

The Parish of All Saints' Ockbrook with St Stephen's Borrowwash
OUR PURPOSE IS: 'LOVING GOD, LOVING ONE ANOTHER AND LIVING OUT GOD'S
LOVE IN THE WORLD'

Are you new to our Church?

Welcome to our services, particularly if you are with us for the first time. If you would like to find out more about us please fill in one of the cards in the pews at All Saints' or St Stephen's and we will be in touch.

Sunday 2nd March 2014

Sunday next before Lent

All Saints'

8.00am Holy Communion
1 Cor. 13: 1-end; Luke 18: 31-43
11.00am 4All

St Stephen's

9.15am Morning Worship
Gen. 12: 1-8; Cor. 12: 4-end



6.30pm Holy Communion
2 Peter 1: 16-end; Matt 17: 1-9

Items for your prayers...

Please continue to pray for: Denis Ginger, Peter Holt, Margaret Holt (now home from hospital), Christine and Edwin Hunt, Jeanette Williams, Hayley Kalinin, Pat Graham, Janet Tonks, Dinah Holyoak, Beryl Haines, Kay Atkinson (Friend of Janet Pinchbeck) and Martin Bevis.

Our new church website is now accessible (using the old web addresses – see below). We have already had contact from the community via this and expect this will grow exponentially. Do please pray that this means of advertisement and communication will be fruitful for God's Kingdom and church growth.

At the latest Welcome Supper (Sat. 1st march) we will host 9 people who are new to our churches. Please pray for Geoff and Izzy who are hosting the evening, for all the guests, that the evening will flow smoothly, that friendships will be deepened and that information about our churches will be gleaned.

Please pray this week for those who lead our churches: for our staff team: Tim, Val, Jeffrey and Gemma; for the church wardens: Joyce and Barrie and their assistants: Anne, Gail and Irene; for the PCC who will meet this week on Tuesday 4th March at 7.30pm at the GLH.

A prayer for Lent:

God our Father, in your love and goodness you have taught us to overcome our sins with prayer, fasting and generosity; accept our Lenten disciplines, and when we fall by our weakness, raise us up by your unfailing mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Things you should know about...

Ash Wednesday Holy Communion service (with ashing): Our annual way of beginning the season of Lent is on Wed. 5th March beginning at 7.30pm at St Stephen's in Borrowwash. This year we are trying a service with a more Anglo-Catholic feel, at which Fr. Glenn Martin will preach and preside (please last year's palm-crosses at the back of either of our churches for use in the ashing).

Lenten Quiet Day: is on Sat. 8th March from 10.00 am – 4.00 pm at the Convent of the Holy Name in Oakwood. This will be hosted by Tim and led by Fr Glenn Martin. There are still places available, so please sign up ASAP on the sheets at the back of either church. The cost of the day is £6.00.

Ecumenical Prayer meetings in Lent 2014:

Following the success of the ecumenical prayer meetings for the week of prayer for Christian unity, the ministers have recently agreed to hold the following joint prayer meetings throughout lent, each beginning at **12.00 noon**, to which all are most welcome.

Thursday	13 th	March	Moravian church, Ockbrook.
Thursday	20 th	March	All Saints' church Ockbrook.
Thursday	27 th	March	St Hugh's RC church, Borrowwash.
Thursday	3 rd	April	Methodist chapel, Borrowwash.
Thursday	10 th	April	St Stephen's church, Borrowwash.

Church Directory: A *draft* copy of the new directory is available at the back of both churches for the next two weeks. Please check that your details are correct and amend where necessary.

Reports for the AGM: In the lead up to the AGM in April, if you usually put together a report about the group you lead, could you do so by the 9th March and send it to Gemma please.

Our new church website is now available. Please take a look and tell us what you think (addresses below) and tell others about it.

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What's on w/c 3rd Mar 2014

Saturday 1 st March	8.15am Prayer breakfast at the church hall (GLH). 3.00pm Frearson's Ruby Celebrations at Borrowwash Methodist 7.00pm Welcome Supper at 192 Cole Lane Borrowwash.
Sunday 2 nd	4.00pm NO Inspire Youth Group
Monday 3 rd	9.30am Admin meeting at Vicarage 2.00pm Widow's Meeting at 70 Green Lane. Ockbrook
Tuesday 4 th	8.00am 4ALL Team meeting at Vicarage 9.30am Full staff meeting at Vicarage 10.00am Quiet Prayer Service at St Stephen's 7.30pm PCC meeting at Church Hall (GLH).
Wednesday 5 th	10.00am Holy Communion at St Stephen's 7.00pm Briar Close Service 7.30pm Ash Wednesday Anglo Catholic H/C at St Stephen's
Thursday 6 th	9.30am Shining Stars at GLH 7.30pm Bell Ringers meet at All Saints' 8.00pm Music Group Practice at All Saints'
Friday 7 th	10.45am Women's World Day of Prayer Service at Ockbrook Moravian (Speaker Revd Jan Mullin) 7.30pm Women's World Day of Prayer Service at Church on Oakwood (Speaker Deacon June Harrison) 7.30pm Choir Practice at St Stephen's
Saturday 8 th	10.00am Lent Quiet Day at Convent of Holy Name
Sunday 9 th	8.00am Holy Communion at All Saints' 9.15am Holy Communion at St Stephen's 11.00am Holy Communion at All Saints' 4.00pm Inspire Youth Group at GLH (til 5pm)

Church Survey

Our new website is up and running and other than technical difficulties with images (to do with the website company not us) it all seems to be o.k. If you regularly attend church please do **not** fill in the building survey on the website. Instead please pick up a survey at the back of church, fill it in and pop it in the box available. This is to gather the congregation's thoughts on the building project at All Saints' Church. Many thanks.

The Prophet Margin

One of the values of our churches is openness to the Holy Spirit and an expectation that as we meet together, God will move among us, in worship, as the Bible is read and preached, through prayer and by the release of the *charismata* (Holy Spirit's gifts). I have sensed God highlighting the need for us to understand more of the charismata, what they are, how they work, how we can use in them in worship and mission.

In light of that, I am going to be offering short sessions – called *The Prophet Margin* - when *any* who wish, can come together to learn more and to experience the charismata in a context of prayer and worship.

The first session is on Thursday 27th March from 8.00 – 9.15 pm at the Vicarage in Ockbrook and the theme will be *The Holy Spirit and the Gift of Tongues*. Please let me know if you are coming.

Tim Sumpter (Vicar).

Pastoral Care Group

If you have, or know someone who has, specific pastoral care needs, please contact one of the group leaders:

Val Billings Tel: 01332 726285 Email valbillings1@gmail.com.

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Notices for the Next News Sheet to be issued w/c 3rd March 2014

Any notices to be included in the News Sheet, must be with Moira Dick by **no later than 5 pm on Tuesday 4th March 2014. Thank you.**

Other Notices

Women's World Day of Prayer:

Friday 7th March: Ockbrook Moravian at 10.45 a.m. (speaker: Revd Jan Mullin); the Church on Oakwood at 7.30 p.m. (speaker: Deacon June Harrison). This years' service has been written by the women of Egypt - a country we need to hold in our prayers at this difficult time. For more details contact Sheila Exley – 673771/Pat Parker – 674113.

Giving in Faith: Each year we are encouraged to reflect on financial giving as part of Christian discipleship, which include everyone on the church's electoral roll receiving: details of income and expenditure for the previous year, a proposed budget for the coming year, and a pledge form (so that we can respond personally). This year, Giving in Faith Sunday is 23rd March and there will be sermons on the theme at the 9.15 and 11.00 am services. The pledge forms will need to be returned to church on or by Sunday 6th April.

Message from Janet Pinchbeck: I am pleased to report that I have sent a cheque to Martin Shaw for £150.00 for the Church Building Fund. This is the proceeds from the sale of cards, diaries, and some baking. The selection of cards has been relocated to the back of the church - at the side of the "pigeon holes". Please continue to support this fund-raising effort.

A Big thank you: to everybody who was able to deliver leaflets over the last week. We believe that all of the houses in Ockbrook and Borrowwash were covered; we could not have done this without everyone's help, so many, many thanks.

Joint service: Thank you to all who supported the latest joint service on Feb. 16th; it was our biggest joint congregation so far! Special thanks go to the choir (and Rhoda) and the music group and all who helped in any way. Tim Sumpter.