

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 14th December 2014

The 3rd Sunday of Advent

All Saints'

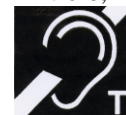
8.00am Holy Communion
Isaiah 35 1-10; Matt 11: 2-10

11.00am Holy Communion
1 Thess 5: 16-24; John 1: 6-8, 19-28

6.30pm 9 Lessons & Carols

St Stephen's

9.15am Holy Communion
1 Thess 5: 16-24; John 1: 6-8, 19-28



Items for your prayers...

Please pray especially this week for: Margaret Brenan (following a serious fall), Jeanette Williams (now back at home), 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).

Please pray for Tim. Following a virul infection which affected his ME he has been unwell for the last few months. He continues to work, but early mornings are particularly difficult, which is why he is currently not leading 8.00 am services.

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.

Pray especially for Israel and the Palestinian Territories this Christmas time, that Bethlehem, Jerusalem and Nazareth will know the deep peace of The Prince of Peace.

A Prayer for the Third Sunday of Advent: Lord Jesus, Light of the world, the prophets said you would bring peace. Give peace in our hearts this Christmastide and show all the world God's love.

Spring 2015 prayer breakfasts: (8.15am in the GLH):
Saturday 3rd January
Saturday 7th February
Saturday 7th March
Saturday 11th April

Spring 2015 Evening prayer meetings:

Monday 5th Jan. All Saints' (8.00pm-9.00pm)
Monday 2nd Feb. St Stephen's (8.00pm-9.00pm)
Monday 2nd Mar. All saints' (8.00pm-9.00pm)
Monday 13th Apr. St Stephen's (8.00pm-9.00pm)

Things you should know about...

Christmas Wonderland, Sat 13th Dec - 1.30-4pm at All Saints Church. Due to levels of mud we are unable to use the Alpaca field, So Santa's grotto and all of the Christmas fayre will be at All Saints'. Please do invite friends, family and neighbours to come along.

Christmas Cards: A limited number of Homemade Christmas cards and gift tags will be available for sale in both churches. All proceeds from the sale of these items will go to the Church Building Fund.

WI Carol Service: Monday 15th December 7.15pm at All Saints' Church. Will include performances from Redhill School. Mince pies and coffee available afterwards.

Christmas/New Year News sheet: Please note that the next news sheet will cover the following weeks: w/c 22/12/2014, 29/12/2014 & 05/01/2015. Please ensure Moira has details of events taking place (and those not taking place) over this period so she can include details on the News Sheet we issue next Friday (19/12/2014). Please also advise her of details of regular events for 2015 with days, times etc. Many Thanks for your cooperation.

Service Rotas and Additional News Sheet for spring 2015: These will be available from Friday 19th December and will be emailed on that day. Hard copies will be available in our churches from Sunday 21st December.

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

Message from Jeanette Williams: I wish to thank everyone for their prayers and good wishes to me while I was in hospital. Although I am now at home I feel it will be a slow recovery to get my strength back and be able to take part in my usual day to day activities. Jeanette Williams

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What's on w/c 15th Dec 2014

Saturday 13 th Dec	1.30pm	Christmas Wonderland at All Saints' til 4pm
Sunday 14 th	4.00pm	Inspire Youth Group (Christmas Party)
Monday 15 th	10.00am	Admin meeting at Vicarage
	7.15pm	WI Redhill Carol Service at All Saints'
Tuesday 16 th	9.30am	Staff meeting at Vicarage
Wednesday 17 th	10am	Morning Worship at St Stephen's
Thursday 18 th	9.00am	Shining Stars at GLH
	7.45pm	Bell Ringers meet at All Saints'
	8.00pm	Music Group Practice at All Saints'
Friday 19 th	7.30pm	Choir Practice at St Stephen's
Sunday 21 st	8.00am	Holy Communion at All Saints'
	9.15am	Holy Communion at St Stephen's
	11.00	Morning Worship at All Saints'

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

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

Spring preaching theme - Jesus through the eyes of Luke: This is the theme for the sermon series running in our main Sunday 9.15/11.00 am morning services Jan-April 2015. We will be working through Luke's gospel and seeking to apply it to our daily lives. Why not begin to read through the gospel each day as a way of deepening your understanding of the life and ministry of Jesus as seen by Luke.

Renewal of baptism vows: Each year we renew the promises we made at our baptisms as a way of recommitting our lives to the Way of Jesus. We will be doing this in the main morning services on Sunday 11th January.

Fun, Food and Faith: A new service in Borrowwash aimed at families with younger children. This is in St Stephen's on Sunday 25th Sunday January beginning at 4.00 pm.

Annual Welcome Supper: An opportunity to welcome those new to our church family. This will be on Saturday 21st February at the Vicarage beginning at 7.00 pm.

Curry and Quiz Night: Join us for a good meal and a fun night at the Bay of Bengal on Monday 23rd February. There will be two sittings: 6pm and 8.30pm. Tickets will be on sale in January, more details to follow. This is a great chance to have a good night out and raise funds for our church buildings.

2015 AGM: This will be on the morning of Sunday 26th April and will take place as follows: There will be a short joint service at All Saints' beginning at 10.00 am (no 8.00, 9.15 or 11.00 am service that day). At 11am the AGM will commence and will be followed by either refreshments or a shared lunch. The PCC hopes that this new format will encourage greater participation in an important annual event in the life of our churches. Lifts will be arranged for those who need them; more details will be on our regular news sheets. Please put this date in your diary now!

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 8th Dec 2014

Any notices to be included in the News Sheet, must be with Moira Dick by **no later than 5pm on Tuesday 9th Dec 2014. Thank you.**

Other Notices

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

Regular Giving Envelopes: The new Envelopes for 2015 have arrived. If you would like to start to use this method of giving to our churches, then please contact Janet Pinchbeck on 01332 673281 as soon as possible. If you already given by this method your envelopes should be at the back of All Saints' or St Stephen's by Sunday, 13th December. If you do not wish to continue to give by this method would you please contact me as soon as possible. Many thanks, Janet Pinchbeck

Asda Sleep out: On 24th October a number of people slept overnight in the car park at the Spondon ASDA store and raised £2,500 for the Derby Nightshelter project. If you would like to make a donation please text DCNS13 £(amount in figures) to 70070.

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!

Thank you: The PCC recently sent a cheque for £300 to Borrowbrook Home Link. The thank you letter will be up at the back of each church this weekend.

Convergence: Thank you to all those who supported this event. On Tuesday 6th January the PCC will be reviewing our worship services and making plans for the next year. If you think Convergence should be part of that plan do please let us know along with any other thoughts regarding our regular worship services.