

Additional News Sheet Information January – April 2015

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January

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. We will be working through Luke's gospel and seeking to apply it to our daily lives. Why not 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.

Week of prayer for Christian unity:

Once again the local ministers will be meeting to pray and extend an invitation to all to come and join in at the following venues each day from 12.00 noon – 12.30 pm:

Monday	19 th	January	All Saints'	Ockbrook
Tuesday	20 th	"	Methodists	Borrowwash
Wednesday	21 st	"	Moravian	Ockbrook
Thursday	22 nd	"	St Stephen's	Borrowwash
Friday	23 rd	"	St Hughes (RC)	Borrowwash

Fun, Food and Faith:

We are piloting 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.

Time in the Temple (Led by Dr Margaret barker):

A morning exploring the Jerusalem Temple that stood for over 1000 years and shaped the world view of the first Christians. Being held on Sat. 31st January at All Saints' Ockbrook 10.00 am - 12.30 pm. The morning will cover:

1. Temple and Creation: the Covenant.
2. Temple Teaching: the Holy Wisdom.
3. Worship in the Temple: Music, Perfumes, Vestments and the Veil.
4. Healing the Creation: Atonement

There will be sign-up sheets in each church during January.

February

Joint service for ½ term:

There will be a joint service on Sunday 15th February in All Saints' Ockbrook beginning at 10.00 am. Please note there will be no 9.15 or 11.00 am services that day.

Ash Wednesday Holy Communion with ashing:

Since the early church, Christians have received ash on their foreheads on Ash Wednesday as a sign of penitence to begin the season of Lent. We will be continuing this ancient practice on in St Stephen's on Wednesday 18th February beginning at 8.00 pm.

Annual Welcome Supper:

At which we have 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.

March

Giving in Faith:

Each year we have an opportunity to reflect on financial giving in support of the local church, as part of our Christian discipleship. This will be on Sunday 8th March in the morning services. In preparation for this an information booklet will be prepared and sent to everyone on the church electoral roll and will include income and expenditure for the last year and a proposed budget for 2015/2016.

Mothering Sunday (15th March):

Small posies will be given out to each lady in our services today and we welcome Dr Margaret Barker as a guest speaker at 9.15 and 11.00 am.

Passiontide service:

We begin our build up to Holy week and Easter with this annual service led by our joint choir in St Stephen's Borrowash on Sunday 22nd March beginning at 6.30pm and followed by refreshments.

Easter Eggstravaganza:

Following on from our successful community event in 2014, we are planning another Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday 28th March with all things related to our celebration of Easter. This is a nice event to invite friends, families and neighbours to, there will be plenty of activities for young and old. We encourage you to support this event that reaches out beyond our church congregations.

March/April

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

Monday	30 th March	Reflective service	7.00pm	St Stephen's
Tuesday	31 st March	"	7.00pm	All Saints'
Wednesday	1 st April	"	7.00pm	St Stephen's
Thursday	2 nd April	"	7.00pm	All Saints'
Friday	3 rd April	Open air service	12.00 noon	CO-OP car park
		Hour at the Cross	2.00pm	All Saints'
Sunday	5 th April	Said Holy Communion	8.00am	All Saints'
		Sung Holy Communion	9.15 am	St Stephen's
		Family Communion	11.00am	All Saints'
		Sung Holy Communion	6.30pm	St Stephen's

Joint service:

There will be a joint service on Sunday 12th April in St Stephen's Borrowash beginning at 10.00 am. We welcome as a guest speaker the Revd Peter Dawson OBE .Please note there will be no 9.15 or 11.00 am services that day.

Sounds of the Sixties Night:

A chance to swing those feet and tap those toes as you listen to a local band play tunes from the sixties, date to be confirmed. Special refreshments will be served during the evening and there will be a raffle. The venue will be All Saints' Church; tickets will be on sale in March, profits to raise funds for our church buildings.

AGM:

This will be on the morning of Sunday 26th April 2015 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.

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 late winter and early spring:

Prayer breakfasts:

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

Saturday 3rd January

Saturday 7th February

Saturday 7th March

Saturday 11th April

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

Night prayer:

Monday 5th January All Saints' (8.00pm-9.00pm)

Monday 2nd February St Stephen's (8.00pm-9.00pm)

Monday 2nd March All saints' (8.00pm-9.00pm)

Monday 13th April St Stephen's (8.00pm-9.00pm)

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 January – 6th February

16th February – 27th March

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