

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

### All Saints'

**8.00am** Holy Communion  
James 1: 22-end; John 16: 23-33  
**11.00am** 4 All  
**6.30pm** Holy Communion  
Ezekiel 37: 1-14; John 5: 1-9

### St Stephen's

**9.15am** Morning Worship  
Isaiah 62; Acts 4: 1-33



## Items for your prayers...

Please pray this week for: Mark Weightman, Jeanette Williams, Rhoda Salisbury and her family, Mark Connor, Eve Allsop, Peter Holt, Barrie and Margaret Wilson, Mick Bailey, Marianne Bailey, Sheila Bye, Terry & Joy Cordwell, Jason & Scott Thomas, Stan & Erika, Catherine Roberts and Elaine Bonser (as she recovers at home following two operations).

Please pray for Tom & Julia Ambrose – and their family – as they prepare for the small family-only funeral of their daughter, on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May, to be led by Tim.

Please also pray for David Scott and his wife Janet. David is now in residential care in Lace Maker's Court, Long Eaton.

Pray for the newly elected PCC which meets for the first time on 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

### **A Franciscan Prayer of Blessing:**

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in the world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done, to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor.

## Things you should know about...

**Welcome Supper-Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April:** in the Vicarage beginning at 7pm. We currently have 10 folks signed up for this.

**The Next Bank Holiday:** is Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

**May 4All:** The next 4ALL service, on the **Sunday 1st May**, is looking at being a prayer warrior and is themed to Star Wars. Please feel free to dress up as your favourite character and bring lightsabers or other Star Wars items. We look forward to seeing everyone and may the force of God be with you.

**Ascension Day Holy Communion with Prayer for Healing:** On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May in St Stephen's beginning at 7pm.

**Christian Aid Week 15th - 21st May 2016:** The Anglican churches are working together with Borrowash Methodist and the Moravian Church in Ockbrook again this year. All congregations will be sharing the delivery of donation envelopes to all houses in the parish with an information leaflet to explain how to donate envelopes at a variety of locations. An ecumenical coffee morning will again be held at the Methodist Church Hall - on Saturday 21st May 2016 - to raise further funds for Christian Aid. If you are able to help with the **delivery** of envelopes, can bake for the coffee morning or offer to help for an hour at the coffee morning, I would appreciate if you would let me know – Chris Grocott [cjgrocott@hotmail.com](mailto:cjgrocott@hotmail.com) 01332679801

**A call to Pray:** 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 13<sup>th</sup> May to 5pm on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May. There will be a list available at all our Sunday services for the next two weekends. 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](http://www.thykingdom.co.uk) Tim will also craft some prayers and specific prayer topics which can be used and will be available via email before the day.

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## What's w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016

Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	7.00pm	Welcome Supper at the Vicarage, Ockbrook
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	4.00pm	<b>NO</b> WOW or Inspire Youth Group at GLH
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Admin meeting at Vicarage
	10.00am	Quiet Prayer Service at St Stephen's
	7.30pm	PCC Meeting at GLH
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Holy Communion at St Stephen's
	7.00pm	Briar Close Service
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Shining Stars at GLH
	7.00pm	Ascension Day Holy Communion at St Stephen's
	7.45pm	Bell Ringers meet at All Saints'
	8.00pm	Music Group Practice at All Saints'
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Choir Practice at St Stephen's ( <b>note new time</b> ).
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Holy Communion at All Saints'
	9.15am	Holy Communion at St Stephen's
	11.00am	Morning Worship at All Saints'
	4.00pm	<b>NO</b> WOW or Inspire Youth Group at GLH
	4.00pm	Messy Church at St Stephen's

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.

**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.*

### Some Information and Diary Dates for May 2016:

From May to July inclusive, in our main 9.15am and 11.00am Sunday services we will be exploring the sermon theme: **Acts of Prayer**, looking at how the book of Acts and the expansion of the early churches was predicated on prayer. There will also be details of upcoming prayer-meetings when we can come together as a church family and pray for ourselves, our community, our nation and our world.

**Ascension Day Holy Communion with Prayer for Healing:** On **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 do come and support.

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Christian Aid Week (15<sup>th</sup> -21st May):** On **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May** there will be a joint (Ecumenical) service with the other churches in the parish, beginning at 11am 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 29<sup>th</sup> May** in St Stephen's beginning at 10.00am. Please note as this is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday there are no other services in the Anglican churches in the parish on this day.

### Notices for the Next News Sheet to be issued w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016

Any notices to be included in the News Sheet, must be with Moira Dick by **no later than 5pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016. Thank you.**

### Other Notices:

**Tribute Concert in memory of Michael Rayner.** Thank you to Hilary Seeley and her team for organising such a wonderful concert and many thanks to the artistes and those who provided the drinks and nibbles. The total raised was £610.00

**AGM 2016 – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 11.15am in All Saints':** like the joint service preceding it, the AGM was well attended again this year. Thank you to those who supported this important annual event. A big thank you to Joyce Wild, who stood down as the Church Warden for All Saints' after 9 years and to all other PCC members who also stood down. Those on the new PCC are as follows: Prof. Mike Allwood (Warden), Anne Anderson (Asst. Warden), Irene Broadhurst (Asst. Warden), Nat Cochrane, Chris Connor, Annette Dale, Chris Grocott, Chris Johnson, Chris Morrison, Ian Oliver, Peter Parkin (PCC Secretary), Geoff Peel, Barrie Reed (Warden), Hilary Seeley, Martin Shaw (Lay Chair and Hon. Treasurer), Tim Sumpter (Chair) and Betty Tyler

**Summer Service Rotas and Additional News Sheets:** Are now available, for hard-copies please ask one of the Wardens.

**Pastoral Care:** I am forming a new Pastoral Care Group to offer a listening-based pastoral care to those church family members who cannot now get to church through ill health. The first meeting is planned for Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May from 2pm to 3pm at the Vicarage. For more information, please be in touch (Tim Sumpter).

**Kaleidoscope:** Next Meeting will be Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm at GLH – David Harris will be talking about their chosen charity **Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre**

**Fashion Show:** at the Methodist Church Hall on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May** at 7.30 p.m. Tickets £5 to include a £1 raffle ticket and available from Helen Alexander (574285), Thelma Spence (730952) or from JC Hairdressers.

**Easy Fundraising:** Has now raised **£632.23** [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)