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 30th November 2014

The 1st Sunday of Advent

All Saints'

8.00am Holy Communion Isaiah 64:1-9; Mark 13: 24-37 11.00am Morning Worship 2 Cor 5: 18-21; Matt 18: 21-35

6.30pm Convergence

<u>St Stephen's</u> <u>9.15am</u> Holy Communion 2 Cor 5: 18-21; Matt 18: 21-35



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, Richard Czezkalsjy (a young father undergoing radiotherapy and chemotherapy) and for Helen Staniland and her family following the funeral of her husband Wally last Thursday at St Stephen's.

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.

Please pray for Tim as speaks at the Derby Debators (The Brewery Tap Pub) on Thursday 4th December at 7.00 pm on the theme: 'When tribes go to war; what are the justifications for violence?'

Christmas Services:

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 peace in our world

Make your ways known upon earth, Lord God, your saving power among all peoples.
Renew your Church in holiness and help us to serve you with joy.
Guide the leaders of all nations, that justice may prevail throughout the world. Let not the needy be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Make us instruments of your peace and let your glory be over all the earth. Amen

Things you should know about...

CONVERGENCE (Sunday 30th 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 6th 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. 1st we don't have enough teams this event will be cancelled).

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

Application for enrolment on the church Electoral Roll:

Being on the church Electoral Roll is one way of acknowledging membership of our church family and allows you to vote at our AGMs. If you are new to church and would like to be on the ER please speak to Tim Sumpter. The forms will need to be completed ASAP. Please note, the information needed is name, address and a signature and is NOT shared with any other agency.

Coffee morning (September 20th) in aid of All Saints' Building Fund: Thank you to everyone who so generously supported this event. Monies are still coming in, but so far we have raised £3,224.00. Especial thanks to the Royal Oak in Ockbrook for hosting the event.

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What's on W/c 1st Dec 2014

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Sunday 30 th Nov	ADVENT	ADVENT SUNDAY		
	4.00pm	Inspire Youth Group		
	6.30pm	CONVERGENCE service at All Saints' Ockbrook		
Monday 1 st Dec	10am	Admin meeting at the vicarage		
	2.00pm	Widow's Meeting at GLH		
	8.00pm	Parish prayer meeting at St Stephen's		
Tuesday 2 nd	9.30am	Staff meeting at the Vicarage		
	10am	Quiet Prayer Service		
Wednesday 3 rd	10am	Holy Communion at St Stephen's		
	7.00pm	Briar Close Service		
Thursday 4 th	9.00am	Shining Stars at GLH		
	7.45pm	Bell Ringers meet at All Saints'		
	8.00pm	Music Group Practice at All Saints'		
Friday 5 th	7.30pm	Choir Practice at St Stephen's		
Saturday 6 th	8.15am	Prayer Breakfast at GLH (til 9am)		
	6.30pm	Preparation of Christingles at All Saints'		
	7.00pm	Christmas Quiz Night at GLH (til 8.30pm)		
Sunday 7 th	8.00am	Holy Communion at All Saints'		
	9.15am	Morning Worship at St Stephen's - CHRISTINGLE		
	11am	4ALL at All Saints' - CHRISTINGLE		
	6.30pm	Holy Communion at All Saints		
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Special December Christmas Services (please refer to regular news sheets for all usual services):

Sunday	7 th	9.15am	Christingle	St Stephen's
		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

Growth Groups: Following a recent training event I can now reveal the following:

- **1**. As of Jan. 2015 the home 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 1st Dec 2014

Any notices to be included in the News Sheet, must be with Moira Dick by <u>no later</u> than 5pm on Tuesday 2nd Dec 2014. Thank you.

Other Notices

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!

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.

Plans for Elvaston Castle: Derbyshire County Council are expecting to put in a bid into the Heritage Lottery Fund in 2015, and would like to find out what people think of what is proposed. Local people are invited to find out more about the proposed bid for lottery funding to help transform Elvaston Castle.

The proposals will be on show in the Gothic Hall, Elvaston Castle on Sunday 30 November between 10.30am and 3pm, and members of staff from the team will be on hand to explain the proposals. Visitors will be able to leave their thoughts and comments.

Christmas Wonderland, Sat 13th Dec

- Can you help? We are planning our Christmas community event again, with Santa down at the alpaca field, a trail through Ockbrook leading towards our Christmas Fair at All Saints'. We need help with the following: set up including moving pews, baking cakes and mince pies, managing a stall, selling refreshments, gathering Christmassy items for our tombola, and general clearing up help. Please let Gemma know if you can help, or sign up on the sheets up in both churches ASAP.

11am Coffee Rota: A big thank you to my team of helpers; we have a new team member, Paulette. Also thanks goes to the members who have kindly provided us with cakes throughout the year. I am handing over £200 from the sale of coffees and teas etc for our Building Fund. Sylvia Wood