

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 24th Jan 2016

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

All Saints'

8.00am Holy Communion
1 Cor 9: 24-27; Matt 20: 1-16

11.00am Morning Worship
1 Cor 4: 1-21

St Stephen's

9.15am Holy Communion
1 Cor 4: 1-21



Items for your prayers...

Please pray this week especially for: John Hills, Mick and Marianne Bailey, Mark Connor, Sheila Bye, Philip and Shirley Churchman, Terry & Joy Cordwell and Jason & Scott Thomas.

Pray also for Jules Fraser-Burton's parent Stan and Erika. Stan is suffering from Alzheimer's, Dementia and Parkinson's (he is registered disabled and is immobile) and Erika has both chronic emphysema and inoperable bowel cancer.

Please also pray for Marion Johnson (and her wider family) following the sudden death of Gwen on Tuesday 5th January. There will be a service of thanksgiving for Gwen's life at All Saints' Ockbrook on Thursday 28th January beginning at 1.45 pm. This will be preceded by a private family committal at Markeaton Crematorium beginning at 1.00 pm.

Pray for the Alpha Course which meets at the GLH on Tuesday evenings and especially the 10 guests.

Please pray for our All Saints' **Kid's Church** which meets on Sunday mornings. The number of children regularly attending continues to grow. As a result, we need more leaders and helpers for this very important work. Please pray for all the children involved, the coordinator Jo Selby, and all the helpers and leaders.

Prayer for Peace:

Lord God, Peace-bearer, whose will is the total well-being of all humanity: may Your healing Spirit of love be at work in our hearts and homes, our country and in all the broken war-torn places in our world. Through an openness to Your Kingdom may we find that peace which you desire for all, through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Things you should know about...

Adult Baptisms: We are planning a baptism service by full-immersion and have one person (so-far) who wishes to be baptised. If you haven't been baptised and would like to consider adult baptism, please be in touch with Tim ASAP (contact details below).

Visit by CMS Partners: Many were moved by the talk given by the Day family at both 9.15am & 11am Services last week. During the talk they showed a video with some powerful messaging. The link to this video is as follows: www.youtube.com/watch?v=9H_hmNqIs7A. Please continue to hold the family, their work, those they work with and meet, in your prayers.

11.00 am Sunday Services at All Saints' Ockbrook: The numbers of those regularly attending these services continues to increase, so much so that we are fast approaching a return to the average congregational counts recorded between 2004-2006 (our largest ever regular congregations). This is so very encouraging. Please do all you can to continue to offer all visitors and newcomers a warm and friendly welcome. Thank you! (Tim Sumpter).

Annual Welcome Supper: At which we have an opportunity to welcome those new to our church family. This will be on **Saturday 12th March** at the Vicarage beginning at 7.00 pm. If you wish to come, please sign the sheets that will be up at the back of either church.

On Sunday 31st 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 opportunity to thank them for all they do.

Special Church Meeting: Following the Joint Service on **Sun. 31st Jan** 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).

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What's on w/c w/c 25th Jan 2016

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| Sunday 24 th Jan 2016 | 4.00pm | WOW Youth Group (Years 6-8) til 5pm at GLH |
| | 5.00pm | Inspire Youth Group til 6pm at GLH |
| Monday 25 th | 9.30am | Admin meeting at the Vicarage |
| Tuesday 26 th | 7.00pm | Alpha Course at the GLH: 'Why and How Do I Pray?' |
| Wednesday 27 th | 10.00am | Holy Communion at St Stephen's |
| Thursday 28 th | 9.00am | Shining Stars of term at GLH |
| | 1.45pm | Service of Thanksgiving for Gwen Johnson at All Saints' |
| | 7.45pm | Bell Ringers meet at All Saints' |
| | 8.00pm | Music Group Practice at All Saints' |
| Friday 29 th | 11.00am | Choir Practice at St Stephen's (note new <i>winter</i> time). |
| Saturday 30 th | 10.00am | Alpha Day Away at the GLH |
| Sunday 31 st | 10.00am | Joint Holy Communion at All Saints' |
| | 11.30am | Special Church Meeting at All Saints' |
| | 4.00pm | NO WOW Youth Group (Years 6-8) til 5pm at GLH |
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To Corinth with Love: 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 information and diary dates for February 2016:

(Please check regular news sheets for more information)

ManUp! Breakfast at Bartlewood Lodge – **Sat. 6th 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 10th February at 7.30 pm.**

Quiet Day: On **Sat. 20th Feb.** at the Convent of the Holy Name in Oakwood from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. 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: Wed. 24th 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 and to pray for others. All are welcome to this event and it is hoped that the Growth Groups will attend, rather than meet this week.

January to April 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:

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| Sunday 31 st Jan. | 10am | All Saints' (5 th Sunday) |
| Sunday 13 th March | 10am | All Saints' (special joint service with Bishop of Derby) |
| Sunday 3 rd April | 10am | St Stephen's (Sunday after Easter) |
| Sunday 24 th April | 10am | All Saints' (followed by the AGM) |

Notices for the Next News Sheet to be issued w/c 25th January 2016

Any notices to be included in the News Sheet, must be with Moira Dick by **no later than 5pm on Tuesday 26th January 2016. Thank you.**

Other Notices:

Widow's Meeting: The next meeting will take place **Monday 1st February** at 2pm at 70 Green Lane, Ockbrook.

The Ash Wednesday evening Holy Communion service with ashing will now begin half-an-hour earlier than previously advertised at 7.30 pm.

Alpha Food & Help – If you are able to help with food in any way (e.g. cooking meals or just providing food to be used for cooking), contact Janet Hoban - janet.hoban@sky.com - who would also appreciate support each evening with serving guests and clearing up; many thanks.

Help needed at **Kid's Church:** It is great to see Kid's Church growing and we now have many children that regularly attend Kid's Church from the age of three to eleven. Due to such a wide age group however, it is becoming more difficult to plan for the children and so after Easter we are hoping to divide the children into two age groups. For this to happen we need more people to join the Rota to either lead or help. If you are able to help in any way, please speak to Jo Selby (07762106909). Any help would be really appreciated, thanks.

Messy Church 2016: We need people to commit to supporting Messy Church six times this year. Our next event will be at St Stephen's on **Sunday 13th March** at 4pm. The theme will be Easter, which we will celebrate through crafts, games and lots of fun! If you can help prepare food or crafts (or on the day) please contact Gemma.

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

Easy Fundraising: has raised so far **£545.05** www.easyfundraising.org.uk