

Additional News Sheet Information September – December 2014

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September

Dessert Island Discs

This event is on Saturday 6th September at All Saints' Church, starting at 7pm with, half time refreshments of desserts. It will be presented by a Kirsty Young lookalike (Ian Frearson) and is an opportunity to witness the oldest continuously running Radio programme of its kind, begun in 1942 by Roy Plomley and still carried on to this day and beyond. Our version will include the Rev'd Tim Sumpter and Mary Hodges being interviewed about their favourite music. Tickets cost £5 each and proceeds will go to the Buildings Fund. Tickets will be limited so please buy early. Invite friends and family and make it a good night out.

The Apostles' Creed: Affirming our Faith:

This is the theme for the sermon series running in our main Sunday 9.15/11.00 am morning services up to Advent. It will be based on the ancient Apostles' Creed, one of the earliest creedal statements of the Christian Church.

Interactive Lectures led by Dr Margaret Barker:

In addition to the sermons, we are offering an opportunity to go a little deeper into discovering how the creeds were formed historically and theologically. This will be hosted by Rev'd. Tim Sumpter and led by Dr. Margaret Barker and will be on Saturday 20th September from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm at the Gordon Lacey Hall. To secure a place please book early using the sign-up sheets at the back of each church.

The Alpha Course:

This course offers an introduction to the essence of the Christian faith and is for those seeking faith or new to faith, as well as those seeking to renew their faith. The course details are:

- Monday evenings from 7.00 – 9.30 pm.
- From September 8th to November 17th (no meeting in ½ Term).
- At the Gordon Lacey Hall, Victoria Avenue, Ockbrook.
- Day Away – Sat. 18th October (9.30 am – 1.00 pm Venue TBC)

For more details and to book a place, please contact our Evangelism Coordinator, Elaine Bonser (606621).

Heritage Open Days:

Recognising that 2014 is 100 years since the start of World War One, we want to commemorate this time by running two afternoons in line with the National Heritage Open Days Event. Saturday 13th September 1:30pm – 5pm at All Saints' Church there will be a small exhibition, a craft activity for children, a quiz that takes you round the graveyard and church and a display of art work by the youth group, all tying into World War One. On Sunday 14th September from 1.30pm – 5pm at St Stephen's Church there will be an exhibition about the history of the choir and a performance by them of songs from the World War One era. This is a chance for our church community and the wider community to celebrate the heritage that lies behind the local church in Ockbrook and Borrowwash.

October

Harvest Festival Celebrations:

These will take place over the first weekend in October (Saturday 4th – Sunday 5th). As usual we are hosting a Flower Festival at St Stephen's church, Station Road, Borrowwash. This can be viewed both in the Sunday Services and at other times (please refer to news sheets for details). If you are able to help with creating the displays, stewarding the church, making refreshments, taking the displays down etc. then please contact either Joy Cordwell (674736) or Anne Anderson (674985).

Harvest Appeal: Once again, in our Harvest Services we will be collecting non-perishable food items (and toiletries) to support the work of the Padley Centre (which works to support some of the most vulnerable people in Derby City). To discover more about this local charity, please go to: www.padleygroup.com

PCC Away Day:

This will be an important day in the life of our churches as the PCC seeks to refresh our *2020 Vision* in two ways: generally across the whole parish and specifically our vision for St Stephen's (as agreed at previous PCC meetings). All members of our congregations will be involved in this process via questionnaires' (to be distributed in early September). The day is on Saturday 11th October from 10.00 am – 4.00 pm in the Moravian Lecture Hall, Ockbrook. Please hold this process in your prayers.

November

Service of Remembrance and Hope:

Our annual service (open to all) specifically designed for all who have experienced the pain and loss of bereavement. We invite as special guests families for whom we have recently taken funeral services. We come to reflect on grief in the context of the Christian hope. The service is on Sunday 2nd November in All Saints' Ockbrook, beginning at 6.30 pm.

Home Groups:

In preparation for a re-launch of our Home Group structure in January 2015 we are holding a Home Group Leader's Training session on Saturday 8th November from 9.30 – 1.00pm at the Church Hall (GLH) in Ockbrook. Invitations (and information) will be sent out to current leaders and prospective/new leaders, prior to the summer holidays.

Remembrance Sunday (9th November):

In keeping with recent tradition, we will once again cancel our 11.00 am service and encourage our church family to support the civic service at the war memorial in Ockbrook, which we anticipate will be well attended on this anniversary year of the beginning of WW1. Following the service we will offer refreshments from the Gordon Lacey Hall. If you wish to attend the march, this usually leaves the Coop car-park in Borrowwash around 10.30 am, but you are advised to check details on the Parish Council's website.

How to Share Faith without Fear:

Are you ever lost for words when it comes to evangelism? Would you like to gain confidence in sharing your faith? If so, this evening is for you and will be held at the Gordon Lacey Hall, Ockbrook from 8.00 – 9.30 pm on Monday 10th November. This is being combined with the final evening of the Alpha Course and is open to all.

Open Mic Night:

Open Mic is an opportunity for **you** to sing a song, play an instrument, read a poem, display a work of art or lead us in other creative ways. This is open to all and will take place on Saturday 15th November in All Saints' Ockbrook from 7.00pm – 8.30pm. For more details and to book a slot, please contact: Revd. Tim Sumpter (820084).

CONVERGENCE:

This will be our second *CONVERGENCE* service bringing together elements of Christian spirituality and tradition historically separated: Evangelical, Charismatic, Anglo-Catholic and Contemplative (Scripture, Spirit, Sacrament and Silence).

The service is on Sunday 30th November in All Saints' Church, Ockbrook, beginning at 6.30 pm and the theme is *Healing*. The service leader will be the Revd. Tim Sumpter, the Celebrant Fr. Glenn Martin, the preacher Canon Mike Mitton and we will be led into silence by Sr. Pauline (Provincial Superior of the Convent of the Holy Name). Prayer for healing will be offered and following the service refreshments will be served.

Following the first of these services earlier in the year, at which 40 people gathered, someone commented:

'The combination of incense, band-led singing, traditional liturgy, exegetical preaching, silence, openness to the Holy Spirit and prayer-ministry helped me worship and encounter God in a fresh, real and exiting way.'

December

Christmas Quiz Night:

An evening of fun, and not just for the competitive amongst us! Please gather a team of up to 6 people and come along to answer questions about the season of Christmas. This will take place on Saturday 6th December in the Gordon Lacey Hall, Ockbrook, from 7.00pm – 8.30 pm (refreshments will be served). Please put the date in your diary and look out for more details on autumn news sheets.

Christmas Wonderland Event:

Following on from last year's success we plan to run a community focused event to celebrate the Christmas season. This will take place on Saturday 13th December during the day and will be a great event for inviting families, neighbours and friends. More details will follow.

Special December Christmas Services (please refer to regular news sheets for all *usual* services):

Sunday	7 th	11.00am	Christingle	All Saints'
Sunday	14 th	6.30pm	9 Lessons and Carols	All Saints'
Wednesday	24 th	6.00pm	Carols round the Tree	St Stephen's
		11.15pm	Midnight Mass	All Saints'
Thursday	25 th	8.00am	Said Holy Communion	All Saints'
		10.00am	Morning Worship	All Saints'
Sunday	28 th	10.00am	Joint Holy Communion	St Stephen's

General

Prayer:

We offer many different ways to pray together (refer to weekly news sheets for details), but God has been highlighting the importance of doing more of this, **especially the need to be praying in our church buildings**. In response to this the following opportunities for corporate prayer will happen throughout the autumn:

Prayer breakfasts:

(beginning at 8.15am – 9.00am followed by a light breakfast at the Church Hall GLH):

Saturday 6th September

Saturday 4th October

Saturday 1st November

Saturday 6th December.

All are most welcome; please contact Rev'd John Jacklin (669670) for more details.

thursdays@noon:

Thursday 18th September All Saints' (noon-1.00pm)

Thursday 16th October St Stephen's (noon-1.00pm)

Thursday 20th November All Saints' (noon-1.00pm)

Thursday 18th December St Stephen's (noon-1.00pm)

Night prayer:

Monday 1st September All Saints' (8.00pm-10.00pm)

Wednesday 1st October St Stephen's (8.00pm-10.00pm)

Saturday 1st November All saints' (8.00pm-10.00pm)

Monday 1st December St Stephen's (8.00pm-10.00pm)

All are most welcome to come along to these events at which we use different forms of prayer (liturgical, open, silent, written, sung, prayer-walking, the use of candles etc.) and praying for many different topics (International, National, Local, Personal etc.) Please contact Rev'd Tim Sumpter (820084) for more details.

School Term Dates (please note there is occasional variation due to inset days):

5th September – 24th October

3rd November – 19th December

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