

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.

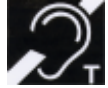
Sunday 11th December 2016 3rd Sunday of Advent

All Saints'

8.00am Holy Communion
Isa 35: 1-10; Matt 11: 2-10
11.00am Morning Worship
Isa 35: 1-10; Matt 11: 2-11

St Stephen's

9.15am Holy Communion
Isa 35: 1-10; Matt 11: 2-11



Items for your prayers...

Please pray for: Helen Staniland (recovering after a fall), Freya, Peter Bagley, 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, and Mark Connor.

Please pray for the family of Erica Walter (Jules Fraser-Burton's mother), whose funeral was on Tuesday 6th December and the family of Brian Byard, whose funeral was on Thursday 8th December.

Please continue to pray for **Emma Peel** and the wider family. Emma is doing fantastically well. She has now been off Oxygen completely for well over a week. In the last couple of days, she seems to have really got the hang of breast feeding. If things continue as they are Issie will spend Sunday and Monday nights at the NICU getting feeding fully established and then Emma should come home early next week. Praise God for the amazing progress she has made. Pray for the feeding to get fully established and that Emma coming home is not delayed and is a safe and easy process for the whole family, particularly that Emma adjusts well to her new environment and that Lily adjusts well to having a little sister. Love Issie, Geoff, Lily and Emma. xxxx

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 Sunday, 11th December, we welcome Revd. Jason Kennedy, Church Growth Officer for the Archdeaconry of Derby, as our guest preacher at the 9.15 and 11.00 am services. Do please come and support Jason.

St. Stephen's Coffee Morning: Many thanks to those who helped and/or supported the coffee morning last Saturday. We raised the sum of £103.00 towards the cost of the Christmas flowers. Anne Anderson & Joy Cordwell.

Making of Christingles: Thank you to everyone who helped make the Christingles and thank you to Chrissie Christingle (aka Lottie Cochrane) who made a guest appearance at 11am Christingle Service at All Saints' to support Tim in telling the Christingle Story. Maybe Chrissie Christingle will make another appearance sometime soon!

Kaleidoscope are holding their annual Christmas Celebration on **Tuesday 13th December** in the Church Hall at 2pm. Visitors (all ages) are welcome to help us enjoy our afternoon of singing, readings and refreshments!

Choir Rehearsals for Nine Lessons and Carols will take place at All Saints' on Friday 16th December at 1.30pm and will last 2 hours.

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.

Christmas Cards: have been received from Jason, Tracy, Ruby and Libby Day, our CMS Mission Partners in Thailand, sending New Year wishes to everyone at All Saints' & St Stephen's. The cards are available at the back of both churches.

Spring Rotas and Additional News Sheets: are now complete. If you have email, they will come via that medium, if not, please ask one of the Church Wardens as they will be at the back of each church (Tim Sumpter)

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What's on w/c 11th December 2016

Sunday 11 th	4.00pm	WOW Youth Group at GLH
	5.00pm	Inspire Youth Group at GLH
Monday 12 th	7.00pm	Redhill WI Carol Service at All Saints'
Tuesday 13 th	2.00pm	Kaleidoscope Christmas Celebrations at GLH
Wednesday 14 th	10.00am	Holy Communion at St Stephen's
Thursday 15 th	9.00am	Shining Stars at GLH
	7.45pm	Bell Ringers meet at All Saints'
	8.00pm	Music Group Practice at All Saints'
Friday 16 th	1.30pm	Choir Practice at All Saints' (NOTE CHANGE OF TIME & VENUE)
Sunday 18 th	8.00am	Morning Prayer at All Saints'
	9.15am	Holy Communion at St Stephen's
	11.00am	Morning Worship at All Saints'
	4.00pm	WOW Youth Group at GLH
	5.00pm	Inspire Youth Group at GLH
	6.30pm	Nine Lessons & Carols at All Saints'
Thursday 22 nd	4.00pm	Baptism of Layla Grace Harris (granddaughter of John & Jill Rowland) at All Saints'.

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 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 11th December 2016

Any notices to be included in the News Sheet, must be with Moira Dick by **no later than 5pm on Tuesday 13th December 2016. Thank you.**

Some Other Events/Items:

Next News Sheet: This will be the last one for 2016 covering w/c 18/12/2016, 25/12/2016 & 01/01/2017 with the first News Sheet for 2017 being issued 06/01/2017. Please ensure any items for these weeks are with Moira no later than **Tuesday 13th December.** Many Thanks

Christmas Cards: Tim and Zoe have decided again not to send individual Christmas cards this year, but instead to make a gift to the Nepali orphans cared for by the Emmanuel 2000 charity. So, this comes with their wishes that you all have a Christ-centered and peaceful Christmas and all God's blessing for 2017!

Refreshments All Saints' – Sylvia Wood would like to thank all helpers on the Rota who have given of their time throughout the year. Sylvia is handing over the sum of £250, which will go towards our building fund. If anyone would like to volunteer to help on the refreshment Rota, please let Sylvia know. Many Thanks.

New Address & Christmas Cards: As some of you know I will be moving house on Monday 12th December. My new address will be 57 Kimberley Road, Borrowash. I am hoping that my landline telephone number will remain unchanged. I have made the decision, owing to time pressures, that I will not send out Christmas Cards locally, but will instead give a donation to our Church Building Fund. May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy, Peaceful and Blessed Christmas. Janet Pinchbeck xx

Stuck for Christmas Present ideas? I have several of my biographies left. £10 for two or £7.50 for one. All monies go to the Building Fund and can be gift-aided. John Jacklin 669670

Easy Fundraising has now raised £895.36. If you are shopping online this Christmas, please remember to activate donations to raise more money for the Church. If you are not registered, the link is www.easyfundraising.org.uk If you require further assistance or advice on how to register please contact Moira.