

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 13th Dec 2015

3rd Sunday of Advent

All Saints'

8.00am Holy Communion
1 Cor 4: 1-5; Matthew 11: 2-10

11.00am Holy Communion
Phil 4: 4-7; Luke 3: 7-18

6.30pm 9 Lessons & Carols

St Stephen's

9.15am Holy Communion
Phil 4: 4-7; Luke 3: 7-18



Items for your prayers...

Please pray for: Mick Bailey, Mick Caswell, Sean Connor, Mark Connor, Terry & Joy Cordwell, Margaret White, Gwen Johnson, Jason and Scott Thomas, Jeanette Williams, Ann Jacklin, Jude Pearson, Laura Pearson (as she prepares for an operation), Fred and Olive Linyard.

Please also pray for the family of Barbara Dugard, whose funeral was on Wed. 9th December at 2.00pm.

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

Pray for the Alpha Course which begins on Tuesday 5th Jan. 2016 from 7pm in the Church Hall. Nine guests have signed up so far.

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 Christmas:

God of love, open the hearts and minds of many this Christmas time to the good and saving news of Jesus Christ, that they may find in the one born at Bethlehem: stability, peace, salvation and new birth. Amen

A Prayer for the New Year:

Grant, O Lord, that as the years change, we may find rest in your eternal changelessness. May we meet the New Year with hope, sure in the faith that, as things constantly change around us, you are always the same, guiding us with your wisdom and protecting us with your love. Amen

Things you should know about...

Tim & Zoe would like to wish you all a Christ-centred and peaceful Christmas and God's richest blessings throughout the New Year.

Congratulations to Elaine and Phil Bonser on the arrival of their latest grandchild Felicity Rose Grayston, on 8th Dec. at 11.45pm weighing in at 7lbs 7oz and born to Lydia and Mark.

Christingle service at All Saints': We had 180 people at this service last Sunday, our biggest Christingle congregation ever! Thank you to all those who prepared the Christingles and to all who invited and brought family and friends.

Christmas Wonderland - help needed!

Our wonderful community event being held on **Saturday 12th 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.

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 13/12 and 20/12. The Children will go to church first as usual.

Messy Church Christingle: Our next Messy Church is on **Sunday 20th December**, 4pm at St Stephen's. We will be making Christingles and other crafts and there will be lots of food. Invite friends and family to this fun event.

Messy Church 2016: We need people to commit to supporting Messy Church six times next year. Our first Messy Church of the year will be on **Sunday 10th January**, 4pm at St Stephen's. If you can help prepare food or crafts, or can help on the day please contact Gemma.

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).

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What's on w/c 14th, 21st & 28th Dec 2015 & w/c 4th Jan 2016

Saturday 12 th Dec	Breakfast with Santa at the GLH
Sunday 13 th	1.30pm Christmas Wonderland at All Saints' (til 4pm) 4.00pm NO WOW Youth Group (Years 6-8) til 5pm at GLH 5.00pm NO Inspire Youth Group (til 6.00pm) at GLH
Wednesday 16 th	10.00am Morning Worship at St Stephen's
Thursday 17 th	7.45pm Bell Ringers meet at All Saints' 8.00pm Music Group Practice at All Saints'
Friday 18 th	7.30pm Choir Practice at St Stephen's
Sunday 20 th	8.00am Morning Prayer at All Saints' 9.15am Holy Communion at St Stephen's 11.00am Morning Worship at All Saints' 4pm Messy Church at St Stephen's
Wednesday 23 rd	NO 10.00am Service at St Stephen's
Thursday 24 th	CHRISTMAS EVE 6.00pm Carols round the Tree at St Stephen's 11.15pm Midnight Mass at All Saints'
Friday 25 th	CHRISTMAS DAY 8.00am Said Holy Communion at All Saints' 10.00am Christmas Morning Worship at All Saints'
Sunday 27 th	10.00am Holy Communion St Stephen's 4.00pm NO WOW Youth Group (Years 6-8) til 5pm at GLH 5.00pm NO Inspire Youth Group Wednesday 30 th 10.00am Holy Communion at St Stephen's
Thursday 31 st	7.45pm Bell Ringers meet at All Saints' 8.00pm Music Group Practice at All Saints'
Friday 1 st January 2016	NEW YEAR'S DAY
Sunday 3 rd	8.00am Holy Communion at All Saints' 9.15am Morning Prayer at St Stephen's 11.00am 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'
Tuesday 5 th	10.00am Quiet Prayer Service at St Stephen's
Wednesday 6 th	10.00am Morning Worship at St Stephen's 7.00pm Briar Close Service
Thursday 7 th	7.45pm Bell Ringers meet at All Saints' 8.00pm Music Group Practice at All Saints'
Friday 8 th	7.30pm Choir Practice at St Stephen's
Sunday 10 th	8.00am Holy Communion at All Saints' 9.15am Holy Communion at St Stephen's 11.00am Morning Worship at All Saints' 4.00pm Messy Church at St Stephen's

Other Notices:

Holidays: Tim will be away from Dec. 26th to Jan. 1st and Gemma will be away from Dec. 24th to Jan. 10th.

New Church Directory: will be available early January 2016, so please check your details before January 3rd in order to be included.

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

Visit by CMS Partners: On Sunday 17th 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. 31st 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 5th Sunday (Tim Sumpter on behalf of the PCC).

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

Remembrance Day Service Teas & Coffees: I have received a receipt for £40.82 from the RBL from the contributions from those using the GLH after the service at the cenotaph. Thanks to Darren, Liz and Georgia Haney, Janet Pinchbeck & Stuart Grocott for their support (C. Grocott).

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 10th 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 th	January	All Saints'	Ockbrook
Tuesday	19 th	"	Methodists	Borrowwash
Wednesday	20 th	"	Moravian	Ockbrook
Thursday	21 st	"	St Stephen's	Borrowwash
Friday	22 nd	"	St Hughes (RC)	Borrowwash

Notices for the Next News Sheet to be issued w/c 4th January 2016

Any notices to be included in the News Sheet, must be with Moira Dick by **no later than 5pm on Tuesday 5th January 2016. Thank you.**