon 24 Dec	16:00 17:30	Family Carols
	23:30 00:30	Midnight Communion
Tue 25 Dec	09:00 10:00	Holy Communion
	10:30 11:30	Family Christmas Celebration



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Junior Church

Now meets during the term time family worship. It offers the opportunity for young people aged 3 and above to receive teaching in an age appropriate interactive, form in the meeting room.



Messy Church meets on the 2nd Saturday of the month for families with children in St. Michael's

Hall. Each month we have various crafts and children's activities sing a few songs, look at a theme from a bible story and share food together. There is no charge for attending Messy church. We do ask for a voluntary donation to cover costs