# 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 4<sup>th</sup> December 2016 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent - CHRISTINGLE

All Saints'

**8.00am** Holy Communion Rom 15: 4-13; Luke 21:25-33 **11.00am** 4All **Christingle** 

John 1: 1-14

**6.30pm** Holy Communion Rom 15: 4-13; Matt 3: 1-12

St Stephen's
9.15am All Age Worship
Christingle
John 1: 1-14



# 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, and Mark Connor.

Please pray for the family of Erica Walter (Jules Fraser-Burton's mother), whose funeral is on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December in Bramcote Crematorium at 9.00am, and the family of Brian Byard, whose funeral is in All Saints' Ockbrook on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> 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...

**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 (27<sup>th</sup> November). Do please come a little earlier to the 9.15 am service that day and familiarize yourself with the new liturgy.

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

**Making of 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).

**Guest Preacher:** On **Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> December**, we welcome Revd. Jason Kennedy, Church Growth Officer for the Archdeaconry of Derby, Derby Diocese as our guest preacher at the 9.15 and 11.00 am services. Do please come and support Jason.

**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  $9^{th}$  &  $16^{th}$  December at 1.30pm and will last 2 hours on both days.

**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 18**<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Operation Christmas Child – shoeboxes:** Thank you to all who made shoeboxes this year. A total of 62 boxes were collected. I believe that our boxes will be going to Serbia. (Janet Pinchbeck).

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#### What's on w/c 4th December 2016 Saturday 3rd December 10.00am Coffee Morning at St Stephen's (til 12 noon) 6.00pm Preparation of Christingles at All Saints' Sunday 4th 4.00pm NO WOW or Inspire Youth Group at GLH Monday 5th 10.00am Clergy, Readers and Wardens meet at Vicarage 2.00pm Widow's Meeting at 50 Manor Road Tuesday 6th 9.00am Funeral of Erica Walter at Bramcote Crematorium. 10.00am Quiet Prayer Service at St Stephen's Wednesday 7th 10.00am Holy Communion at St Stephen's Thursday 8th 9.00am Shining Stars at GLH 10.30am Funeral of Brian Byard at All Saints' Ockbrook. 7.45pm Bell Ringers meet at All Saints' 8.00pm Music Group Practice at All Saints' Friday 9th 1.30pm Choir Practice at All Saints' ( NOTE CHANGE OF TIME & VENUE) Sunday 11th 8.00am Holy Communion 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

**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<sup>th</sup> December 6.30 pm 9 Lessons and Carols at All Saints' Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December 6.00 pm Carols Around the Tree at St Stephen's

11.15 pm Midnight Mass

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup>	Who is Jesus?
Jan 17 <sup>th</sup>	Why did Jesus die?
Jan 24 <sup>th</sup>	How can we have faith?
Jan 31 <sup>st</sup>	Why and how should I pray?
Feb 7 <sup>th</sup>	Why and how should I read the Bible?
Feb 11 <sup>th</sup>	Day Away (3 short talks on the Holy Spirit)
Feb 14 <sup>th</sup>	Does God heal today?
Feb 21st	What about the church?
Feb 28 <sup>th</sup>	Curry night

Notices for the Next News Sheet to be issued w/c 4<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Any notices to be included in the News Sheet, must be with Moira Dick by no later than 5pm on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016. Thank you.

### Some Other Events/Items:

### **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.

Thank you: to all who responded so kindly to my request for goods to sell (you donated some really good quality gifts) for the 'Table-top' Fundraising on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Thanks especially to Val & John Hills, Gill & John Roland & Keith Tyler, for your help on the day, and for support from Margaret & Peter Parkin. The amount raised was £61.80

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

Easy Fundraising has now raised £892.95. 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 <a href="https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk">www.easyfundraising.org.uk</a> If you require further assistance or advice on how to register please contact Moira.