

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 10th December 2017 2nd Sunday of Advent

All Saints'

8.00am Holy Communion
Rom 15: 4-13; Lk 21: 25-33

11.00am Holy Communion
Isaiah 40: 1-10; Mk 1: 1-8

St Stephen's

9.15am Holy Communion
Isaiah 40: 1-10; Mk 1: 1-8



Items for your prayers...

Please pray for: Margaret Parkin, Jackie Morrison, Jeanette Williams, Mary Hodges, Janet Hoban, Sheila Bye, David Scott, Margaret Brennan, Ivy Johnson, Michael Hart, Shirley & Philip Churchman, Christine Hunt, Barry and Margaret Wilson, Ann & John Jacklin, Terry & Joy Cordwell, Megan Roberts, Jason Thomas, Gary Tyler (Keith & Betty's Nephew), Susan Donnelly, Col. Mike Reynolds & Dr Sheila Sykes (who would love to have visitors -please contact Jane Legg on 01332 662500 for details).

Please pray for Luke Stothers as he is baptised at the 11.00 am service on Sunday 10th December.

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 also pray for our Christmas services, and do 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...

Churches open for prayer Sat. 9th 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. Each session will end with a short time of spoken prayer led by one of the church staff. All most welcome!

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 is expected that each participant will want to order a drink and piece of cake etc Please note **you must pre-book** by contacting Tim on: 01332 820084 / tmsumpter@hotmail.co.uk or signing onto the sheet at church.

Building Fund Update: thank you to all those from our church family who have now sent in their pledges, so far we have raised £62,500 (including Gift Aid). If you haven't given yet, it isn't too late. You can send in: **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

2018 Spring Service Rotas & Additional News sheet: these are now available. If you will receive these as an email attachment along with this news sheet. There will also be hard-copies at the back of each church, please speak to the wardens for these.

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 10th Dec 2017

Saturday 9 th Dec	12 noon	St Stephen's Open for quiet Prayer & Reflection
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	2.00pm	Advent Afternoon Tea at Church Hall
Sunday 10 th	4.00pm	Messy Church at St Stephen's
	5.00pm	NO Youth Alpha
Monday 11 th	9.15am	Staff meeting at Vicarage
	4.30pm	Drama Group at GLH
Tuesday 12 th	2.00pm	Kaleidoscope at GLH – CHRISTMAS THEME
Wednesday 13 th	10.00am	Morning Prayer at St Stephen's
	7.00pm	4ALL team meeting at
Thursday 14 th	9.00am	NO Shining Stars restarts 4 th Jan
	7.45pm	Bell Ringers meet at All Saints'
	8.00pm	Music Group Practice at All Saints'
Friday 15 th	11.00am	Choir Practice at St Stephen's
	6.30pm	WOW Youth Group meeting at GLH til 8pm
Saturday 16 th		Drama Group performing at Aspen Court
Sunday 17 th	8.00am	Holy Communion at All Saints'
	9.15am	Holy Communion at St Stephen's
	11.00am	Morning Worship at All Saints'
	5.00pm	Inspire Youth Group Christmas Party
	6.30pm	9 Lessons and Carols at All Saints'
Monday 18 th	7.15pm	WI/Redhill Carol concert at All Saints' Ockbrook

Special Advent & Christmas 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.

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The Message of Romans: This is the theme for the sermon series running in our main Sunday 9.15/11.00 am morning services - exploring the meaning and relevance of the New Testament Book of Romans. The aim of this series is exegetical, rather than motivational, and therefore to work *slowly* through the entire book. In this series we will be focusing on chapters 1 to 5. Please prepare by reading through Romans, and by reading one of the many commentaries which can be purchased from Amazon or Derby Cathedral Bookshop.

Prayer Breakfast: Saturday 6th Jan. 8.30 am at 192 Cole Lane Borrowwash (please let Geoff or Issie Peel know if you are staying for breakfast from 9.00 – 9.30 am).

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 11.00 am 4ALL service on Sunday 7th January.

Week of prayer for Christian unity-Thursday 18th to the Thursday 25th Jan: 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	22 nd	All Saints'	Ockbrook
Tuesday	23 rd	Methodists	Borrowwash
Wednesday	24 th	Moravian	Ockbrook
Thursday	25 th	St Stephen's	Borrowwash
Friday	26 th	St Hughes	Borrowwash

Question Time: A chance to ask questions of the local Ministers about '*Life, Death & the Universe*' on Wed. 24th January 7.00 pm at St Hughes RC church, Borrowwash. Please let Tim have your questions using tmsumpter@hotmail.co.uk

Notices for the Next News Sheet covering next three 3 weeks

Any notices to be included in the News Sheet, must be with Moira Dick by **no later than 5pm on Tuesday 12th Dec 2017. Thank you.**

Other Items:

Christingles: Thank you to everyone who helped make the Christingles last week and to all who supported this event. We had one our largest Christingle congregations so far, at All Saints'.

Wow Youth Group: A huge thank you to everyone who supported buying cakes and crafts after the Christingle service; a fantastic £212.81 was raised for the Teenage Cancer Trust

Kaleidoscope Meeting - 2pm Tuesday 12th December - Christmas Theme. All welcome including Men. We look forward to seeing you. Carole Read.

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.

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.

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.

Chancel window All Saints': We are anticipating the window will be refitted sometime early in the new year, along with the stonework repairs.

Easy Fundraising: is a simple way to raise funds for our churches. To join: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/joinite/HPKA7C> It takes you through 3 steps. We have raised **£1248.38** 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. **£14.12** has been raised so far. Please consider picking up a card & nominating us for the next 11 months.