

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.

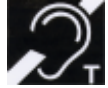
Sunday 27th November 2016 Advent Sunday

All Saints'

8.00am Holy Communion
Rom 13: 8-end; Matt 21: 1-13
11.00am Morning Worship
Isaiah 2: 1-5; Matt 24: 36-44

St Stephen's

9.15am Holy Communion
Isaiah 2: 1-5; Matt 24: 36-44



Items for your prayers...

Please pray for: Freya (Joy & Terry Cordwell's granddaughter), recovering from an operation, Peter Bagley (following a cancer diagnosis), Mary Hodges, Christine Hunt, Alice Allen, Barry and Margaret Wilson, Margaret Brennan, Ann Jacklin, Edna Rose, Margaret White, David Scott, Eve Allsop, Sheila Bye, Terry & Joy Cordwell, Jason & Scott Thomas, Stan & Erika, and Mark Connor.

Please pray for the family of John Brian Byard who sadly died this week. Brian's funeral is at All Saints' Ockbrook on Thursday 8th December at 10.30 am.

Please continue to pray for **Emma Peel** and the wider family. Emma is now better after the reaction to her vaccinations. She is back to being on very tiny amounts of oxygen, with trials in air for a few hours at a time. She now weighs 4lb 1oz and is starting to have a go at breast feeding. Praise God for how well & quickly she has recovered, and that she continues to move forward in all areas. Please pray that she continues to progress, particularly with her breathing and feeding, and as always stays free of infection. Please also pray for the whole family as we try to plan our time so Emma can really establish feeding. Love Issie, Geoff, Lily & Emma. Xx

A prayer for Advent: *Lord of the universe, Creator of all, You became human and weak, yet remained God. Help us in our weaknesses, give us strength and hope, until from the darkness of our sins, we walk into the light and glory of Christ Jesus. Thank you Lord that Your purposes will not fail and Your promises will not be broken. Let your Hope take hold of us all this Advent, and forever. Amen!*

Things you should know about...

Guest Preacher: On Advent Sunday, 27th November, we welcome Revd. Colin Emmerson, Minister of Borrowash Methodist Chapel, as our guest preacher at the 9.15 and 11.00 am services. Do please come and support Colin.

Throughout Advent: We will be using new Holy Communion liturgy booklets at St Stephen's, along with some new H/C settings by the choir. The booklets will be available from Advent Sunday (27th November). Do please come a little earlier to the 9.15 am service that day and familiarize yourself with the new liturgy.

Christmas Community Leaflets: These have all now been delivered. A big *thank you* to all those who have given up their time to deliver these and to Ruth Green who produced them. I have already received very positive comments about them from numerous residents (Tim Sumpter).

Operation Christmas Child: The Christmas shoeboxes will be collected on Monday, 28th November, so would you either bring to All Saints' or St Stephen's by Sunday, 27th November please, or alternatively telephone Janet Pinchbeck to arrange delivery direct to her.

Coffee Morning: with bring and buy at St. Stephen's Church on Saturday, 3rd December from 10 – 12 noon. This is to raise funds for Christmas flowers. Please come along and chat with friends.

Preparation of Christingles: We will be making Christingles on Saturday 3rd December at 6.00 p.m. in all Saints' Church. If you can spare half-a- hour it would be greatly appreciated. Children are particularly welcome. If you would like to donate to the Children's Society, there are card-board money-box candles at the back of All Saints'. (Sheila Exley).

Thank you: the following message of thanks has been received from the Leprosy Mission (via Keith Greatorex), for both our church congregations for recent donations: *'Your gift of a goat will provide a leprosy-affected family with an income through the production and sale of milk'*. Please also see the cards at the back of both churches.

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What's on w/c 27th November 2016

Sunday 27 th	4.00pm WOW Youth Group at GLH 5.00pm Inspire Youth Group at GLH
Wednesday 30 th	10.00am Holy Communion at St Stephen's
Thursday 1 st Dec	9.00am Shining Stars at GLH 7.45pm Bell Ringers meet at All Saints' 8.00pm Music Group Practice at All Saints'
Friday 2 nd	11.00am Choir Practice at St Stephen's (PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME)
Saturday 3 rd	10.00am Coffee Morning at St Stephen's (til 12 noon) 6.00pm Preparation of Christingles at All Saints'
Sunday 4 th	CHRISTINGLE 8.00am Holy Communion at All Saints' 9.15am All Age Worship at St Stephen's 11.00am 4ALL at All Saints' 4.00pm NO WOW or Inspire Youth Group at GLH 6.30pm Holy Communion at All Saints'
Monday 5 th	10.00pm Clergy, Readers and Wardens meet at Vicarage

Christmas Cards in aid of Church Building Fund: a selection of homemade cards and gift tags is available at the back of both churches.

Sale of Cards in aid of Church Building Fund - All Saints' We have recently had a problem with money going missing from the purse next to the card stand, so we are trying an alternative method of paying for cards: please either give the money to me (Janet Pinchbeck), or, alternatively please sign the sheet on the table giving your name, contact number and amount due for cards purchased. This money can then be given to me the next time you see me. Many thanks, Janet Pinchbeck

DECEMBER

Special Advent & Christmas Services

(please refer to news sheets for all regular services)

Sunday 4 th December	9.15 am All Age Christingle at St Stephen's 11.00 am 4ALL Christingle at All Saints'
Sunday 18 th December	6.30 pm 9 Lessons and Carols at All Saints'
Saturday 24 th December	6.00 pm Carols Around the Tree at St Stephen's 11.15 pm Midnight Mass
Sunday 25 th December	8.00 am BCP Said Holy Communion at All Saints' 10.00 am Family Worship at All Saints'

ALPHA

The 2017 Alpha course is on Tuesday evenings, beginning at 7pm in the church hall. The dates and themes are below. Do please pray about the course and invite family, friends, neighbours and colleagues along. For more information, do speak to the Alpha Coordinator, Elaine Bonser, on 606621.

Jan 10 th	Who is Jesus?
Jan 17 th	Why did Jesus die?
Jan 24 th	How can we have faith?
Jan 31 st	Why and how should I pray?
Feb 7 th	Why and how should I read the Bible?
Feb 11 th	Day Away (3 short talks on the Holy Spirit)
Feb 14 th	Does God heal today?
Feb 21 st	What about the church?
Feb 28 th	Curry night

Notices for the Next News Sheet to be issued w/c 27th November 2016

Any notices to be included in the News Sheet, must be with Moira Dick by **no later than 5pm on Tuesday 28th November 2016. Thank you.**

Some Other Events:

2017 Mission to Breaston:

Canon Roger Morgan (Tim's mentor) will be leading a mission to Breaston in the autumn of 2017. If you would like to be part of the team, please speak to Tim. Training will be given. We hope to have a mission in our parish sometime in 2018 and this might be a wonderful way for some to prepare for that.

Small Fundraiser for Church Funds:

Table-top sale. I have the opportunity to hire a Table-top at the Spondon Friends of Treetops Christmas Market, to be held in the Spondon Village Hall, on Saturday 26th. November 9.30am – 12 noon. I would appreciate offers of help, please, as well as goods to sell. Betty Tyler 675430.

Widows Meeting: The next meeting will take place Monday 5th December at 2pm at 50 Manor Road. Please note the change of venue for this meeting.

9 Lessons and Carols: the new Bishop of Repton, The Rt Revd Jan McFarlane, one of the first female bishops in the C of E, and the first in Derby Diocese, will be preaching at our 2016 Carol Service at All Saints', on **Sunday December 18th** at 6.30pm. Please put this date in your diary now, and come along with family and friends for what promises to be a wonderful occasion.

The balconies at All Saints': we have been advised by Ecclesiastical Insurance that the front support is too low and poses a danger, especially to children. Please be advised the balconies are not to be used until further notice (Tim Sumpter).

Derbyshire School Term Dates

31st October to 20th December. (Please check school websites for Inset Days).

Easy Fundraising has now raised £881.40 – If you are shopping online this Christmas and throughout the year please remember to activate donations to raise more money for the Church. If you are not registered, please go to the following link www.easyfundraising.org.uk If you require further assistance or advice on how to do so please contact Moira