

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 17th December 2017 3rd Sunday of Advent

All Saints'

8.00am Morning Prayer

1 Cor 4: 1-5; Matt 11: 2-10

11.00am Morning Worship

1 Thess 5: 16-24; Jn 1: 6-8; 19-28

6.30pm 9 Lessons & Carols

St Stephen's

9.15am Holy Communion

1 Thess 5: 16-24; Jn 1: 6-8; 19-28



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), Col. Mike Reynolds & Dr Sheila Sykes (who would love to have visitors -please contact Jane Legg on 01332 662500 for details).

Please pray too for Susan Donnelly who is very poorly. Pray also for Susan's husband Jack, and her parents David and Kathy.

Pray also for Aaron and Laura whose baby was born at 28 weeks and has sadly died.

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 Christmas:

Lord God, in the light of the coming of the gift of Jesus, help us to give of ourselves as well as giving presents. Help us to give without thought of receiving and to receive without thought of giving. Help us also not to hoard possessions and use each of us as instruments of your generous peace, practical compassion and perfect love; **Amen.**

Things you should know about...

Churches open for prayer Sat. 16th 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.

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.

Christmas Cards and Christmas wishes: I have received a Christmas cards for the churches from Shirley and Philip Churchman, sending their love and thanking everyone for prayers, and from our CMS mission partners, Jason and Tracy Day and their girls in Thailand. The cards will be at the back of each church.

Zoe and I would also like to wish everyone in the church family a blessed Christmas and blessings for the new year. As usual, we will be sending a gift in lieu of Christmas cards to our Charity. Tim

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What's on w/c 17th, 24th & 31st Dec 2017

Saturday 16 th Dec	12 noon	St Stephen's Open for quiet Prayer & Reflection
	12 noon	All Saints' open for quiet Prayer & Reflection
Sunday 17 th	5.00pm	Inspire Youth Group Christmas Party
Monday 18 th	4.30pm	Drama Group nativity rehearsal at All Saints'
	7.00pm	WI/Redhill Carol concert at All Saints' Ockbrook
Tuesday 19 th	7.30pm	Christmas Table Talk (The Apple Tree Café Ockbrook)
Wednesday 20 th	10.00am	Holy Communion at St Stephen's
Thursday 21 st	9.00am	NO Shining Stars restarts 4 th Jan 2018
	7.45pm	Bell Ringers meet at All Saints'
	8.00pm	Music Group Practice at All Saints'
Friday 22 nd	11.00am	Choir Practice at St Stephen's
	6.30pm	NO WOW Youth Group
Saturday 23 rd	12 noon	St Stephen's Open for quiet Prayer & Reflection
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Sunday 24 th		CHRISTMAS EVE
	9.15am	Holy Communion at St Stephen's
	11.00am	Holy Communion at All Saints'
	6.00pm	Carols Round the Tree at St Stephen's
	11.15pm	Midnight Mass at All Saints'
Monday 25 th		CHRISTMAS DAY
	8.00am	Holy Communion at All Saints'
	10.00am	Christmas Family Worship at All Saints'
Sunday 31 st	10.00am	Joint Holy Communion at St Stephen's
Tuesday 2 nd Jan 2018	10.00am	Full staff meeting at the Vicarage
Wednesday 3 rd	10.00am	Holy Communion at St Stephen's
	4.00pm	Briar Close Service
Thursday 4 th	9.00am	Shining Stars at GLH
	7.45pm	Bell Ringers meet at All Saints'
	8.00pm	Music Group Practice at All Saints'
Friday 5 th	11.00am	Choir Practice at St Stephen's
	6.30pm	WOW Youth Group
Saturday 6 th	8.30am	Prayer Breakfast at 192 Cole Lane
Sunday 7 th	8.00am	Holy Communion at All Saints'
	9.15am	Morning Worship at St Stephen's
	11.00am	4All at All Saints'

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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 Borrowash (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-Thursdays 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	Borrowash
Wednesday	24 th	Moravian	Ockbrook
Thursday	25 th	St Stephen's	Borrowash
Friday	26 th	St Hughes	Borrowash

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, Borrowash. Please let Tim have your questions using tmsumpster@hotmail.co.uk

Other Items:

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.

Kaleidoscope: Nest Meeting is to be held 9th January at GLH at 2pm – Marie a Pilates Instructor

Coffee Rota at All Saints: thanks to my team of helpers throughout the year and to all who provide cakes on our 4 All Sunday - it is very much appreciated. I will be handing over £300 for the Church Building Fund. I would like to invite any church members to join our list for the coffee rota, if only to cover when people are sick or on holiday. It would make it easier for our current small team. Sylvia Wood

Easy Fundraising: is a simple way to raise funds for our churches. To join: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/HPKA7C> It takes you through 3 steps. We have raised **£1250.92** 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. **£21.36** has been raised so far. Please consider picking up a card & nominating us for the next 11 months.

Notices for the Next News Sheet to be issued w/c 31st December 2017

Any notices to be included in the News Sheet, must be with Moira Dick by **no later than 5pm on Tuesday 2nd January 2018 Thank you.**