

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.

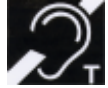
Sunday 18th December 2016 4th Sunday of Advent

All Saints'

8.00am Morning Prayer
Isa 40: 1-9; John 1: 19-28
11.00am Morning Worship
Rom 1: 1-7; Matt 1: 18-end

St Stephen's

9.15am Holy Communion
Rom 1: 1-7; Matt 1: 18-end



Items for your prayers...

Please pray for: Helen Staniland, Freya (following another operation), Peter Bagley, Mary Hodges, Christine Hunt, Barry and Margaret Wilson, Margaret Brennan, Ann Jacklin, Edna Rose, Margaret White, David Scott (in hospital with pneumonia), Eve Allsop, Sheila Bye, Terry & Joy Cordwell, Jason & Scott, Stan, and Mark Connor.

Please pray: for those missionaries, we support: Jason, Tracy, Libby and Ruby Day; Ben and Anna (settling in well), and the work of Emmanuel 2000 in Nepal, especially Pastor Gopal and all his team and the orphans and widows.

Issie, Geoff & Lily are pleased to announce that they brought **Emma** home on Thursday 15th December in the afternoon. Please continue to pray for Emma and the wider family and that Emma adjusts well to her new environment and that Lily adjusts well to having a little sister as well as Issie and Geoff as they begin the next phase of family life together. Praise the Lord. Love Issie, Geoff, Lily and Emma. xxxx

A prayer for Christmas: Lord at this time of Christmas when we remember the birth of Jesus, called Prince of Peace, we pray for peace in all the troubled places on earth, and especially Syria. Help us who follow Jesus to be so rich with your love, generosity and justice, that we recognize we can afford to pay the price of peace. Amen!

Things you should know about...

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.

Please note that following the 11.00am service on Sun. Dec. 18th there will be no refreshments, as there will be a dress rehearsal of the Kids' Church nativity, which all can see on Christmas Day (Tim Sumpter).

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', this Sunday December 18th at 6.30pm. Please come along with family and friends for what promises to be a wonderful occasion.

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'

Knowing Jesus and making Jesus known: This is the theme for the sermon series running in our main Sunday 9.15/11.00am 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 11.00am services on Sunday 8th January 2017

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

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What's on w/c 18th, 25th December 2016 & 1st January 2017

Sunday 18 th December	4.00pm WOW Youth Group at GLH 5.00pm Inspire Youth Group at GLH 6.30pm Nine Lessons & Carols at All Saints'
Wednesday 21 st	10.00am Holy Communion at St Stephen's
Thursday 22 nd	9.00am Shining Stars at GLH 4.00pm Baptism of Layla Grace Harris (granddaughter of John & Jill Rowland) at All Saints'. 7.45pm Bell Ringers meet at All Saints' 8.00pm Music Group Practice at All Saints'
Friday 23 rd	11.00am Choir Practice at All Saints' (NOTE CHANGE OF TIME)
Saturday 24 th	CHRISTMAS EVE 6.00pm Carols Round Tree at St Stephen's 11.15pm Midnight Mass at All Saints'
Sunday 25 th	CHRISTMAS DAY 8.00am Holy Communion at All Saints' 10.00am Christmas Family Worship at All Saints'
Wednesday 28 th	10.00am Holy Communion at St Stephen's
Thursday 29 th	7.45pm Bell Ringers meet at All Saints'
Friday 30 th	11.00am Choir Practice at All Saints' (NOTE CHANGE OF TIME)
Sunday 1 st January 2017	NEW YEAR'S DAY 10.00am Joint Holy Communion Service at St Stephen's
Tuesday 3 rd	10.00am Quiet Prayer Service at St Stephen's
Wednesday 4 th	10.00am Holy Communion at St Stephen's 7.00pm Briar Close Service
Thursday 5 th	9.00am Shining Stars at GLH 7.45pm Bell Ringers meet at All Saints' 8.00pm Music Group Practice at All Saints'
Friday 6 th	11.00am Choir Practice at All Saints' (NOTE CHANGE OF TIME)
Sunday 8 th	8.00am Holy Communion at All Saints' 9.15am Holy Communion at St Stephen's 11.00am Holy Communion at All Saints' 4.00pm Messy Church 4.00pm No WOW or Inspire Youth Group
Monday 9 th	10.00am Staff meet at the Vicarage
Tuesday 10 th	7.30pm PCC meet at the GLH

Spring Rotas and Additional News Sheets: have now been distributed. There are some hard copies at the back of each church.

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 1st January 2017

Any notices to be included in the News Sheet, must be with Moira Dick by **no later than 5pm on Tuesday 3rd January 2017. Thank you.**

Some Other Events/Items:

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 have moved and my new address is 57 Kimberley Road, Borrowash. My landline telephone number will remain unchanged. I have made the decision, owing to time pressures, 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

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.

Easy Fundraising has now raised £911.20. Shopping online this Christmas, please remember to activate donations to raise more money for the Church; the link is www.easyfundraising.org.uk If you require further assistance or advice on how to register please contact Moira.