

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 21st December 2014

The 4th Sunday of Advent

All Saints'

8.00am Holy Communion

Isaiah 40 1-9; John 1: 19-28

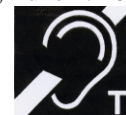
11.00am Morning Worship

Romans 16: 25-end; Luke 1: 26-38

St Stephen's

9.15am Holy Communion

Romans 16: 25-end; Luke 1: 26-38



Items for your prayers...

Please pray especially this week for: Margaret Brennan (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 Richard Czekalsky (a young father undergoing radiotherapy and chemotherapy).

Please pray for Tim. Following a viral 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.

Lord God, we pray for those bereaved following the terrorist attacks in Sidney (Australia) and Peshawar (Pakistan). Comfort the grieving, heal the injured, protect the innocent and change the hearts and minds of those who plan such atrocities. Amen

A Prayer for Christmas: *Lord Jesus, Light of Light, you have come among us. Help us who live by your light to shine as lights in your world. Glory to God in the highest!*

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...

Thank you! I would like to take this opportunity to thank the small army of volunteers in our churches who do so much, often behind the scenes, without whom our churches could not operate. And may I wish everyone in our church family a peace-filled and Christ-centred Christmas and God's rich blessings for the New Year (Tim).

Holidays: Please note that Tim will be away from work from mid-day of Dec. 25th to Sat. Jan. 3rd. For all parish matters during this time, please initially contact one of the church wardens.

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

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

Christmas Wonderland, Sat 13th Dec: Many thanks to all who gave their time, donated goods and came along to Christmas Wonderland on Saturday 13th. It was a really well attended event, with many people from the local villages coming along. The main focus of the event was to reach out to the community but we also raised £523.00; £36 for the *Inspire* (youth group) fund and the rest for the Building Fund.

4All January 2015: Our next 4All service is on January 4th at 11am at All Saints'. We will be looking at Jonah, and thinking about *second chances and fresh beginnings*. This is a great way to start the year, join us for the usual mix of songs, arts and activities and plenty of cake afterwards!

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What's on w/c 22nd & 29th Dec 2014 & 5th Jan 2015

Wednesday 24 th	CHRISTMAS EVE 6.00pm Carols round the tree at St Stephen's 11.15pm Midnight Mass at All Saints'
Thursday 25 th	CHRISTMAS DAY 8.00am Holy Communion at All Saints' 10am Morning Worship at All Saints' 10.00am Holy Communion Joint Service at St Stephen's
Sunday 28 th Wednesday 31 st	NEW YEAR'S EVE 10.00am Holy Communion at St Stephen's 7.30pm Choir Practice at St Stephen's 8.15am Prayer Breakfast at GLH 8.00am Holy Communion at All Saints' 9.15am Morning Worship at St Stephen's 11.00am 4All at All Saints' 6.30pm Holy Communion at All Saints' 8.00pm Evening Prayer Meeting at All Saints'
Monday 5 th Tuesday 6 th Wednesday 7 th	10.00am Quiet Prayer Service at St Stephen's 10.00am Holy Communion at St Stephen's 7.00pm Briar Close Service 9.00am Shining Stars at GLH 7.45pm Bell Ringers meet at All Saints' 8.00pm Music Group Practice at All Saints'
Thursday 8 th	7.30pm Choir Practice at St Stephen's 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)
Friday 9 th Sunday 11 th	

Looking ahead into early 2015:

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 Sunday 26th April: After a short joint service in All Saints' at 10.00 am, the AGM will commence at 11.00 am, followed by either refreshments or a shared lunch. Lifts will be arranged for those who need them and 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 5th Jan 2015

Any notices to be included in the News Sheet, must be with Moira Dick by **no later than 5pm on Tuesday 6th Jan 2015. 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!

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.

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.

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

The Widows Group: will not be meeting on Monday 5th January 2015. The next meeting will be on 2nd February 2015 at 70 Green Lane Ockbrook at 2pm.

Worship review – have your say: On Tuesday 6th Jan. the PCC have their first meeting of 2015. One of the items for discussion will be the annual review of all our regular and occasional worship services. If you have any comments to make then please either speak to any member of the PCC or write to Tim Sumpter. Your views will be taken seriously and your contributions are most welcome (Tim).

Tim's blog:

Tim is now blogging and if you wanted to take a look simply type timsumpster.wordpress.com into your internet browser window.

Quote for the week:

'Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen'. (Bobby aged 7).