

# 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 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2015

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

### All Saints'

**8.00am** Holy Communion  
Romans 15: 4-13; Luke 21: 15-33

**11.00am** 4ALL - Christingle  
John 1: 1-14

**6.30pm** Holy Communion  
Phil 1: 3-11; Luke 3: 1-6

### St Stephen's

**9.15am** All Age Worship  
John 1: 1-14



## Items for your prayers...

Please pray for the family of Barbara Duggard, as they prepare for her funeral on Wed. 9<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm in All Saints' Ockbrook, followed by a committal at Markeaton Crematorium.

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, Gwen Johnson, Jason and Scott Thomas, Ingrid Whitehouse, Christine Hunt, Pauline Fall, Jeanette Williams, Ann 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...

**Christmas services:** 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).

### **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.

### **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 5<sup>th</sup> 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> Dec. in All Saints'** (from 1pm to 4pm) 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 commit to supporting Messy Church six times next year. 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 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2015

Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12.00am	Coffee Morning at St Stephen's (til 12noon)
	6.00pm	Making of Christingles at All Saints'
	7.00pm	Prayer Factor at the Vicarage
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>		<b>CHRISTINGLE</b>
	4.00pm	NO WOW Youth Group (Years 6-8) til 5pm at GLH
	5.00pm	NO Inspire Youth Group (til 6.00pm) at GLH
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Admin meeting at Vicarage
	11.00am	Worship planning at Vicarage
	2.00pm	Widow's Meeting at P Fall's, 2A The Paddock, Ockbrook
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Admin meeting at the Vicarage
	2.00pm	Kaleidoscope at GLH
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Holy Communion at St Stephen's
	2.00pm	Barbara Duggard's funeral at All Saints'
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Final Shining Stars of term at GLH
	7.45pm	Bell Ringers meet at All Saints'
	8.00pm	Music Group Practice at All Saints'
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Choir Practice at St Stephen's
	TBC	WOW Youth Group (Years 6-8) til 5pm at GLH
	TBC	Inspire Youth Group (til 6.00pm) at GLH
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>		Breakfast with Santa at the GLH
	1.30pm	Christmas Wonderland at All Saints' (til 4pm)
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Holy Communion at All Saints'
	9.15am	Holy Communion at St Stephen's
	11.00am	Holy Communion at All Saints'
	6.30pm	9 Lessons and Carols at All Saints'

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

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 information and diary dates for January 2016:

(Please check regular news sheets for more information)

#### To Corinth with Love:

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 the New Testament book of 1 Corinthians, originally a letter written by Paul to the earliest church in the Greek city of Corinth. Some of the themes to be covered include: the cross; wisdom; divisions in church; evangelism; Christian freedom; relationships; worship; Holy Communion; spiritual gifts; love and the resurrection.

#### 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 Christ. We will be doing this in the main morning services on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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	18 <sup>th</sup>	January	All Saints'	Ockbrook
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	"	Methodists	Borrowwash
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	"	Moravian	Ockbrook
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup>	"	St Stephen's	Borrowwash
Friday	22 <sup>rd</sup>	"	St Hughes (RC)	Borrowwash

### Notices for the Next News Sheet to be issued w/c 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015

Any notices to be included in the News Sheet, must be with Moira Dick by **no later than 5pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015. Thank you.**

### Other Notices:

**News sheet:** Next week's news sheet (Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>) will last through until Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>. Please let Moira have any items for inclusion ASAP.

**January PCC:** Please note this meeting is now on Wed. 13<sup>th</sup> January at St Stephen's in Borrowwash, beginning at 7.30pm.

**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 £545.05

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](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 through 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).

Quote: 'I will not allow my life's light to be determined by the darkness around me' (Sojourner Truth).