

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 6th March 2016

Mothering Sunday

All Saints'

8.00am Holy Communion

Hebrews 12: 22-24; John 6: 1-14

11.00am 4All

6.30pm Holy Communion

Ex 2: 1-10; Luke 2: 33-35

St Stephen's

9.15am Morning Worship

Ex 21-10; Col 3: 12-17



Items for your prayers...

Please pray this week especially for: Rhoda Salisbury, Mark Connor (continuing chemotherapy treatment), Eve Allsop, Peter Holt, Barrie and Margaret Wilson, Mick and Marianne Bailey, Sheila Bye, Terry & Joy Cordwell, Jason & Scott Thomas, Stan & Erika, Catherine Roberts.

Pray also for the family of Zena Elliot whose funeral was at St Stephen's on Tuesday 1st March.

Please pray for Geoff Hitchcock, his two young sons Seth and Theo and their wider family following the death of Geoff's wife Mandy. Her funeral is at All Saints' on Friday 11th March at 1.15pm.

Please pray for Katy Marron as she is baptised on Sunday April 10th that she will be deeply blessed and that those who witness this event and who aren't Christians will see the relevance of the Gospel.

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

.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...

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.

Easter Leaflets: These are now ready and at the back of each church. Please take some for distribution as we once again plan to deliver to every house in the parish. Some guests came to Christmas services as a direct result of these leaflets. To continue this vital ministry we need a team who can produce, order and coordinate the delivery of these leaflets. If you can help please speak to Tim Sumpter.

Alpha: We had some moving testimonies on the last evening and we hope to hear some of these in our joint Sunday service on 13th March.

Post-Alpha Growth Group: Following the completion of the latest Alpha Course, a new growth group is being set up to build on the material we covered then. Some of the topics which were omitted because of time will be explored and foundational matters like prayer and Bible reading will be looked at in greater depth. We'll also look at some of the post Alpha study material available. The first meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 15th** at 7.30pm, at 20, Bakehouse Lane, Ockbrook. Please telephone (01332) 906444 if you hope to come. Mike and Lecky Allwood

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.

Adult Baptism: Following the 11.00am service on Sunday April 10th Katy Marron is to be baptised. We will walk up to Dr Sheila Syke's house - 26 Bare Lane Ockbrook – and use the swimming pool. Do please come to support Katy and a big thank you to Sheila for the use of her pool.

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.

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What's w/c 7th March 2016

Saturday 5 th	10.00am St Stephen's Mothering Sunday Posies being prepared
	11.00am Baptism at All Saints'
Sunday 6 th March	NO WOW Youth Group or Inspire Youth Group
Monday 7 th	10.30am Admin meeting at the Vicarage
	12 noon Lent Devotional at Borrowwash Methodist
	2.00pm Widow's Meeting at 2a The Paddock, Ockbrook
Tuesday 8 th	12.30pm Kaleidoscope Spring Lunch at Royal Oak
Wednesday 9 th	10.00am Holy Communion at St Stephen's
Thursday 10 th	9.00am Shining Stars at GLH
	7.45pm Bell Ringers meet at All Saints'
	8.00pm Music Group Practice at All Saints'
Friday 11 th	11.00am Choir Practice at St Stephen's (note new winter time).
	1.15pm Mandy Hitchcock's funeral at All Saints'
Sunday 13 th	10.00am Joint Morning Worship at All Saints'
	4.00pm Easter Messy Church at St Stephen's
	4.00pm NO WOW Youth Group or Inspire Youth Group

A prayer for our services:

O Lord, open our eyes to your presence, our minds to your grace, our lips to your praises, our hearts to your love, our lives to your healing and may your presence be found amongst us always. Amen.

It would be wonderful to have people regularly praying for our worship services. If you wish to come early and sit quietly to pray in the church buildings, please do so.

Some information and diary dates for March/April 2016:

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!

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.

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	Reflective Service	7.00pm	All Saints'
Wednesday	23 rd March	Reflective Service	7.00pm	St Stephen's
Thursday	24 th March	Reflective Eucharist	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 7th March 2016

Any notices to be included in the News Sheet, must be with Moira Dick by **no later than 5pm on Tuesday 8th 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