

Additional News Sheet Information: Autumn 2015

September

Discipleship: Daring to be Different in an Indifferent World

This is the theme for the sermon series running in our main Sunday 9.15/11.00 am morning services up to Advent. It picks up the main emphasis of our church Purpose Statement: *Making disciples of Jesus Christ who love God, love one another and live out God's love in the world.* Some of the themes to be covered include: imitating Jesus; the Bible – words to comfort and challenge; prayer – talking, listening and being; the person and purpose of the Holy Spirit; the Church; does God heal today and evangelism.

The following books offer helpful insights into the overall theme of Christian discipleship and would be a useful summer read in preparation for this sermon series (prices may vary slightly):

Following Jesus: The Plural of Discipleship is Church by Alison Morgan £10.00 (this includes a helpful small group study after each chapter with additional small group study material in appendix one at the back).

The Radical Disciple by John Stott £8.99.

Every Day with Jesus for New Christians by Selwyn Hughes £2.99

Heritage Open Day Event: Saturday 12th September

On this day we will open up our churches for people to visit:

10-12pm St Stephen's will hold a coffee morning with bring and buy sale. The choir will be singing and any money raised will go to the Harvest flower fund.

1-4pm All Saints' will open up its doors for an Arts and Crafts afternoon, including: flower arranging demonstrations, ceramic painting, card marking and patchwork quilting, with opportunities for both adults and children to join in. Refreshments will be served and any donations raised will go towards the Buildings Fund.

Prayer Ministry Team Meeting: Sunday 13th September from 4 to 5 pm in All Saints' Ockbrook

ManUp! Breakfast: Saturday 19th September: 8.20am at Bartlewood Lodge, Ockbrook – all men welcome.

Five in a Bar Concert: Saturday 19th September: 7.30pm in All Saints', a return visit by these professional and highly acclaimed singers. Great entertainment along with red or white wine and cheesy nibbles for just £10.00; all proceeds towards church buildings fund. More details to follow or contact Hilary Seeley (673392).

October

Harvest Festival Celebrations:

These will take place over the first weekend in October (Saturday 3th – Sunday 4th). As usual we are hosting a Flower Festival at St Stephen's church, Station Road, Borrowash. This can be viewed both in the Sunday Services and at other times (please refer to news sheets for details). If you are able to help with creating the displays, stewarding the church, making refreshments, taking the displays down etc. then please contact either Joy Cordwell (674736) or Anne Anderson (674985).

Harvest Songs of Praise:

This year we are reprising the popular Harvest Songs of Praise service at St Stephen's beginning at 6.30 pm on Sunday 4th October. There will be favourite hymns, interspersed with musical items, soloists, readings and poetry. The service will offer opportunity to view the Flower Festival and will be followed by refreshments.

Harvest Appeal:

Once again, in our Harvest Services we will be collecting non-perishable food items (and toiletries) to support the work of the Padley Centre (which works to support some of the most vulnerable people in Derby City). To discover more about this local charity, please go to: www.padleygroup.com

Prayer&Praise Wed. 7th October in All Saints' at 8.00pm: There will be space in this informal service for an extended time of Music Group led sung worship, personal testimonies (giving anyone opportunity to share what God has been doing in their lives), opportunity to receive prayer as well as to pray for others, and refreshments. All are welcome to this event and it is hoped that the Growth Groups will attend, rather than meet this week.

Auction of Promises: Saturday 10th October 7pm

This event is all about raising money for the Buildings Fund. We have celebrity auctioneer Charles Hanson hosting the event which will be held at the Birtall Hall, Ockbrook School. So far 'promises' include: a week in a holiday home in France; a guided tour of Rolls Royce heritage cars and complimentary lunch for four, plus many more, to be auctioned off on the night, as we seek to raise as much money as possible. Tickets to the event cost £5 including a glass of wine on arrival (or soft drink equivalent).

Harvest Messy Church: Sunday 11th October 4pm

Our messy church event at St Stephen's will be focused on harvest. With arts and crafts, story time, songs and lots of food, this is an event for the whole family.

Joint service: Sunday 25th October 10.00 am at All Saints': This will be a healing service and prayer for healing will be offered with Holy Communion. Please also note that the worship will be led by both the music group and choir/organ and there will be no other services in the Anglican churches on this Sunday.

November

Service of Remembrance and Hope:

Our annual service (open to all) specifically designed for all who have experienced the pain and loss of bereavement. We invite as special guests families for whom we have recently taken funeral services. We come to reflect on grief in the context of the Christian hope. The service is on Sunday 1st November in All Saints' Ockbrook, beginning at 6.30 pm.

A Performance of Mark's Gospel:

On Saturday 7th November in All Saints', beginning at 7pm, David Newman (Archdeacon of Loughborough and past Vicar of Ockbrook with Borrowash) will present his solo performance of Mark's Gospel (reading from memory!). This event will be in two parts, with a break for refreshments. David has performed this many times always to rave reviews. A collection will be taken and divided between David's charity and our church building fund.

Remembrance Sunday (8th November):

In keeping with recent tradition, we will once again cancel our 11.00 am service and encourage our church family to support the civic service at the war memorial in Ockbrook, which we anticipate will be well attended in these centenary anniversary years of WW1. Following the service we will offer refreshments from the Gordon Lacey Hall. If you wish to attend the march, this usually leaves the Coop car-park in Borrowash around 10.30 am, but you are advised to check details on the Parish Council's website.

December

Christmas Wonderland Event:

Our Christmas community event will be in All Saints', with a possible trail around the village (weather permitting). There will be tombola's, stalls, lucky dip, dress up nativity and much more plus Father Christmas to visit! This is a great event for inviting families, neighbours and friends. More details on weekly news sheets.

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

Sunday	6 th	9.15am	Christingle	St Stephen's
		11.00am	Christingle (4ALL)	All Saints'
Sunday	13 th	6.30pm	9 Lessons and Carols	All Saints'
Sunday	20 th	4.00pm	Messy Church	St Stephen's
Thursday	24 th	6.00pm	Carols round the Tree	St Stephen's
		11.15pm	Midnight Mass	All Saints'
Friday	25 th	8.00am	Said Holy Communion	All Saints'
		10.00am	Morning Worship	All Saints'
Sunday	27 th	10.00am	Joint Holy Communion	St Stephen's

General Information

Prayer:

We offer many different ways to pray together (refer to weekly news sheet for details), but God has been highlighting the importance of prioritising prayer as a church family. In response the following opportunities for corporate prayer will happen *usually* on **the first Saturday evening of each month from 7-8 pm**. (Venues will depend on how many sign up on the sheets at the back of each church - fewer numbers will meet at the Vicarage, larger numbers will meet in a church).

The Prayer Factor:

Saturday 5th September

Saturday 3rd October

Saturday 14th November

Saturday 5th December

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.

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

There are three joint morning services throughout the autumn period and on these Sundays there will be no other services in the Anglican churches in the parish. The services are as follows:

Sunday	25 th	Oct. 10am	Healing Service (with Holy Communion)	All Saints'
Sunday	8 th	Nov. 9.15am	Remembrance (with Holy Communion)	St Stephen's
Sunday	27 th	Dec. 10am	Holy Communion at St Stephen's	

Julian Service:

This silent, reflective service (with some readings from the writings of the Christian mystic Julian of Norwich) happens on the second Tuesday of each month from 7.30 to 8.00 pm at St Michael, Main Street, Breaston, DE72 3DX. For more information about Julian Meetings visit the JM Website: www.julianmeetings.org

Taize Service:

There will be a Taize service on the fourth Sunday of each month beginning at 6.30pm, at St. Barnabas Church, Radbourne Street, Derby, DE22 3HD. This will be hosted by Tim's friend and Vicar of St Barnabas Rev Derek Honour, who has led quiet days for us in the past. If you are interested in attending please speak to Tim. For more information about Taize visit the Taize community website: www.taize.fr/en

PCC Meetings:

The church leadership (PCC) meets at 7.30 pm in the church hall on:

Tuesday 8th September

Tuesday 3rd November

The November meeting will include our annual review of all our worship services.

Any changes will be agreed and will then be in place for one year until the next review. If you have any comments then do please speak to any members of the PCC (there is a photo with names up in each church) or contact the PCC secretary Peter Parkin whose details are in the church family directory.

School Term Dates (please note there is occasional variation due to inset days):

7th September – 23rd October

2nd November – 18th December

Visit by CMS Partners:

In our main morning services on Sunday 17th January 2016 we welcome our CMS mission partners Jason and Tracy Day, and their daughters Ruby and Libby. The Day's will be preaching at the two services and reflecting on their time in Thailand. Do please come along to hear their faith-filled story and offer them your support.

(Check website for all details: www.allsaints.ockbrook.com/www.ststephens.borrowswash.com)

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