

Additional News Sheet Information January – April 2017

January

Knowing Jesus and making Jesus known:

This is the theme for the sermon series running in our main Sunday 9.15/11.00 am morning services. We will be working through the lectionary as we journey towards Easter, taking time to reflect on the life and teachings of Jesus, and their resonance and relevance for us today.

Renewal of baptism vows:

Each year we renew the promises we made at our baptisms as a way of recommitting our lives to the Way of Jesus Christ. We will be doing this in the main 9.15 and 11.00 am services on Sunday 8th January.

Week of prayer for Christian unity:

Once again, the local ministers will be meeting to pray and extend an invitation to all to come and join in at the following venues each day from 12.00 noon – 12.30 pm:

Monday	16 th	All Saints'	Ockbrook
Tuesday	17 th	Methodists	Borrowash
Wednesday	18 th	Moravian	Ockbrook
Thursday	19 th	St Stephen's	Borrowash
Friday	20 th	St Hughes	Borrowash

Messy Church Christingle:

Our first Messy Church of the year is in St Stephen's Borrowash on Sunday January 8th at 4pm. This event is for all the family, especially those with younger children. There will be crafts, stories, songs and refreshments. A good opportunity to invite family and friends who don't normally come to church.

Joint Service:

There will be a joint service on Sun. 29th Jan. in All Saints' at 10.00 am. Please note there are no other services in the Anglican churches on this day.

Intercession training:

We are grateful for all those in our church family who offer intercessions in our worship services. This short training session will offer guidelines for crafting intercessions, and resources that can be used. It will be a refresher for those already on the rota and guidance for those thinking about offering this ministry. The session will follow the joint service on Sun. Jan. 29th at All Saints', once refreshments have been served and is anticipated to run from 11.45 am to 12.30 pm. Do please sign up on the sheets at the back of both churches.

February

Ash Wednesday Holy Communion with Ashing:

Since the early church, Christians have received ash on their foreheads on Ash Wednesday as a sign of penitence to begin the season of Lent. We will be continuing this ancient practice in St Stephen's on Wednesday 1st February at 7.00 pm. Please note this service will have an Anglo-Catholic feel and the preacher and celebrant will be Fr. Glenn Martin.

Messy Church:

Our messy church event is on Sunday Feb. 12th at 4pm in St Stephen's.

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 Feb. 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 2017/18.

March

Quiet Day:

On Sat. 4th March at the Convent of the Holy Cross in Costock (near Loughborough) from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm (including Holy Communion with the Sisters at 12.00 noon). This day, led by Tim, is designed for those who wish to recharge their spiritual batteries. There will be room for up to 16 retreatants, so please look out for the sign-up sheets at the back of each church. There will be a charge of £5.00 for the day. Please bring packed lunches and drinks and lifts will be provided.

Messy Church:

Our messy church event is on Sunday March 12th at 4pm in St Stephen's.

Women's World Day of Prayer:

This service is on Friday 3rd March in Borrowash Methodist Chapel, beginning at 10.30 am. For more details please check regular news sheet and speak to Sheila Exley (673771).

Mothering Sunday (26th March):

Small posies will be given out to each lady in our services today.

April

Messy Church:

Our Easter Messy Church is a chance to celebrate through crafts, games and lots of fun! Running on Sunday 9th April at 4pm in St Stephen's.

Special Easter Services (please refer to regular news sheets for all *usual* services):

Monday	10 th April	Reflective service	7.00pm	St Stephen's
Tuesday	11 th April		7.00pm	All Saints'
Wednesday	12 th April		7.00pm	St Stephen's
Thursday	13 th April		7.00pm	All Saints'
Friday	14 th April	Open air service	12.00 noon	CO-OP car park
		Hour at the Cross	2.00pm	All Saints'
Sunday	16 th April	Said Holy Communion	8.00am	All Saints'
		Sung Holy Communion	9.15 am	St Stephen's
		Family Communion	11.00am	All Saints'
Sunday	23 rd April	Joint Service H/C	10.00am	St Stephen's

AGM:

This will be on the morning of Sunday 30th April 2017 and will take place as follows: There will be a short joint service at All Saints' beginning at 10.00 am (no 8.00, 9.15 or 11.00 am service that day). At 11.15 am following light refreshments the AGM will commence. Lifts will be arranged for those who need them, and more details will be on our regular news sheets.

General Information

Alpha:

Will run on Tuesday evenings (10th Jan to 23rd Feb. inclusive) from 7.00 to 9.30 pm at the Church Hall in Ockbrook. This has proven to be a wonderful way of discovering the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly and informal atmosphere.

Guest preachers:

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

On Sunday 29th Jan. (at the joint 10.00 am service at All Saints') we will welcome back Peter Goddard the manager of the Cathedral Bookshop in Derby.

On Sunday 2nd April (at the 11.00 am 4ALL service) we will welcome back Alastair Langton, the Youth Coordinator for Derby Diocese.

Joint Services (please refer to regular news sheets for all *usual* services):

There are four joint morning services throughout this period and on these Sundays, there will be no other services in the Anglican churches in the parish. The services are as follows:

Sunday	29 th Jan.	10am	All Saints' (5 th Sunday)
Sunday	12 th Feb.	10am	St Stephen's
Sunday	23 rd April	10am	St Stephen's (Sunday after Easter)
Sunday	30 th April	10am	All Saints' (followed by the AGM at 11.15 am)

School Term Dates (please note there is occasional variation due to inset days):

11th February - 20th February

7th April - 24th April

Clocks Change - spring forward by one hour - on Sunday March 26th.

PCC Meetings:

Including all dates up to the 2018 AGM, so those considering standing for the PCC in 2017 can avoid booking holidays on these dates:

The PCC meets at 7.30 pm in the church hall on:

2017

Tuesday 10th January

Tuesday 7th March

AGM – Sunday 30th April in All Saints' at 11.15 am

Tuesday 6th June

Tuesday 5th September

Tuesday 7th November (including annual review of all worship services)

2018

Tuesday 9th January

Tuesday 6th March

AGM – Sunday 29th April in All Saints' at 11.15 am

Standing Committee meetings - in the vicarage at 1.30 pm on the following:

2017

Wed. Feb. 1st

Tue. May 2nd

Tue. July 4th

Tue. Oct. 3rd
Tue. Dec. 5th
2018
Tue. Feb. 6th

Clergy, Readers & Wardens meet (at the Vicarage and beginning at 10.00am) on:

Monday 9th January
Monday 6th February
Monday 6th March
Monday 10th April

(Check website for all details:

www.allsaints.ockbrook.com/www.ststephens.borroughwash.com)

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