

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 September 2021

Church buildings:

St Stephen's, Borrowash – 9.15am & 11.00am each Sunday

St Stephen's, Borrowash – 10am Each Wednesday

Church without walls:

Please note, the Sunday 9.15am Service will be recorded and edited each Sunday, for viewing no later than each Monday

Items for your prayers...

Autumn monthly *Prayer Breakfasts* @ 8.30am on the **second Saturday** of each month.

Please pray for: Helen & David Newman, Janet Pinchbeck, Betty Tyler, Margaret Miller, Hazel Salisbury, David Roberts, Mary Hodges, Sheila Sykes, Sheila Bye, Christine Hunt, Shirley & Phil Churchman, Keith Greatorex and family (as Tim inters Beryl's ashes on 18th Sept), Don Fisher, & a friend of Gill Fisher with serious health issues.

Pray too for Dorothy Harling's family. Tim is taking her funeral on Thur. 9th Sept. at 12.30 pm in Markeaton Crematorium; all welcome.

All Saints' building project

Please pray:

- That the remaining money will come in
- That the works will now begin mid Oct.
- That there will be no unforeseen issues which delay progress once commenced
- That the project does not exceed the proposed budget

Please use this prayer each day:

Father God, Architect of creation, bless the work of renewal on All Saints' Ockbrook. Guide and guard all involved in this project. May the work begin and finish on time, within the limits of the budget, and the remaining money needed be given. And may this ancient building continue to be known as a place where You are worshipped, all are welcomed, and many find their way back into Your loving arms. Amen.

Please pray for the Tractor Blessing on Sunday 19th Sept. 1pm at the White Swan. Please contact Bruce for more details. This is an attempt to expand our churches vision "to live out God's love in the world" to include the communities around us that cannot attend our church services on a Sunday morning.

Pray also for Ros, Gemma & Jamie. For their new address, please contact them on their mobiles.

The Vicar writes

All Saints': As I write the last pew from All Saints' is sold and the building empty, except for the ripples of prayer expanding out over our community, nation, and world. A special thanks to **everyone** who helped, including Mike Allwood (chair of the Building Team), Rod James (coordinator), Tony Whitehurst (resident carpenter/handyman), and Martin Shaw (white-van man!).

We recently discovered the builder won't now be free until mid-October, so the works should be complete by mid-March 2022. I confess to feeling excitement and apprehension in equal measure and know many of you will share that mix. Please continue to soak the project in prayer (see *Items for Prayer* section). At the final prayer meeting in All Saints' this verse was underlined: '*Be still and know that I am God*' (Psalm 46:10). May that be a light for our journey over the next 5 months.

Sunday services-Autumn 2021: Whilst All Saints' is closed, our 9.15 and 11am Sunday services will be in St Stephen's. I have managed to get musicians for *some* 9.15am services, and others will be 'Said'. The 11am services will be similar to the current joint 10am services in All Saints' with a blend of different worship leaders and styles. It is important to underline these arrangements will be reviewed, and if numbers aren't sufficient for two separate services, they will be amalgamated into one joint 10am. Conversely, if St Stephen's proves too small a venue for the 11am congregation, we will seek a new venue. Any changes will be communicated ASAP.

Covid-19 protocols: We continue to move forward *cautiously*. It has been a joy to welcome back to services many church family members who have not been since the first lockdown. We are now allowing **a.** sitting closer together, **b.** the removal of face-coverings and **c.** singing. We are not sharing the Peace, receiving the wine at Holy Communion, having refreshments (though please feel free to bring your own drinks in a sealed cup), or taking up a collection. We will continue to have hand sanitizer available, and the Track & Trace QR codes. Should you wish to continue to wear face coverings and sit at a distance from others, that will be completely respected. Any further changes will be communicated ASAP.

On 6th September I will celebrate 20 years as the vicar here. It continues to be an honour. Thanks to all who contributed to the very large book token for me, and the flowers for Zoe. I will use the token for my p/t MSc in Counselling & Psychotherapy course at Derby University, beginning soon. And finally, if you are in need of a pastoral conversation, do please be in touch with me, Bruce, or Jeffrey. With love and prayer, Tim X.

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September 2021

Full Monthly Staff meeting - Tuesday 7th Sept. 10 am in the Vicarage.

Weekly staff meetings - Tuesdays at 10am via Zoom.

Pastoral Care Team meeting - Tuesday 7th Sept. 1.30 pm in the Vicarage.

PCC Meeting - Tuesday 7th Sept. 7.30pm in the church hall.

Baptism of Jacob Harrison - 9.15am Sunday Sept. 26th in St Stephen's (Bruce leading).

Men's Prayer Breakfast - 10am Sep. 25th in the Malt Shovel Shardlow

Evening prayer (via Facebook): Each week Mon-Fri at 5.30 pm led by Bruce and Sarah via Face Book live & zoom. Please contact Sarah:
<https://www.oandbparish.com/whats-on/adults/evening-prayer/> or email Bruce oandbcurate@gmail.com

Children's & Youth Activities

Rise and Shine: will recommence on Sunday 12th September. Please drop your children off from 10.45am at the rear entrance to Caffè Torta (Station Road). We will be using their outdoor space, which has a covered area, lighting, and heating. I would encourage the children to wear plenty of layers. The children will be brought back to St Stephen's for 11.45am. Please get in touch with Nat Coxon, Youth and Children's Coordinator for further information: natcoxon15@gmail.com or using our form on the website <https://bit.ly/36S3XRf>

WOW Youth Group will recommence on Friday 17th September. The group meets at the Gordon Lacey Hall from 6.30pm to 7.45pm every Friday in term time. We welcome all young people who are in year 6 and upwards to come and join us.

Cookie Empire: - Discipleship group for years 6 upwards- our bible study group for young people will continue to run, times and dates to be confirmed.

Shining Stars - Toddler group – will recommence on Monday 13th September. We meet at the Gordon Lacey Hall from 10am-11.30am and welcome all babies and pre-school children with their carers to join us.

Please get in touch with Nat Coxon, Youth and Children's Coordinator for further information about any of the above activities for Children & Youth: natcoxon15@gmail.com or using our form on the website <https://bit.ly/36S3XRf>

Other information

Sermon themes will be taken from the lectionary readings for each Sunday. Please do bring your own bible to church for reference and pray for God to speak to us all at this time of transition from His written word (2 Tim. 3:16).

The Community Foodbank continues to operate, and we are connecting with new services users from our community regularly. As we are expecting the church hall to be sold sometime in the autumn, please pray for a new home to be found for the foodbank (and ditto for Shining Stars).

The Rev Peter Dawson's has recently published his latest book of short stories called *The Grandfather Clock and other stories*. I (Tim) recommend it and should you wish to order a copy, do please let me know.

Congratulations to Rod and Sue James on the arrival of Henry, their second grandchild, born on 29th July, and for the upcoming wedding of their daughter Katie, to Danny, on 25th September

DBS checks/safeguarding training: as more group activities open, could anyone intending to resume volunteering to support the children and young people's groups, please check that their DBS certificates are current, (valid for 5 years from issue), and that they have completed the necessary safeguarding training, (training valid for 3 years.) If you are unsure or if you have any DBS/Training/Safeguarding queries, please do not hesitate to contact the group leader or me; Chris Grocott 07788554432

A weddings and Funeral verger will be needed for All Saints' Ockbrook when we open the church again for funerals. The remuneration is £20 per funeral. For more information, please speak to Tim.

Church Without Walls – September onwards – Volunteers Needed

After having a month off from streaming any services during August, we have decided to stream our services differently from September onwards, at least for a trial period of one month. We will now record the 9:15 service at St Stephen, edit it, and upload it to the YouTube page and Facebook later that day, or on the Monday. We need volunteers to help with the recordings, who can use an iPhone + training will be provided. So, if you would like to be a part of this crack IT team and for more info. please contact Bruce via email or WhatsApp.

Ways to Fundraise for our Churches:

Please remember you can raise funds when you shop online via Amazon Smile & Easy Fundraising. You can donate to our church building fund online using this link - <https://bit.ly/3q63hiS> or via other methods as on the website.

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The Next News Sheets, for October 2021, will be issued for w/c .

Any notices to be included in the News Sheet, must be with Moira Dick by **no later than Tuesday 2021.**