

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 28th Feb 2016

3rd Sunday of Lent

All Saints'

8.00am Holy Communion
Eph 5: 1-14; Luke 11: 14-28
11.00am Morning Worship
1 Cor 11: 17-34

St Stephen's

9.15am Holy Communion
1 Cor 11: 17-34



Items for your prayers...

Please pray this week especially for: Mark Connor (as he continues 6 months of chemotherapy treatment), Eve Allsop (undergoing hospital tests), Peter Holt, Barrie and Margaret Wilson, Mick and Marianne Bailey, Sheila Bye (now recovering at home), Terry & Joy Cordwell, Jason & Scott Thomas, Stan & Erika and Catherine Roberts.

Please pray for Rhoda Salisbury and her family following the funeral of Rhoda's husband Peter, on Thursday 18th Feb. and as she prepares for her sister's funeral in the near future.

Pray also for the family of Zena Elliot, who died suddenly on Wednesday 10th Feb. Zena's funeral is at St Stephen's Borrowash on Tuesday 1st March at 2.15 pm.

Please pray for Geoff Hitchcock, his two young sons Seth and Theo and their wider family, following the death of Geoff's wife Mandy on Wed. 24th Feb. Tim married Geoff and Mandy and baptised their two sons. Details of Mandy's funeral will be advertised once known.

Give God thanks for the recent Alpha Course and pray for the Post-Alpha Growth Group which will be led by Mike and Lecky Allwood.

Please pray for Tim as he preaches at Carey Baptist Church in Kettering on Sunday 28th Feb at 10.30am.

A Prayer: *God our creator and redeemer, help your church to grow in holiness, unity, effectiveness and numbers. Draw us closer to you and those around us. Give us enthusiasm in our faith, and wisdom in sharing it with young and old. Open our eyes to new opportunities, our lips to speak of you, and our hearts to welcome all. Grow your kingdom in us and in the world, through the intercession of our Lord Jesus Christ and by the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Things you should know about...

Alpha: Thank you to all who helped make this course so special and of course to all the guests. We had some moving testimonies on the last evening and we will hear some of these in our main Sunday services over the coming weeks.

Post-Alpha: Mike and Lecky Allwood have agreed to lead a Post-Alpha Growth Group. This will begin meeting in the near future.

Welcome: The Rev Carole and Roger Lloyd have recently joined our church family. Carol recently retired as Vicar of Swanick and Pentrich, and she will soon begin leading services, preaching, presiding at Holy Communion and other ministry here. Please welcome Roger and Carole and pray for them as they continue to settle in.

Growth: It is thrilling to announce that we have had 17 people recently join our church family via the Electoral Roll. Please continue to extend an ongoing welcome to all who are new to our churches.

Prayer Ministry: This ministry remains an important part of the life of our churches. Lecky Allwood will now be coordinating this ministry and supported by Betty Tyler. Please pray for the Prayer Ministry Team as it continues to develop and for the development of this ministry.

Widows Group: Meeting at 2a The Paddock Ockbrook on Monday 7th March at 2pm.

Kaleidoscope: Spring Lunch on Tuesday 8th March at Royal Oak beginning at 12.30.

Easter Coffee Morning on Saturday, 19th March at St Stephen's from 10 a.m. to 12 noon with a Bring and Buy. This is to raise funds for the Easter flowers. Please come along and support.

AGM reports: It is the time of year to start gathering the reports for the AGM meeting – which is in All Saints' on Sunday 24th April, following the joint service at 10.00am. If you normally write a report for your group or activity please can you send it to Gemma by March 20th. Emailed reports are preferable but if this is not possible drop them off to Gemma instead.

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What's w/c 29th Feb 2016

Sunday 28 th Feb	4.00pm WOW Youth Group (Years 6-8) til 5pm at GLH 5.00pm Inspire Youth Group til 6.00pm at GLH
Monday 29 th	10.30am Admin meeting at the Vicarage 12 noon Lent Devotional at Borrowwash Methodist
Tuesday 1 st March	10.00am Quiet Prayer Service at St Stephen's 2.15pm Funeral of Zena Elliott at St Stephen's 7.30pm PCC meeting at the GLH Ockbrook
Wednesday 2 nd	10.00am Holy Communion at St Stephen's 7.00pm Briar Close Service
Thursday 3 rd	9.00am Shining Stars at GLH 7.45pm Bell Ringers meet at All Saints' 8.00pm Music Group Practice at All Saints'
Friday 4 th	10.30am Women's World Day of Prayer Service at All Saints' 11.00am Choir Practice at St Stephen's (note new winter time).
Saturday 5 th	10.00am St Stephen's Mothering Sunday Posies being prepared 11.00am Baptism at All Saints'
Sunday 6 th	MOTHERING SUNDAY 8.00am Holy Communion at All Saints' 9.15am Morning Worship at St Stephen's 11.00am 4ALL at All Saints' 4.00pm NO WOW Youth Group 5.00pm NO Inspire Youth Group 6.30pm Holy Communion at All Saints'

Lent Devotional Groups: Mondays at noon (22nd Feb. to 21st March) at Borrowwash Methodist Church, followed by soup. All welcome.

Some information and diary dates for March 2016:

Women's World Day of Prayer Friday, 4th March at 10.30 a.m. in All Saints. We hope to extend a warm welcome to people of all ages to this service, which is being held in churches all around the world over a 24-hour period. The service has been prepared by the Christian women of Cuba and the theme is "*Receive children, Receive me*".

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. Posies for St Stephen's are being prepared at St Stephen's at 10am Saturday 5th March 2016. All help gratefully received.

Joint Service: On **Sun. 13th March** in All Saints' at 10.00 am at which the Bishop of Derby will preach. The worship will be led jointly by the choir and the music group. Please come and support this event and please note there are no other services in the Anglican churches in our parish on this day.

Easter Messy Church: Is a chance to celebrate through crafts, games and lots of fun! Running on **Sunday 13th March** at 4pm at St Stephen's.

Clocks Change: Spring forward by one hour on **Sunday March 27th**, Easter Day!

Special Easter Services

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

Monday	21 st March	Reflective service	7.00pm	St Stephen's
Tuesday	22 nd March		7.00pm	All Saints'
Wednesday	23 rd March		7.00pm	St Stephen's
Thursday	24 th March		7.00pm	All Saints'
Friday	25 th March	Open air service	12.00 noon	CO-OP car park
		Hour at the Cross	2.00pm	St Stephen's
Sunday	27 th 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 rd April	Joint Service	10.00am	St Stephen's

Notices for the Next News Sheet to be issued w/c 29th February 2016

Any notices to be included in the News Sheet, must be with Moira Dick by **no later than 5pm on Tuesday 1st March 2016. Thank you.**

Other Notices:

Message from Rhoda and family: We wish to thank the many people for all the messages, cards, visits, flowers, prayers and practical help that has been given following two bereavements; the support has been overwhelming and we want everyone to know how much the care and support are appreciated: special thanks to Tim for his prompt response to the tragedy and his continuing support. Thank you all.

Work on the roofs at All Saints': Is due to commence on 4th April, for up to 13 weeks. Please note the following: 1. The organ will be out-of-action - wrapped in plastic to prevent dust & debris settling in the pipes; 2. There will be scaffolding up around the exterior of the Chancel, Tower Vestry and Lych-gate (at different times); 3. Mobile scaffolding will also be on site; 4. There may be internal supports holding up parts of the Chancel roof-beams (we will only know the extent of this once work begins). We will do all we can to mitigate the effects of this work on our services, but there will be some impact. Thank you for your cooperation with any disruption, and if you have any questions, then please ask (Tim Sumpter).

March to April Joint Services:

(Please refer to regular news sheets for all *usual* services)

There are three joint morning services and on these Sundays and there are no other services in the Anglican churches on these days:

Sunday 13th March 10am All Saints'

Sunday 3rd April 10am St Stephen's

Sunday 24th April 10am All Saints' (followed by the AGM)

Welcome Supper: Please note that the welcome supper has now been rearranged for Saturday 30th April at the Vicarage beginning at 7pm. If you are new to our churches, it would be wonderful to welcome you to this event, please contact Tim and Zoe to book a place.

Easy Fundraising: has now raised **£632.23** www.easyfundraising.org.uk