

The Parish of All Saints' Ockbrook with St Stephen's Borrowwash

Creating a safe space for taking risks in Christ's name

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 3rd December 2017 1st Sunday of Advent

All Saints'

8.00am Holy Communion
Rom 13 1-end; Matt 21: 1-13
11.00am 4All Christingle Service

St Stephen's

9.15am All Age Christingle
John 1: 1-14



Items for your prayers...

Please pray for: Hilary Seeley, Jeanette Williams (now home), Mary Hodges following the death of her brother David, Janet Hoban, Sheila Bye, David Scott, Margaret Brennan, Ruby Brennan, Ivy Johnson, Michael Hart, Shirley & Philip Churchman, Christine Hunt, Barry and Margaret Wilson, Ann & John Jacklin, Terry & Joy Cordwell, Megan Roberts, Jason Thomas, Pauline Johnson, Gary Tyler (Keith & Betty's Nephew), Pradeep Thomas recovering from an operation, Susan (Kathy and David Ward's daughter) & Dr Sheila Sykes (who would love to have visitors; please contact Jane Legg on 01332 662500 for details).

Drama Group: Please pray for the children as they prepare and perform at various locations during the month of December.

Please also pray for the current Youth Alpha course.

Please pray for all our Christmas services and do please invite family and friends, especially to the 9 Lessons and Carols at 6.30 pm in All Saints' on Sun 17th Dec. with Bishop Alistair, and the Table-Talk event in the Apple Tree Café on Tue 19th Dec.

A Prayer for Advent:

Advent means 'coming' and is a season of waiting when we look for the coming of Jesus to earth. As we wait, so we pray:

Heavenly Father, Lord God Almighty, we pray this Advent that the light of Christ Jesus might shine into the darkness in our lives, the darkness in our communities, the darkness in our nation and the darkness that exists in all the nations. May the light of Jesus bring new life, love and liberty to many people, and transformation to many communities.

All: Amen

Things you should know about...

December Prayer Breakfast Sat, 2nd December: 8.30 am-9.30 am, 192 Cole Lane B'wash. Please call Geoff or Issie to book breakfast: 583068.

Churches open for prayer Sat. 2nd December: All Saints' Ockbrook and St Stephen's Borrowwash will be open from 12.00 noon - 12.30 pm. Come along for silence, reflection, to light a candle, to pray for our world, nation & local community, and all the things on your minds and hearts. Each session will end with a short time of spoken prayer led by one of the church staff. All most welcome!

Breakfast with Santa – Saturday 2nd December – this has been very popular again this year and is now fully booked.

Christingles: We will be making Christingles in All Saints' church on Saturday, 2nd December at 6.00 p.m. All helpers will be very welcome, especially children. For further details please ring Sheila Exley: 673771.

Wow Youth Group: will be selling cakes and other Christmas items after the 4ALL Christingle service this Sunday **3rd December** to raise money for their chosen charity: Teenage Cancer Trust. Your support would be very much appreciated.

2018 Spring Service Rotas & Additional News sheet: will all be available from next weekend.

The Building Fund: thank you to all those from our church family who have now sent in their pledges – which is really appreciated. Should you still wish to do so, you can send in the pledged money in the following ways: **1.** A cheque MPT *The Ockbrook with Borrowwash PCC* along with your pledge form, in an envelope marked All Saints' Building Fund. **2.** Cash, along with your pledge form, in an envelope marked All Saints' Building Fund. **3.** Set up a Direct Debit with your bank to pay the amount monthly. Please contact Martin Shaw about this on - 01332 661569 or martinshaw47@gmail.com Information about the amount raised will be communicated asap.

Help needed: we need volunteers to help on the All Saints' Cleaning Rota; please contact Joyce Wild for further details. We also need someone to offer time to caretake our Gordon Lacey Hall; remuneration is given for this. If we can't get this help, then the hall may have to be closed to guests. For more details please speak to Tim.

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What's on w/c 3rd Dec 2017

Saturday 2 nd Dec	8.30am Prayer Breakfast at 192 Cole Lane, Borrowash
	9.00am Breakfast with Santa at Church Hall – 1 st Sitting
	10.15am Breakfast with Santa at Church Hall – 2 nd Sitting
	12 noon St Stephen's Open for quiet Prayer & Reflection
	12 noon All Saints' open for quiet Prayer & Reflection
	6.00pm Making Christingles at All Saints'
Sunday 3 rd	5.00pm Youth Alpha at Church Hall
Monday 4 th	Drama Group performing at Aspen Court Nursing Home
Tuesday 5 th	10.00 am Full Staff meeting at Vicarage
	1.30pm Standing Committee meet at Vicarage
Wednesday 6 th	10.00am Holy Communion at St Stephen's
	4.00pm Briar Close Service
Thursday 7 th	9.00am Shining Stars at GLH – Christmas Party (restarts 4 th Jan)
	7.45pm Bell Ringers meet at All Saints'
	8.00pm Music Group Practice at All Saints'
Friday 8 th	11.00am Choir Practice at St Stephen's
	6.30pm WOW Youth Group meeting at GLH til 8pm
Saturday 9 th	12 noon St Stephen's Open for quiet Prayer & Reflection
	12 noon All Saints' open for quiet Prayer & Reflection
	2.00pm Advent Afternoon Tea at Church Hall
Sunday 10 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 at St Stephen's

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Churches open for prayer this Advent: Each Saturday in Advent - Sat. Dec. 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd - All Saints' Ockbrook and St Stephen's Borrowash will be open from 12.00 noon - 12.30 pm. Come along for silence, reflection, to light a candle, to pray for our world, nation & local community, and all the things on your minds and hearts. Each session will end with a short time of spoken prayer led by one of the church staff. All most welcome!

Advent Tea & Quiz: Hosted by the Social Committee on 9th December between 2-4pm at the Gordon Lacey Hall. Tickets £6.50 each from Anne Anderson (674985), Betty Tyler (675430), Val & John Hills (799637) or Nat Cochrane (07966 502740).

Christmas Table Talk-A Game of Conversations (at The Apple Tree Café in Ockbrook):

The aim of Table Talk is to provide a safe space to explore the big and not so big questions of Christmas. This is done through a pack of questions given to each table. The game starts as someone picks up a question card and poses it to the group. As we do that, conversations flourish, and there is plenty of fun. Each game lasts around 1 hour. The event is at the Apple Tree Café in Ockbrook, on Tuesday 19th December from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm. There is no fee, but it expected that each participant will want to order a drink and piece of cake etc Please note due to spaces **you must pre-book** by contacting Tim on: 01332 820084 / tmsumpter@hotmail.co.uk or signing onto the sheet at church.

Supporting the Homeless in Derby this Christmas: In Advent this year (Dec. 3rd to Dec. 24th) we are supporting the Padley centre in Derby, which helps those who are homeless in the city. If you would like to help, please bring any non-perishable food items and/or toiletries to either St Stephen's or All Saints', at one of our many services.

Special Advent & Christmas Services: (please refer to weekly news sheets for all regular services):

Sunday 10 th December	4.00 pm Messy Christingle at St Stephen's
Sunday 17 th December	6.30 pm 9 Lessons and Carols at All Saints'
Monday 18 th December	7.00 pm Redhill WI Carol Concert in All Saints'
Sunday 24 th December	6.00 pm Carols Round the Tree at St Stephen's
	11.15 pm Midnight Mass at All Saints'
Monday 25 th December	8.00 am BCP Said Holy Communion at All Saints'
	10.00 am Family Worship at All Saints'
Sunday 31st December	10.00 am Joint H/C service at St Stephen's.

Notices for the Next News Sheet to be issued w/c 3rd Dec 2017

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

Other Items:

Coffee Morning at St. Stephen's –

Many thanks to all those who helped or supported the coffee morning last Saturday. The sum of £116.00 was raised towards the Christmas flowers. Anne and Joy.

All Saints re-ordering - The Building Committee & Tim had a very useful meeting with the DAC reps, who reviewed our proposals. These will be considered at the December meeting of the committee. Feedback will be provided to inform our full Faculty submission early in 2018. This process should expedite the procedure for full approval to proceed, hopefully before the summer. The Building Committee

Baptism: on Dec. 10th at the 11am service Tim will baptise Luke Stothers.

Hope is Born: A Nativity Festival at Borrowash Methodist will take place over the first weekend of December 2017, see posters in church for times.

Advanced notice of sermon series:

next Spring we will begin a sermon series on the New Testament book *Romans*. The aim of the series is exegetical, rather than motivational, and therefore to work *slowly* through the entire book. Could I encourage you to pray about this sermon series, and prepare by reading through *Romans*, and by reading one of the many commentaries (Tim Sumpter).

Weddings booked so far for 2018 in All Saints':

Fri. 26th Jan. at 2.00 pm.
Sat. 26th May at 12.30 pm.
Sun. 27th May at 2pm.
Sat. 18th Aug. at 2.30 or 3.00 pm.
Thur. 23rd Aug. at 12.30 pm.

Easy Fundraising: is a simple way to raise funds for our churches. To join: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invoke/HPKA7C> It takes you through 3 steps. We have raised **£1244.53** to date. Please chat to Nat or Moira with any questions.

Co-op community fund – Thank you to those who have nominated the All Saints' Church Building Project as their chosen cause. **£6.98** has been raised so far. Please consider picking up a card & nominating us for the next 11 months.