

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 February 2022

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...

Please pray for: Hilary Seeley, Jenni Beavis, and Margaret Wilson (all now in Willowcroft, Spondon), Helen Newman, Keith and Betty Tyler, Hazel Salisbury, David Roberts, Mary Hodges, Sheila Bye, Christine Hunt, Don Fisher & a friend of Gill Fisher's with serious health issues, and Carol Emerson as she continues her treatment.

Please pray for the family of Margaret Miller whose funeral is on Friday 4th Feb. at 10.30am in Markeaton Crem. followed by a service of Thanksgiving at 11.30pm in St Stephen's. Jeffrey is leading these services.

Please pray for the family of Sheila Sykes whose funeral is on Fri. 18th Feb. at 2.30pm in St Stephen's, followed by a committal at Markeaton Crem. and then refreshments at the Royal Oak. Tim is leading these services.

Please pray for the organisations we have supported financially recently: Derby Kid's Camp, The Samaritans, The Alzheimer's Society, Immanuel 2000 in Nepal, Borrowbrook Home Link and Farm Africa.

All Saints' building project

Please pray:

- That there will be no unforeseen issues which delay progress.
- That the project does not exceed the proposed budget.
- That a shortage of lorry drivers will not hinder acquisition of materials or make them more expensive.

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 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!

Covid-19: According to Govt. protocols, face coverings are no longer compulsory in church. Individuals can continue to wear them if they wish, (especially if they have coughs and colds). At the 9.15am services we will also reserve a back pew for any wishing to maintain social distance. If you have any questions or comments, please do contact me (Tim).

All Saints' Ockbrook: The reordering work is progressing well. We met with the contractor and architect this week to review progress. The balcony structural work is completed, and the front screens are ready to be fitted when the glazing is ready. The new toilet and kitchen area has partitions fitted, along with plumbing and electrical work. All the electrical wiring is complete, and ready for the lighting, plugs etc. to be connected once the decorations are completed. Plumbing for the heating is in place. The nave ceiling is to be decorated this coming week. All the ceiling insulation is fitted. The tower floor has been dug-out for the new floor. Outside, the new drain is in place along the north wall. Please continue to enfold the works in your prayers (Mike).

We are purchasing 130 chairs for All Saints' and are asking if folks would purchase one for £150 (+Gift Aid). Two have already been donated. You could also buy half-a-chair for £75 (+Gift Aid). If you'd like to purchase a chair, please MCP to The Ockbrook with Borrowash PCC and mark the envelope 'Building Fund-chairs'. Thank you (Tim).

Children's and Youth work - Shaping the Future: To help the PCC reflect on how we should replace Nat with the limited resources we have, I am offering opportunity for those involved in, or using the children's and youth work (leaders/helpers/parents/young people) to offer their opinions, comments, hopes and dreams. All comments will form the basis of a presentation at the next PCC, on Tues. 15th Feb. To have your say, come to one of the following on Sun. 6th Feb. **A.** 12.15pm to 12.45pm in St Stephen's, or **B.** 8.00pm via Zoom. Links will be sent to those who let me know they are coming (Tim).

Growth Groups: Can I challenge those of you who aren't yet members to consider joining a Growth Group? These are wonderful places to deepen our Christian faith or commitment, or simply spending more time reflecting upon what it means 'to be a Christian'. This year we have started to look into some new resources to apply our Church's 'Shaping the Future' purpose statement, to enable us to move forward. If you would like any further information on these new resources, or to learn more about Growth Groups and how you can join one, please contact Rev Bruce, who is always open for a chat and a cuppa to talk about this subject. If you have leadership experience and maybe want to start a new group, please also contact Bruce. New leaders are always welcome! (Bruce).

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Caretaker Gordon Lacey Hall: vacant

Web: www.oandbparish.com **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/oandbparish> **YouTube:** <https://bit.ly/33i8pGg>

February 2022

Weekly staff meetings - Tuesdays 9.30am via Zoom.

Monthly Zoom Prayer meeting - Sat 5th at 8.30am (Tim leading).

Full Monthly Staff meeting - Tue. 8th 10am via Zoom.

Kaleidoscope - Tue. 8th 2pm at Caffè Torta in Borrowash.

Standing Committee meeting - Tue. 8th 4pm via Zoom.

Men's Prayer Breakfast - Sat. 12th 10am in the Malt Shovel Shardlow.

PCC meet - Tue. 15th 7.30pm in the church hall.

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: Please see the website <https://bit.ly/36S3XRf> for details of Children's and Youth Activities, which will be regularly updated.

Lent, Holy Week & Easter - 2022

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 2nd March 10.00 am Holy Communion with reflection and 'Ashing'.

Digging Deeper Bible Study: The Gospel of John

On Sunday 13th March (and also if needed Sunday 20th) at 8.00 pm via Zoom, Tim will lead a Bible Study aimed at digging deeper into the Gospel of John. Some of the themes addressed are shown below. There will also be opportunity for questions and comments (and even a quiz!):

- The overall purpose, intended readers, date and authorship of John.
- The structure of John.
- John and the Synoptics.
- The theology of John.
- Some of the main themes of John.
- How can we journey with John today?

Holy Week

In Holy Week we are planning daily evening services in St Stephen's from 7pm, for time to pause and reflect. Each service will be led by different people and have a distinct style, reflecting one of our 5-year-priorities as a church family: *'Experimenting with different styles of...services.'* Each service will include a short reflection on one of Jesus' *'IAM sayings'* from John's Gospel. We are planning these services for St Stephen's but remain hopeful that the Easter Day 11.00 am celebration will be in All Saints' (Tim):

Holy Week evenings

Monday 11th April 7.00pm - Taizé service - *I am the bread of life* (Sarah Johnson).

Tuesday 12th April 7.00pm - Praise service - *I am the light of the world* (Hugo & Lessandra Alves).

Wednesday 13th April 7.00pm - Reflective service - *I am the good shepherd* (Sue James).

Thursday 14th April 7.00pm - High Church Eucharist - *I am the true vine* (Bruce Johnson).

Good Friday

Friday 15th April 2.00pm - Hour at the Cross - *I am the way, the truth, and the life* (Tim Sumpter & Ruth Green).

Quiet Saturday

Saturday 16th April 8.00pm - Prayer meeting - *I am the gate* (Lecky Allwood).

Easter Day

Sunday 17th April 9.15/11.00am - Easter Praise - *I am the resurrection and the life* (Tim Sumpter & Bruce Johnson).

The Next News Sheets, for March 2022, will be issued on Fri 25th Feb 2022 .

Any notices to be included in the News Sheet, must be with Moira Dick by **no later than Tuesday 22nd February 2022.**

Kaleidoscope Update: will be meeting as usual until further notice at *Caffè Torta* in Borrowash every second Tuesday of the month from 2pm. The next meeting to be held 8th February at 2pm.

Thank You: With grateful thanks to the Choir for sponsoring the balance weight on the sanctuary lamp at St. Stephen's. It is a wonderful asset, and I am greatly relieved not to have to climb the step ladders anymore! (Anne Anderson, Churchwarden).

We have received thanks from the following the following outward giving beneficiaries (please see others in pdf sent with this news sheet):

Samaritans: I am writing to say thank you for the very kind donation from Ockbrook and Borrowash Parochial Church Council. We really appreciate your support, please pass on our thanks to everyone who helped make this donation to us possible. The donation will go a long way towards helping those in their time of need.

Borrowbrook HomeLink: I am writing on behalf of the trustees to thank you for the very kind donation of £1000 received with your letter of 30th November. This is really helpful and appreciated as we seek to develop the scheme by offering a fuller magazine and more events for our members and also greatly helps with administration as we seek to expand our membership to include more older persons within the Parish.

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

Thank you I have been overwhelmed by the generosity shown as I begin this new chapter in my life. I also want to thank everyone for the love and support I have received over the five years as Youth and children's coordinator. It has been a privilege. Please can I ask for continued prayer and I look forward to continuing to play an active part in our church family. Much Love Nat