

The Parish of All Saints' Ockbrook with St Stephen's Borrowash

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST COMMITTED TO 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 22nd Nov 2015

Last Sunday before Advent

All Saints'

8.00am Morning Prayer
Col 1: 13-20; John 6: 5-14

11.00am Holy Communion
Mark 8: 31-35

St Stephen's

9.15am Holy Communion
Mark 8: 31-35



Items for your prayers...

Continue to Pray for the Buildings Team, which next meets at 4pm on Jan. 3rd 2016. Thank God for those who give up so much time to help move our needs and vision on.

Pray for the Alpha Course which begins on Tuesday 5th Jan. 2016 from 7pm in the Church Hall.

Pray for Messy Church (MC) and our vision of running 6 of these events at St Stephen's in 2016. MC is designed to reach out to those who have little or no church contact.

Please also pray for: Barbara Duggard (very poorly in ICU with major organ-failure), Mick Bailey, Mick Caswell, Sean Connor (very poorly with progressive bladder-cancer), Margaret White, Jason and Scott Thomas, Ingrid Whitehouse, Christine Hunt, Pauline Fall, Jeanette Williams, Sheila Bye, Sheila Sykes, Anne Jacklin and Jude Pearson.

Please also pray for the children and leaders in Kid's Church this week as they continue to make preparations for the nativity play which will form part of our main Christmas morning service (and hopefully the Carols round the Tree service on Christmas Eve.).

A Prayer for Paris and for Peace:

Lord God of compassion, we pray for your blessing upon all those caught up in the heart-breaking attacks in Paris last week. For those grieving the death of loved ones. For those injured. For those working to save lives. For all who have been left fearful for their future. Lord, give them all Your peace which passes understanding, and give to the leaders of the nations, wisdom and patience in their response, so that the lives of all innocent people, in all countries, will be protected. Amen.

Things you should know about...

Faculty: I have today (19th Nov.) received news that we have been granted a Faculty from the Chancellor of Derby Diocese to carry out repairs to the roofs of the chancel, lychgate, crèche, boiler room and toilet of All Saints' Ockbrook. More details to follow. (Tim Sumpter).

Alpha Party: Twenty people gathered last week for the Alpha Party, including 12 who came as guests. Many thanks to Phil. and Matt. for preparing the amazing meal and to Elaine for planning the evening. The Alpha course commences on Tuesday 5th January and will be advertised in all our *special* Advent and Christmas services.

Evangelisting: Is the title of Tim's first book (RRP £3.95), sold in aid of our Buildings' Fund. After the 11.00 am service last Sunday one couple offered £500.00 for one book. Including the Gift Aid, that makes £600.00 towards the fund. Many thanks for such generosity towards such a good cause!

Operation Christmas Child – Shoeboxes: Arrangements are in hand for our completed shoeboxes to be collected. It would be appreciated if you could deliver these to All Saints', St Stephen's or to 39 Green Lane, Ockbrook as soon as possible, and at the latest by **Sunday, 22nd November**. Many thanks, Janet Pinchbeck

Christingles: We will be making Christingles on **Saturday 5th December** at 6.00 p.m. in All Saints' Church. If you can spare half an hour it would be appreciated. Children are particularly welcome. Sheila Exley.

Christmas Wonderland: Our Christmas Wonderland will be running at All Saints' Church on **Saturday 12th December** from 1.30-4pm. We need people to help out with set up, manning stands and clear up. We could also do with donations of the following: chocolate items (for Chocolate Tombola), cakes, mince pies, homemade sweets. Please sign up on the sheets at the back of both churches to let us know how you can help. Many thanks.

Sleep out Fundraiser: Thank you to all who sponsored me and to those who very kindly collected the money from 8am Service (Sheila Exley), the 9.15am Service (Betty Tyler) and Slice of India (Rose). With your help I raised £288.50 for the Padley Centre. Gail Bamford.

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What's on w/c 22nd Nov 2015

Sunday 22 nd	4.00pm	WOW Youth Group (Years 6-8) til 5pm at GLH
	5.00pm	Inspire Youth Group (til 6.00pm) at GLH
	6.30pm	Taize Service at St Barnabas Church DE22 3HD (See Tim for more details)
Monday 23 rd	9.30am	Admin meeting at the Vicarage
Wednesday 25 th	10.00am	Holy Communion at St Stephen's
Thursday 26 th	9.00am	Shining Stars at GLH
	7.45pm	Bell Ringers meet at All Saints'
	8.00pm	Music Group Practice at All Saints'
Friday 27 th	7.30pm	Choir Practice at St Stephen'
Sunday 29 th		ADVENT SUNDAY
	8.00am	Holy Communion at All Saints'
	9.15am	Holy Communion at St Stephen's
	11.00am	Morning Worship at All Saints'
	4.00pm	WOW Youth Group (Years 6-8) til 5pm at GLH
	5.00pm	Inspire Youth Group (til 6.00pm) at GLH

Widows Group – the next meeting will be held Monday 7th December at Pauline Fall's – 2A The Paddock, Ockbrook

Special Advent & Christmas Services 2015 (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	4.00	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

The PCC recently agreed some changes to our current worship services: 8/9.15am services continue except when we have joint services. On a four-Sunday month at the 11.00am service there will be just one Holy communion, allowing more time for sung worship, sermons, prayers, children's slot and response to the Holy Spirit. There will no longer be a sermon in evening services. Joint services will move from ½ Terms to 5th Sundays (as well as after Christmas, Easter and throughout August). Other occasional services will continue. Please see below the new monthly Sunday format for **2016**:

First Sunday:

8.00 am said H/C **each week** (except 3rd Sunday which is Morning Prayer)

9.15 am sung M/W St Stephen's

11.00 am 4ALL All Saints'

6.30 pm H/C All Saints' (no sermon)

Second Sunday:

9.15 am H/C St Stephen's

11.00 M/W All Saints'

Third Sunday:

9.15 am H/C St Stephen's

11.00 am H/C All Saints'

6.30 pm Compline or Evening Prayer St Stephen's (no sermon)

Fourth Sunday:

9.15 am H/C St Stephen's

11.00 am M/W All Saints'

Fifth Sunday:

10.00 Joint H/C at either St Stephen's or All Saints' (no other services in our churches).

These changes will remain in place until the next Review in November 2016. For more information please speak to the Vicar or one of the Wardens (Tim Sumpter).

Notices for the Next News Sheet to be issued w/c 23rd November 2015

Any notices to be included in the News Sheet, must be with Moira Dick by **no later than 5pm on Tuesday 24th November 2015. Thank you.**

Other Notices:

Church Directory: is being updated.

The new version will be emailed to all on the news sheet list to reduce costs, (hardcopies will also be available). A copy will be at the back of each church for the next few weeks. Please amend your details, and if you are new to church and wish to receive an electronic copy, put your details on the spare page.

Coffee Rota: Once again I would like to thank my team of helpers who have assisted over the past year with refreshments. I would like also to mention and thank the church members who have helped out on occasions when needed for which we have been very grateful. A special mention must also be made to all the mums who have provided cakes on our '4 All' services. Their efforts have been much appreciated. This year we have raised £300 which I will be handing over to go towards our church building fund. Sylvia Wood

Messy Church in 2016: We would like to run six sessions of Messy Church at St Stephen's in 2016. In order to do so we need a team of at least six people who feel confident to prep activities, run an activity on the day and be around for set up and clear up. Messy Church reaches out to families who may not have much or any contact with any other church service.

If you feel that this could be your mission field for 2016 please let Gemma know as soon as possible.

Easy Fundraising: has raised **£521.12**

Please remember when shopping online at Christmas to continue to support this initiative, which raises money by you shopping online, just choose The Parish Churches of Ockbrook and Borrowwash to get started at

www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Quotes:

The best criticism of the bad is the practice of the better. Oppositional energy only creates more of the same (Richard Rohr).

There must be another way of celebrating Christmas, where its joys and promises can help put life together again (Stephen Cottrell).

If anyone would come after me, they must deny themselves, take up their cross and follow me. (Jesus)