

## Additional News Sheet Information January – April 2016

### January

#### **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	Borrowash
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	"	Moravian	Ockbrook
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup>	"	St Stephen's	Borrowash
Friday	22 <sup>rd</sup>	"	St Hughes (RC)	Borrowash

#### **Messy Church:**

Our first Messy Church event is on Sunday January 10<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. This event is for all the family, especially those with younger children. There will be crafts, stories, songs and lots of food! A good opportunity to invite family and friends who don't normally come to church. Venue tbc, please check website for details.

#### **Joint Service:**

There will be a joint service on Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. in All Saints' at 10.00 am. Please note there are no other services in the Anglican churches on this day.

#### **Special Church Meeting:**

Following the Joint Service on Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. there will be a special church meeting commencing at 11.30 am in All Saints' at which a significant proposal about the future of our church buildings will be communicated and discussed. This is an important meeting. It is hoped that as many of our church family members as possible will attend.

## February

**ManUp!** Breakfast at Bartlewood Lodge – Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> Feb. at 8.20am. All men welcome!

**Ash Wednesday Holy Communion with Ashing:** Since the early church, Christians have received ash on their foreheads on Ash Wednesday as a sign of penitence to begin the season of Lent. We will be continuing this ancient practice in St Stephen's on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 8.00 pm.

**Quiet Day:** On Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. at the Convent of the Holy Name in Oakwood from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. This day is designed for those who wish to recharge their spiritual batteries. There will be room for just 12 retreatants so please look out for the sign-up sheets at the back of each church. There will be a charge of £6.50 for the day (levied by the Convent). Please bring packed lunches and drinks will be provided.

**Prayer&Praise:** On Wed. 24<sup>th</sup> Feb. 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.

## March

**Women's World Day of Prayer:** This service is on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March in All Saints' Ockbrook beginning at 10.30 am. For more details please check regular news sheet and speak to Sheila Exley (673771).

**Mothering Sunday** (6<sup>th</sup> March): Small posies will be given out to each lady in our services today, and we welcome Wendy Scales as a guest speaker at the 11.00 am 4ALL service.

**Annual Welcome Supper:** At which we have an opportunity to welcome those new to our church family. This will be on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March at the Vicarage beginning at 7.00 pm.

**Joint Service:** There will be a special joint service on Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> March in All Saints' at 10.00 am at which the Bishop of Derby will preach. Please note there are no other services in the Anglican churches on this day.

**Messy Church:** Our Easter Messy Church is a chance to celebrate through crafts, games and lots of fun! Running on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm. Venue tbc, check website for details.

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

Monday	21 <sup>st</sup> March	Reflective service	7.00pm	St Stephen's
Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> March		7.00pm	All Saints'
Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup> March		7.00pm	St Stephen's
Thursday	24 <sup>th</sup> March		7.00pm	All Saints'
Friday	25 <sup>th</sup> March	Open air service	12.00 noon	CO-OP car park
		Hour at the Cross	2.00pm	St Stephen's
Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup> March	Said Holy Communion	8.00am	All Saints'
		Sung Holy Communion	9.15 am	St Stephen's
		Family Communion	11.00am	All Saints'
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Joint Service	10.00am	St Stephen's

## April

### **Giving in Faith:**

Each year we have an opportunity to reflect on financial giving in support of the local church, as part of our Christian discipleship. This will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April in the morning services. In preparation for this an information booklet will be prepared and sent to everyone on the church electoral roll and will include income and expenditure for the last year and a proposed budget for 2016/17.

**ManUp!** Breakfast at Bartlewood Lodge – Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> April at 8.20am. All men welcome!

### **AGM:**

This will be on the morning of Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015 and will take place as follows: There will be a short joint service at All Saints' beginning at 10.00 am (no 8.00, 9.15 or 11.00 am service that day). At 11.15 am following light refreshments the AGM will commence. Lifts will be arranged for those who need them, and more details will be on our regular news sheets.

## General Information

### **Alpha:**

Will run on Tuesday evenings (5<sup>th</sup> Jan to 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. inclusive) from 7.00 to 9.30 pm at the Church Hall in Ockbrook. This has proven to be a wonderful way of discovering the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly and informal atmosphere.

### **Work on the roofs at All Saints':**

This will take up to three months and we anticipate it could commence sometime in February. It is likely to mean that throughout that time we do not have use of the Chancel in All Saints' which will, of course, affect our services. The Standing Committee and PCC will develop a contingency plan which will be communicated to the church family in due course. Thank you for your cooperation with any disruption.

### **Guest preachers:**

As well as our regular team, we welcome the following preachers:

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.

On Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. (at the joint 10.00 am service at All Saints') we will welcome Peter Goddard the manager of the Cathedral Bookshop in Derby (along with the staff, Mandy & Sue and their families). Peter will preach and we will have an opportunity to thank them for all they do.

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. (at the 11.00 am 4ALL service) we welcome back Alastair Langton, the Youth Coordinator for Derby Diocese.

On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March - Mothering Sunday - (at the 11.00 am 4ALL service) we welcome back Wendy Scales from Leicester Vineyard Church.

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March (at the joint 10.00 am service at All Saints') we welcome Dr Alastair Redfern, the Bishop of Derby.

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

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

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. 10am All Saints' (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 10am All Saints' (special joint service with Bishop of Derby)

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 10am St Stephen's (Sunday after Easter)

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 10am All Saints' (followed by the AGM)

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

12<sup>th</sup> February – 22<sup>nd</sup> February

24<sup>th</sup> March – 11<sup>th</sup> April

**Clocks Change** (forward by one hour) on Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup>, Easter Day!

**PCC Meetings** (including all dates up to the 2017 AGM offered so those considering standing for the PCC in 2016 can avoid booking holidays on these dates):

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

#### 2016

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January (at St Stephen's, Borrowwash).

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

AGM - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April in All Saints' at 11.15 am

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November (including annual review of all worship services)

#### 2017

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

AGM – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April in All Saints' at 11.15am

(Check website for all details:

[www.allsaints.ockbrook.com/www.ststephens.borrowwash.com](http://www.allsaints.ockbrook.com/www.ststephens.borrowwash.com))