

# 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 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2015

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

#### All Saints'

**8.00am** Holy Communion

Romans 13: 8-end; Matt 21: 1-13

**11.00am** Morning Worship

1 Thess 3: 9-end; Luke 21: 25-36

#### St Stephen's

**9.15am** Holy Communion

1 Thess 3: 9-end; Luke 21: 25-36



## Items for your prayers...

Sadly Barbara Duggard died early on Wed. 25<sup>th</sup> Nov. Her funeral is at All Saints' on Wed. 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. and will be followed by a committal at Markeaton Crematorium. As we give thanks for Barbara's life, please pray for her daughters Sam and Michelle and their families at this difficult time (Tim).

Please pray for Bella Dexter who is to be baptised at All Saints' at the 11.00 am service on Sun. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>.

Please also pray for: 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, Anne Jacklin and Jude Pearson.

Pray for the Alpha Course which begins on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 the children and leaders in Kid's Church as they continue to make preparations for the nativity play which will form part of our Christmas Eve. Carols round the tree service and our main Christmas morning service.

#### **A Prayer for Advent:**

*Lord God, Creator of all, You became human and weak, yet remained God. Help us in all our weaknesses. Give us faith, hope and love, until from the darkness of the sin-struggle, we walk into glory-light with Jesus Christ. Father God, Your purposes will not fail, Your promises will not be broken. Let the **adventure** of Your Kingdom take hold of us afresh this Advent, and always. Amen.*

## Things you should know about...

**Community Leaflet:** Our next leaflet will be ready this Sunday, to be delivered ASAP, and at the latest by the 4th December. The leaflet advertises our Christmas events and Building Work updates, to everyone in the parish. Please collect leaflets after the 9.15am and 11am services for delivery; thank you!

**Christmas carols** with the AMBER VALLEY QUIRE 29<sup>th</sup> November 2015 6.30pm Ockbrook Moravian Church; all most welcome.

**Kids Church in December:** The Ockbrook village hall is now out of use until after Christmas. Kid's Church will be at the home of Jo Selby, 21 Orchard Close, Ockbrook on 29/11, 13/12 and 20/12. The Children will go to church first as usual. Next week (29/11) will be a shorter session so they will go out straight away and be back for 11:30.

**Coffee Morning** with Bring and Buy at St. Stephen's on **Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> December**, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon (details from Anne Anderson).

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

**Christmas Wonderland - help needed!** Our wonderful community event being held on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December** requires helpers in order to run successfully. Please sign up this week if you are available, everyone can contribute something, from donating goods for the stalls to moving pews on the day.

**A Faculty** has been granted by 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. The work is estimated to take 3 months and we hope it will commence sometime early in 2016. There may be some disruption to our services as we anticipate not being able to use the Chancel for some (if not all) of that time. More details to follow in the New Year (Tim Sumpter).

**Messy Church 2016:** We need people to be able to commit to supporting Messy Church six times next year. The more helpers, the less work everyone has to do. Please pray about whether you can support this great mission initiative and contact Gemma ASAP if you feel you can.

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## What's on w/c 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2015

Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	4.00pm	WOW Youth Group (Years 6-8) til 5pm at GLH
	5.00pm	Inspire Youth Group (til 6.00pm) at GLH
	6.30pm	Christmas Carols with Amber Valley Quire at Moravian
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	9.30am	Admin meeting at the Vicarage
	10.00am	Quiet Prayer Service at St Stephen's
	1.30pm	Standing Committee meets at Vicarage
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	Holy Communion at St Stephen's
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.00pm	Briar Close Service
	9.00am	Shining Stars at GLH
	7.45pm	Bell Ringers meet at All Saints'
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Alpha Team meeting at the Vicarage
	8.00pm	Music Group Practice at All Saints'
	7.30pm	Choir Practice at St Stephen'
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Coffee Morning at St Stephen's (til 12noon)
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Prayer Factor at the Vicarage
	<b>CHRISTINGLE</b>	
	8.00am	Holy Communion at All Saints'
	9.15am	Christingle All Age Worship at St Stephen's
	11.00am	Christingle (4ALL) at All Saints'
	4.00pm	NO WOW Youth Group (Years 6-8) til 5pm at GLH
	5.00pm	NO Inspire Youth Group (til 6.00pm) at GLH
	6.30pm	Holy Communion at All Saints'

### Special Advent & Christmas Services 2015 (refer to regular news sheets for all usual services):

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

### Some Advent and Christmas Thoughts from the Vicar

I believe it a privilege to live in a multi-cultural society. We are all richer for difference and diversity. That said I am fed-up with the so-called political correctness that seeks to undermine and discredit Christianity. Some Councils seek to ditch the word Christmas for Winterville so as not to offend non-Christians. The Christian heritage of this nation needs to be both cherished and preserved, alongside other beliefs.

Advent means 'coming' and is a time of preparation and waiting as we anticipate the coming of Jesus at Christmas-time. Advent calendars and candles are symbols which bind up this reality of waiting.

This Advent, let us live as those who follow God in the Way of Jesus Christ and so live in a counter-cultural way challenging some of the excesses of consumerism:

- Find some time to be still and silent and open your life up to God.
- Stop imagining everything is so urgent.
- Take time to write a Christmas list, not of things to consume, but things to give away and things to believe in and hope for this Christmas.
- Take time to ask yourself what star you're are following.
- Listen for the voice of angels.
- Make room in the inn of your life for Jesus.
- Embrace the wisdom on one child: 'Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop *doing* so many things, and listen.

*Life is not hurrying on to a receding future, nor hankering after an imagined past. It is turning aside like Moses to the miracle of the bush, to a brightness that seemed as transitory as your youth once, but is the eternity that awaits you* (R S Thomas, The Bright Field).

### Notices for the Next News Sheet to be issued w/c 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015

Any notices to be included in the News Sheet, must be with Moira Dick by **no later than 5pm on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015. Thank you.**

### Other Notices:

Over the next few weeks we have many special annual services. They are for our benefit and blessing, but I want to encourage you all to invite family, friends and neighbours along too, so that they may hear the wonderful message of God's love in Jesus and receive the greatest gift there will ever be! (Tim Sumpter).

**Widows Group:** next meets on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. at Pauline Fall's, 2A The Paddock, Ockbrook.

**Church Directory:** We plan to print the new directory in early January 2016, so please check your details before January 3<sup>rd</sup> in order to be included.

**Freshly Expressed Church:** Is Tim's second book, published earlier this year by Grove Books in Cambridge (£3.95). He has nine copies still to sell. All proceeds are donated to our Buildings Fund. If you would like a copy please let Tim know.

**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 Borrowash to get started at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

**Visit by CMS Partners:** On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Jan. (at the 9.15 and 11.00 am services) we will be welcoming our CMS mission partners Jason, Tracy, Ruby and Libby Day. They will introduce us to life in Thailand though some fun-facts, a sermon, an interactive prayer time and a song/video. Do please put this in your diaries and come along to support the Days, and be encouraged by their faith-filled story.

**Special Church Meeting:** Following the Joint Service on Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. 2016 (at 10.00 am in All saints') there will be a special church meeting at 11.30 am in All Saints' at which a significant proposal about the future of our buildings will be communicated and discussed. This is an important meeting and it is hoped that as many of our church family members as possible will attend. Please note there will be no other services in the Anglican churches on this 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday (Tim Sumpter on behalf of the PCC).