

# The Parish of All Saints' Ockbrook with St Stephen's Borrowash

*Making Christian disciples who love God, love one another, and live out God's love in the world*

## Services December 2020 & January 2021

### Church buildings:

St Stephen's, Borrowash - Each Wednesday morning at 10.00 am

All Saints' Ockbrook - Each Sunday morning at 10.00 am

### Church without walls:

Streamed on our Facebook and YouTube channels - Each Sunday morning at 10.00 am except 27<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/c/allsaintsockbrookststephensborrowash>

**Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsockbrookandststephensborrowash/>

## Items for your prayers...

**Please pray for the following:** Margaret Miller, Hazel Salisbury, David Roberts, Barry/Margaret Wilson, Sheila Bye, Jason & Jean Thomas, Mary Hodges, Sheila Sykes, Christine Hunt, Shirley & Philip Churchman, Jane & Tim Holyoake, and Don Fisher.

### Please also pray for:

1. The family of Margaret Brennan, whose funeral is at 10.30am Thur 10 Dec at Trent Valley Crematorium with Jeffrey presiding. To attend/join via a Livestream please contact Anne Anderson.
2. The family of Desmond Burton, whose funeral is in All Saints' at 10.30am on Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Dec with Tim presiding.
3. The family of Pauline Fall, whose funeral is at 2.30pm on Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec in Trent Valley Crematorium with Tim presiding.

### PRAYER ACTIVITIES

**Evening Prayer:** Sarah & Bruce will be continuing their daily Evening Prayer via Facebook during Advent. Please contact Sarah via our Form on the website - [www.oandbparish.com/events/evening-prayer-monday-saturday/](http://www.oandbparish.com/events/evening-prayer-monday-saturday/) or email [slistuk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:slistuk@yahoo.co.uk)

### Prayer Breakfasts beginning at 8.30 - 9.00 am:

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Dec (led by Bruce)

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Dec (led by Tim)

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan (led by Bruce)

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Jan (led by Tim)

Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Jan (led by Bruce)

Sat 23<sup>th</sup> Jan (led by Tim)

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Jan (led by Bruce)

Please contact Tim or Bruce to be invited to these events.

**Spring service rotas:** These are now ready and will be sent out soon. There will be some hard copies at the back of each church. Our sermon theme is to be *Messages from Mark* - from Mark's Gospel, Tim

**SAD:** As I write the 2<sup>nd</sup> lockdown has just ended. Many have told me how this has been so much more emotionally difficult for them than the first. That has certainly been true for me, made worse by my annual battle with Seasonally Affected Disorder (SAD). In the dark places I have found light from some of the OT Psalms. It seems that many of the psalmists wrote out of their own difficult times, and were able to be brutally honest to God in the way they prayed; wonderful!

**Vaccine:** All the media chatter at the moment is about the fast-tracked vaccine which is to be rolled out first in the UK, beginning almost immediately. There remain many important questions about the power and reach of the multinational Pharmaceutical Companies, but I for one am thankful for the gifts and expertise of those who have developed the vaccine and I pray that this may herald the beginning of the end of the worst effects of COVID-19.

**Advent, Christmas and 2021:** We are all now enfolded in Advent, historically a time of waiting for the coming of the King and symbolised by light. Many of us cannot wait to see the back of 2020, a most unusual and unsettling year. But it's always important to remember that as we wait in the difficult times we face in life, so our spirituality and character often develop and deepen, in surprising and beneficial ways. Waiting time is never wasted time with God!

Perhaps this year we have, more than usual, opportunity to re-Christianise Christmas. It is, after all, all about Christ Jesus! In whatever ways you do that (and for many of us missing loved ones due to COVID restrictions), I do hope you are able to connect with our three virtual special Christmas services and invite others to connect too:

Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30 pm	9 Lessons & Carols
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00 pm	Christingle Carols
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00 am	Christmas Day 4All

I hope too that you may know the peace of the Christ-child in your hearts and homes. May He find room in all our inns! May He be born again and afresh in all of our lives. And may we follow His star, both now, and on into all that 2021 will hold for us as individuals and as a church family.

Thank you for the support and prayers and encouragement you have offered to me this year. And I thank God for bringing Bruce and Sarah to us for such a time as this. Thanks to all who have done so much to help sustain our church family, and wider community, in these difficult times. With all my love in Christ, and ongoing prayers. **Tim X**

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(Our 'Thought for the Way' talks, and sermons, will be based on Mark's Gospel through to Easter).

**Other Activities & Meetings:**

Full monthly staff meeting in St Stephen's at 10.30am on Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Jan.

PCC Zoom meeting at 7.30pm on Tue 12<sup>th</sup> Jan

**Advent & Christmas Activities**

**Advent window trail:** Each day in December a different window in Ockbrook or Borrowwash will reveal a Christmas Carol or Song themed window. More details at:

<https://www.facebook.com/oandbparishAdventWindowTrail>

**Points of You!** (Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 11.00 am)

An opportunity to grill the local vicar - on Zoom - with questions about life, death, the universe, and Christmas. Book a place using the form on the website

<https://bit.ly/3m5og2C>

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<https://www.oandbparish.com/advent-christmas-2020/>

**Christmas Cards:** Anita, Pradeep & Priti have designed and printed a selection of cards, which they are selling to raise money for the Building Fund. The information has been uploaded to [www.oandbparish.com/christmas-cards/](http://www.oandbparish.com/christmas-cards/). Please contact Anita [anita.juliana@outlook.com](mailto:anita.juliana@outlook.com) to place an order.

**Children's & Youth work**

**Rise and Shine-** will meet each Sunday in term time at 9.45am at the parish hall from the 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. Please drop your 3-12-year olds off and then collect them after the 10am service at All Saints. Eventbrite booking will need to be completed.

**Shining Stars-** Our parent and toddler group will resume in the new year. Date to be confirmed. Please speak to Issie or Nat with any questions.

**WOW- Youth group for years 6 upwards-**We are going to have a one-off get together in between Christmas and New Year. Date to be confirmed. Then we will resume from Fri 8<sup>th</sup> January 6.30pm-7.45pm at The Gordon Lacey Hall.

**Cookie Empire- Bible Study group for years 6 upwards-** We continue to meet on a Wednesday evening via zoom from 7.30pm - 8.30pm. In January we will look at options of how we can meet in person again.

All these activities adhere to current government guidelines and are therefore subject to change. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have questions; Nat Coxon.

You can contact Nat using the form on the Children & Youth section of the website:

<https://www.oandbparish.com/whats-on/children-youth/>

**CHURCH FINANCES / GIVING / FUNDRAISING**

**Regular giving envelopes:** David Disney will soon begin distributing the Regular Giving Envelopes for 2021 for those who wish to make weekly cash donations to church funds. If anyone new wishes to receive a set of envelopes (or for anyone wishing to stop donating by this method, please could you let David know ASAP [drdaviddisney@outlook.com](mailto:drdaviddisney@outlook.com))

**Offertory plates:** these will be by the inside church doors.

**Standing Order:** can be set up so that regular financial gifts go direct into the church's account. If you'd like to consider this, please speak with Martin (the Treasurer) or Tim.

**Donating via the Website** We are working on providing a way to donate via our website and will update you ASAP.

**Easy Fundraising Update:** Thank you to everyone who uses this whilst they are shopping online. You have helped us raise £1972.42 to date. If you are shopping online this Christmas, please remember to activate donation each time you visit an online store to ensure we receive the donation. If you have not signed up yet, please do so using the following link:

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ockbrookborrowwash/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ockbrookborrowwash/)

**Amazon Smile** if you shop on Amazon you can now raise funds for our churches. Please sign up using this link - <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1168870-0>. Once you have signed up, each time you shop remember to logon to [www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk) with your usual Amazon account details. If you are signing up to shop on Amazon for the 1<sup>st</sup> time, please sign up to Amazon Smile at the same time.

**Caretaker:** Dan Bailey is standing down as the church hall caretaker at the end of 2020. A big thank you to Dan for all he has done for us over the years, going well beyond the 'call of duty'! If we cannot replace Dan, we will - once we are allowed again - no longer be opening the hall to the public. If you are interested in this role, please speak to Dan and Tim.

**Love in a box shoebox appeal:** Thank you to all who supported our annual Christmas Shoebox Appeal. A total of 62 boxes were collected on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> November. Janet Pinchbeck.

**The Next News Sheets, for February 2021, will be issued for w/c 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2021**

Any notices to be included in the News Sheet, must be with Moira Dick by **no later than**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2021**