

# The Parish of All Saints' Ockbrook with St Stephen's Borrowash

'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 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2014

The Sunday next before Advent

### All Saints'

**8.00am** Holy Communion  
Jer 23:5-8; John 6: 5-14

**11.00am** Holy Communion  
Romans 12: 1-18

### St Stephen's

**9.15am** Holy Communion  
Romans 12: 1-18



## Items for your prayers...

### **Please pray especially this week for:**

Margaret Brenan (following a serious fall), Jeanette Williams, Christine Hunt, Mick Caswell, Pauline Fall, Alice Allen, Ivy Johnson, Gwen and Marion Johnson, Trish Cox, Kay Atkinson and Sheila Bye. Pray too for Richard Czezkalsjy a young father undergoing radiotherapy and chemotherapy.

### **11.00 am Worship on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov:**

With the Music group away on a conference our worship today will be led by Ele Feetham and Elaine Wright (who have both been part of our church family for around a year). Do please hold them in your prayers as they lead us.

### **Growth Groups:**

Please pray for Ros Weetman as she becomes the coordinator of the Growth Groups and do also please pray that as we re-launch the groups in January 2015 many will find them places where they can grow spiritually alongside others.

### **Christmas Service:**

Please pray for all our special Christmas services. Pray for those you intend to invite that they will discover for God's wonderful love in the Christ-child.

### **A prayer for all who are homeless:**

God of compassion, your love for humanity was revealed in Jesus, whose earthly life began in the poverty of a stable and ended in the pain and isolation of the cross: we hold before you those who are homeless. Draw near and comfort them in spirit and bless those who work to provide them with shelter, food and friendship. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Things you should know about...

**Christmas Quiz Sheet:** We have put together a Christmas Quiz Sheet that can be sold for a £1 to friends, neighbours and family over the next few weeks. The money raised will go towards the Buildings Fund. The quiz will be available to buy from both churches from this Sunday. If everyone gets involved and sells five sheets we may be able to raise £500!

**Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes:** the date for collection of the shoeboxes has now been confirmed as Tuesday, 25th November. I would therefore appreciate receiving all the completed shoeboxes by **Sunday, 23rd November**. I will arrange for collection of all the shoeboxes from both churches on this date. If you have a problem with getting your shoebox to church please telephone me on 673281 to make alternative arrangements. I still have a small supply of ready decorated empty shoeboxes at home if required. (35p each). Thank you, Janet Pinchbeck

### **CONVERGENCE (Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 6.30pm at All Saints):**

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 theme this time is *healing* and Rhoda and the choir, as well as a small Music group will lead the worship. 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 with Holy Communion and following the service refreshments will be served. Please note that only a **very small** amount of incense will be used just prior to Holy Communion. Do please come and support this unique service.

**Christmas Quiz Night:** Please gather a team of up to 6 people and come along to answer questions about the season of Christmas on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December** in the Gordon Lacey Hall, Ockbrook, from 7.00pm – 8.30 pm (refreshments will be served). Please sign the sheets which will soon be up in both churches. (Please note that if by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> we don't have enough teams this event will be cancelled).

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## What's on w/c 24<sup>th</sup> Nov

Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>LAST DAY FOR RETURNING CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES</b>
	4.00pm Inspire Youth Group
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am Admin meeting at the vicarage.
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Staff meeting at the Vicarage
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am Holy Communion at St Stephen's.
	1.03pm Funeral of Wally Staniland at St Stephen's
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am Shining Stars at GLH
	2.00pm Ecumenical ministers meet at the Vicarage
	7.45pm Bell Ringers meet at All Saints'
	8.00pm Music Group Practice at All Saints'
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm Choir Practice at St Stephen's
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	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
	6.30pm Convergence Service at All Saints

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

Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Christingle	St Stephen's
		11.00am	Christingle	All Saints'
Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	9 Lessons and Carols	All Saints'
Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Carols round the Tree	St Stephen's
		11.15pm	Midnight Mass	All Saints'
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Said Holy Communion	All Saints'
		10.00am	Morning Worship	All Saints'
Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Joint Holy Communion	St Stephen's

**Update on PCC Away Day and Questionnaire:** Following the last PCC meeting, we have now agreed an amended *2020 Purpose Statement* and some initiatives to help implement that. This information will be circulated soon for comment and will then form part of next year's AGM. Regarding St Stephen's the PCC decided **1.** to continue to review the numbers at the 9.15 am services and the style of services that we currently offer and **2.** to pilot a new service called *Fun, Food & Faith* on Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> Jan. at 4pm. This will seek to make contact with younger families in Borrowwash and will be supported by the 4ALL Team and members of St Stephen's.

**Home Groups:** Following a successful training event last week I can now reveal the following: **1.** As of Jan. 2015 the groups will be known as GROWTH GROUPS and will aim to help our churches grow spiritually and numerically; **2.** The established groups will continue and some new groups and new leaders will start, including another post-Alpha group; **3.** There will no longer be an expectation that the groups must study the material from the Sunday sermons (though they can if they wish); **4.** I would like to encourage many more of our church family into growth groups, if you wish to join one please let me know (a list of the groups, their leaders and times of meetings will be available soon); **5.** Ros Weetman has agreed to coordinate the Growth Groups for an initial two years.

**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:

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### Notices for the Next News Sheet to be issued w/c 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014

Any notices to be included in the News Sheet, must be with Moira Dick by **no later than 5pm on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2014. Thank you.**

### Other Notices

**Youth Group Art Project:** Back in September, Inspire youth group completed an art piece on conflict and peace in the world today. This is now on display as part of a small exhibition by young people in Derby Cathedral. If you wish to view the exhibition, it is on display until December 1st in St Katherine's Chapel, which can be found within Derby Cathedral.

**All Saints' Roof Work:** Starting on 13th November, for approximately 3 weeks roof repairs will be carried out on the nave roof, to which end, two scaffolding access towers will be erected in the graveyard. You are asked to note that at this point in time it is only possible to complete the Nave roof repairs and not those required on the chancel roof.

**Voice of Hope:** there are a number of copies of the latest issue of Voice of Hope (free) daily reading notes available at the back of both churches. Please help yourself to a copy if you would like one.

**Christingle Services:** Prior to these services on **Sunday, 7th December** we will be preparing the Christingles in All Saints' Church on Saturday, 6th December at 6.30 p.m. Help with the preparation would be very much appreciated. Thank you, Sheila Exley

### 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 13<sup>th</sup> December** during the day and will be a great event for inviting families, neighbours and friends. More details will follow.

### Administrator & Development Officer Report:

Have you been wondering what Gemma has been up to over the last twelve months? Well she has completed a report for the PCC, which can now be viewed at the back of both churches. It will also be on the website to view within the next week.

**Borrowbrook Link:** is setting up a Friends Group to help with fundraising; information is on the posters in both churches.