

Additional News Sheet Information May to August 2016

May

Acts of Prayer:

This is the theme for the sermon series running in our main 9.15am and 11.00am Sunday services from May to July inclusive. We will be looking together at how the book of Acts and the birth and expansion of the early Church was predicated on prayer.

In preparation for this sermon series you may like to consider reading through the book of Acts in the New Testament and one or more of the following:

1. Prayer - by Richard Foster
2. Red Moon Rising: The Adventure of Faith and the Power of Prayer - by Peter Grieg
3. God on Mute: Engaging the Silence of Unanswered Prayer - by Peter Grieg
4. Prayer: Does it Make Any Difference - by Philip Yancey.

Ascension Day Holy Communion with Prayer for Healing

On Thursday 5th May in St Stephen's beginning at 7pm we are celebrating the Ascension with a choir led Holy Communion service. This will follow the Common Worship liturgy and offer space for quiet reflection, choral led sung worship and prayer for healing (with anointing oil), which will be offered with Communion. All welcome; please come and support this event.

Sunday 8th May

Within the 11.00am service Ben and Anna (surname withheld at their request because of the sensitivity of the mission context) will be sharing details about their future ministry in North Africa. Their 10-minute testimony will be an inspiring account of how God has brought them together and called them to a specific place.

Messy Church:

Our May event is running on Sunday 8th May at 4pm in St Stephen's church, Borrowash. The theme is *The Holy Spirit & Pentecost* and we will be having the usual mix of arts & crafts, stories, songs and lots of food.

A call to Pray for the Evangelisation of the UK:

In the week leading up to Pentecost the Archbishops of Canterbury and York are calling for a '...wave of prayer across our land in all churches...' In response to this we are having the opportunity to have a 24/7 prayer day from 5pm on Friday 13th May to 5pm on Saturday 14th May. There will be a list available at all our Sunday services from Sunday 24th April. The list will divide the day up into ½ hour slots. You are asked to sign your name against at least one slot and then pray at that designated time. If you wish to get together with others to pray IE a Growth Group, that is fine, and it would be wonderful to have all the slots covered. You can pray at home, or request a church key from one of the wardens or Tim. For ideas and resources to assist your praying, please visit www.thykingdom.co.uk Tim will craft some prayers and specific prayer topics which can be used and will be available via email before the day.

Christian Aid Week (15th -21st May):

On Sunday 15th May there will be a joint (Ecumenical) service with the other churches in the parish, beginning at 11am am at Moravian Church in Ockbrook. Please note there will be no Hunger Lunch (though refreshments will be served following the service) and there are no 9.15am or 11am service on this day. And please look out for details about Christian Aid week, leaflet distribution and collection points, in our regular news sheets.

Joint Service:

There will be a joint service on Sunday 29th May in St Stephen's beginning at 10.00am. Please note as this is a 5th Sunday there are no other services in the Anglican churches in the parish on this day.

June

ManUp! Breakfast at Bartlewood Lodge – Sat. 11th June at 8.20am. All men welcome!

Growth Groups Event:

We are hosting a Growth Group training event on Saturday 18th June from 7pm to 9pm at the Church Hall (GLH). The speaker/facilitator is retired vicar, Canon Roger Morgan, whose church increased to c600 people primarily as the result of investing time, effort, resources and prayer into Growth Groups (which he called Home Groups). We are interested to hear what Roger has to share with us, and especially how we might translate this to our parish. All Growth Group Leaders, prospective leaders and group members are welcome. For more information and to sign up please contact either Ros Weetman (Growth Group Coordinator) on rosalieweetman@yahoo.co.uk /07976 764099 or Revd Tim Sumpter (see below for contact details).

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 26th June 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.

July**Prayer&Praise:**

On Wed. 6th July in All Saints' beginning 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

Messy Church:

Our July event is running on Sunday 10th July in St Stephen's church Borrowash. The theme is *Holidays & Journeys* and once again we can expect the usual fun, with crafts, stories, songs and food.

Fundraiser - Youth Group Car Wash:

Raising funds for our two youth groups and the Church Buildings Fund, our youth will be washing cars at the Gordon Lacey Car Park on Sunday 17th July. Please put this date in your diary to get your car washed, and to support our youth with their efforts.

Joint Service:

There will be a joint service on Sunday 31st July in All Saints' beginning at 10.00am. Please note as this is a 5th Sunday there are no other services in the Anglican churches in the parish on this day.

Fundraiser - Curry Night at Bay of Bengal:

Our latest curry night at *BoBs* will be happening again in July, back by popular demand. A wonderful opportunity to combine fundraising for our Buildings Fund, along with fellowship and mission. The date and time is still to be confirmed, please look out for posters and information on our regular newssheet.

August

August Services and Sermon Theme:

During August the number of our Sunday services is, as usual reduced. Our 9.15am and 11am and evening services will be replaced by one at 10am. During these services we will be exploring the theme *Strength from the Psalms*. The services will run as follows:

Sunday 7th 10am at St Stephen's

Sunday 14th 10am at All Saints'

Sunday 21st 10am at St Stephen's

Sunday 28th 10am at All Saints'

Our 8am Sunday services at All Saints' and our 10am Wednesday services at St Stephen's will run each week as usual.

Fundraiser - Garden Party:

This year we hope to have a garden party in Ockbrook to raise funds for our church buildings. The venue and date for this is still TBC, so please lookout for details in upcoming weekly news sheets.

General Information

Work on the roofs at All Saints':

This commenced on 4th April, will take up to three months and will include the Chancel roof, the Lych-gate roof and the tower vestry roof. It is likely to mean that throughout all that time we do not have use of the Chancel in All Saints', including the toilet. The Ockbrook Parish Hall toilet can be used if necessary, once the Kid's Church have left All Saints' for that venue around 11.15am each Sunday. Also our Holy Communion services will be affected, with use of the small Communion table in front of the Chancel screen for all such services, as well as distribution of the bread and wine. Details of how Communion will happen will be given at each service. Thank you for your cooperation with all these temporary changes.

Guest preachers:

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

On Sunday 5th June (at the 11.00 am 4ALL service) we welcome back Alastair Langton, the Youth Coordinator for Derby Diocese.

On Sunday 19th June (at the 9.15 and 11.00 am services) we will be welcoming Canon Roger Morgan. Roger used to lead Holy Trinity Leicester (one of the largest churches in the C of E) and now works for *ReSource* along with his wife Alison - www.resource-arm.net

School Term Dates (Please note there is occasional variation due to Inset Days):

Derbyshire half-term: 27th May to 5th June.

Derbyshire end of term: Tuesday 26th July.

Ockbrook School end of term: Wednesday 13th July.

PCC Meetings - The church leadership (PCC) meets at 7.30 pm in the church hall on:

2016

Tuesday 3rd May

Tuesday 5th July

Tuesday 6th September

Tuesday 1st November (including annual review of all worship services)

2017

Tuesday 10th January

Tuesday 7th March

AGM – Sunday 22nd April in All Saints' at 11.15am

5th Sunday Joint Services (please refer to regular news sheets for all usual services):
There will be two 5th Sunday joint services throughout the summer months and on these Sundays there will be no other services in the Anglican churches in the parish. The services are as follows:

Sunday 29th May 10.00am St Stephen's
Sunday 31st July 10.00am All Saints'

Coming Up in the Autumn

Isaiah 4 Today:

This is the theme for the sermon series running in our main 9.15am and 11.00am Sunday services from September to November inclusive. We will be looking together at some of the main themes in the Old Testament book of Isaiah, what they meant when they were written, how many of the prophecies point to Jesus (Messianic Prophecies) and how such ancient literature can be relevant for us today.

A Day with Isaiah:

To help up set the scene for the sermon series we have a study day with Dr Margaret Barker, internationally renowned Old Testament Scholar. This is open to all and is on Saturday 3rd September from 10.00am to 4.00pm at the Church Hall. Margaret will give us an overview of the literature, history and theology of Isaiah as well as answering the question: 'How Christians can use this ancient material?' The day is free, but please bring a packed-lunch and sign up on the sheets at the back of each church.

Alpha:

Will hope to run our next Alpha course on six consecutive Tuesday evenings (sometime in the early autumn) from 7.00 to 9.30 pm at the Church Hall in Ockbrook, dates TBC. This has proven to be a wonderful way of discovering the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly and informal atmosphere. If you are interested in attending this course, please contact Elaine Bonser (Alpha Coordinator) on elainebonser@sky.com or 01332 606621.

Saturday 1st October: Harvest Fish and Chip Supper:

This is a chance to enjoy time together with fish and chips from our local chippie, tickets will be on sale in September.

Please check website for all details:

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