

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 20th March 2016

Palm Sunday

All Saints'

8.00am Morning Prayer
Phil 2: 5-11; Matt 21: 1-13
11.00am Holy Communion
1 Cor 13: 1-13

St Stephen's

9.15am Holy Communion
1 Cor 13: 1-13
6.30pm Compline



Items for your prayers...

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

Please pray for Rev Carol Lloyd as she presides at Holy Communion at the 9.15 and 11.00am services on Palm Sunday. Pray also for Tim as he preaches at Fuller Baptist church in Kettering at 10.30am and 6.15pm on Palm Sunday – the church at which he came to Christian faith as a young soldier.

Please pray for the family of Mick Caswell whose funeral is on Tuesday 29th March in All Saints' Ockbrook at 11.30am, with a Committal at Bramcote Crematorium at 12.30pm

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.

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.*

.A Prayer for Church Growth: *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...

Sun. 13th March – Joint Service and Messy Church: A big thank you to all who helped make these services so fruitful. The joint service with Bishop Alastair saw a full church, with worship jointly led by the Music Group and Choir. It included two very moving testimonies from the recent Alpha course - thank you to Dan and Tony for those. The Easter Messy Church event saw 33 children and 25 adults at St Stephen's, most new to church, and some had come in direct response to our Easter Leaflets. What an exciting day it was – Tim Sumpter.

AGM 2016 – Sunday 24th April at 11.15am in All Saints': Nomination forms for all elected leadership positions are now up at the back of both churches. Do please think and pray about nominating people and if you want to know more about the roles of Wardens, Assistant Wardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod members, do please speak to Tim Sumpter.

AGM reports: It is the time of year to start gathering the reports for the AGM. 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.

Easter Leaflets: Thank you to all who have helped deliver the leaflets.

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.

Easter Cards: For sale in the "Card Stand" at the back of All Saints'. All proceeds will be for the Church Building Fund.

Easter Holidays: Please note Tim will be away from Monday 28th March until Wednesday 6th April inclusive. For all parish matters please contact one of the church wardens.

Funerals at All Saints': Please note that once the work on the All Saints' roofs commences - we hope on 4th April - there will be no funerals at All Saints' until further notice.

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

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What's w/c 21st § 28th March § 4th April 2016

Saturday 19 th March	10.00am	Easter Coffee Morning at St Stephen's
Sunday 20 th		Deadline for submission of AGM reports
	4.00pm	WOW & Inspire Youth Group Afternoon Tea Party for parents at GLH
Monday 21 st	7.00pm	Reflective Service at St Stephen's
Tuesday 22 nd	9.30am	Admin meeting at the Vicarage
	7.00pm	Reflective Service at All Saints'
Wednesday 23 rd	10.00am	Holy Communion at St Stephen's
	7.00pm	Reflective Service at St Stephen's
Thursday 24 th	7.00pm	Reflective Eucharist at All Saints
Friday 25 th	12 noon	Open air service CO-OP car park
	2.00pm	Hour at the Cross St Stephen's
Sunday 27 th		EASTER SUNDAY – CLOCKS CHANGE 1 HOUR FORWARD
	8.00am	Holy Communion at All Saints'
	9.15am	Holy Communion at St Stephen's
	11.00am	Family Communion at All Saints'
	4.00pm	NO WOW or 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'
Friday 1 st April	11.00am	Choir Practice at St Stephen's (note new winter time).
Saturday 2 nd	10.00am	Garage Sale at 53 Cole Lane, Ockbrook til 3pm
Sunday 3 rd	10.00am	Joint Holy Communion at St Stephen's
Monday 4 th		WORK ON ALL SAINTS' ROOF BEGINS
Tuesday 5 th	10.00am	Quiet Prayer Service at St Stephen's
Wednesday 6 th	10.00am	Holy Communion at St Stephen's
	7.00pm	Briar Close Service
Thursday 7 th	10.30am	Worship planning at Vicarage
	7.45pm	Bell Ringers meet at All Saints'
	8.00pm	Music Group Practice at All Saints'
Friday 8 th	11.00am	Choir Practice at St Stephen's (note new winter time).
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'
		Adult Baptism after 11am Service at 26 Bare Lane Ockbrook
	4.00pm	WOW Youth Group at GLH
	5.00pm	Inspire Youth Group at GLH

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:

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

Joint Service: Sunday 3rd April 10.00am St Stephen's – please note there are no other services on this day in the Anglican churches in the parish.

Adult Baptism: Sunday 10th April following the 11.00am service in the swimming pool at 26 Bare Lane Ockbrook. All Welcome to come and support Katy Marron.

Tribute Concert in memory of Michael Rayner: Saturday 23rd April in St Stephen's beginning at 7.30pm. Tickets 10 for adults – including wine and nibbles; children under 12 free. All proceeds to the Buildings Fund. Please contact Hilary Seeley for tickets – 01332 673392.

AGM: Sunday 24th April in All Saints' Ockbrook at 11.15am, following the joint service which begins in All Saints' at 10.00am.

Welcome Supper: Saturday 30th April in the Vicarage beginning at 7pm.

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

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

Other Notices:

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.

Garage Sale: On Saturday 2nd April Mike and Jan Allen are having a Garage Sale to raise money for the Church Buildings Fund. Turn up at 53 Cole Lane, Ockbrook between 10-3pm to grab a bargain.

PCC Meetings: for 2016 - including all dates up to the 2017 AGM - offered so those considering standing for election at the 2016 AGM can avoid booking holidays on these dates:

2016

AGM - Sunday 24th April in All Saints' at 11.15 am
 Tuesday 3rd May
 Tuesday 5th July
 Tuesday 6th September
 Tuesday 1st November (including annual review of all worship services)

2017

Tuesday 9th January
 Tuesday 6th March
 AGM – Sunday 30th April in All Saints' at 11.15am

Resurrection

A heavy silence
 hanging,
 swaying,
 in the cold pungent air.
 Quiet Saturday:
 sad,
 still,
 silent,
 except for the muffled voices
 of angry guards, their leave cancelled,
 relieving themselves against the tomb.

As Sunday's new dawn broke,
 three ancient uncreated flames
 danced a happy fire
 in the prison's gloom, absorbing:
 darkness,
 decay,
 death.

With a blinding flash,
 the big bang's bigger bang
 exploded with recreating power,
 transforming the corpse of the
 crucified in the Father's womb.

Tim Sumpter