

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 March 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 Mark and Lynn Greaves as they bring Ethan for baptism on Sunday 20th March at the 9.15 am service in St Stephen's.

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war and peace, for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all we pray for all your precious children, at risk, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen

All Saints' building project

Please continue to 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!

All Saints' Ockbrook

The re-ordering work continues well, with the exception of one recently been discovered issue. The pipe from the old toilet didn't join the main sewage pipe under Church Street. We will have to ensure new pipes are properly connected by Severn Trent, and with Local Authority permission. This will mean extra costs (around £15K) and the whole project cannot be signed-off until this work is complete. Do please pray this work is expedited and will not delay our hoped-for reentry by Easter Day.

Administrative and Digital Communications

After 12 years of administrative support, including editing our Covid-19 streaming services, Moira is stepping back to focus on her growing 'secular' work, including her translating portfolio. I (Tim) would like to thank her on behalf of all of us for the amazing and dedicated work she has done over those years to support and undergird our mission and ministry.

Bruce has agreed to coordinate the website and streaming service whilst we find others who can help share these roles. With that in mind we are currently looking for the following: Firstly, volunteers to help our A/V team during the Sunday Services and to enable us to start to 'live stream' our services from All Saints' once it reopens. Secondly, a volunteer(s) willing to oversee and develop our website and e-forms of communication. Training and ongoing support will be given for these roles. If you are interested, then please speak with Bruce.

Day of Prayer-Sat 5th March

This will now focus specifically on following issues: the situation in the nation of Ukraine, the All-Saints' Building Project and the process of employing our next children's and youth worker(s). There will be a prayer breakfast via Zoom from 8.30am-9am. This will be followed by an event at St Stephen's from 11am to 12noon. We are then asked to pray throughout the day around the above issues. The day will conclude with another event at St Stephen's from 7pm to 8pm. These scriptures seemed pertinent and are offered as help to our praying: are Psalms 16; 40 and 46. Luke 6:46-49; 10:21; 11:1-13. Lecky has agreed to coordinate this day and has agreed to place other resources in St Stephen's and on the Prayer WhatsApp.

Tim's Counselling and Psychotherapy Course

I have recently passed my first semester, receiving my Certificate to Practice as a trainee Counsellor/Psychotherapist. I have also interviewed successfully for a placement. I will see my first 'real' client week commencing 28th February and thereafter on Mondays (my day off). I will continue to be in university for lectures until the end of June. All prayers continue to be received with thanks. Tim X

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March 2022

Full Monthly Staff meeting -Tue 1st via Zoom.

Weekly staff meetings - Tuesdays at 9.30 am via Zoom.

World day of Prayer - Fri. 4th March at 11 am in St Hughes RC church, B'wash.

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

Men's Prayer Breakfast – Saturday 12th 10 am in the Malt Shovel Shardlow.

Standing Committee Meeting - Tue 8th 1.30 pm via Zoom

PCC Meeting - Tue 15th 7.30 pm 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' 'I AM 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).
(With incense)

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 Mar 2022 .

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

Kaleidoscope Update: I (Tim) recently received this letter from Linda Shaw, the Kaleidoscope coordinator: 'Hi Tim, Due to lack of numbers at our meetings this year, and the number of members that have long term illnesses, the committee has decided that Kaleidoscope is no longer a viable group. Thank you for your support at the various events over the years; it has always been greatly appreciated by all the Kaleidoscope members'. I would like to offer my grateful thanks to Linda and the team for all they have done over many years, Tim.

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

The 2022 AGM will be on Sunday 15th May at 11.15am, following a joint 10 am service, which we hope will be in All Saints' Ockbrook.

Beating words into ploughshares and fears into pruning hooks

Sticks and stones can break our bones, and sometimes names can lead to war if left to fester.

All the childish bluster of the playground brawl fermented into nationalistic pride will never hide

the fact that this is where war leads, the crimson coffins of Ukrainians shattered by the random cruelty of missiles exploding on their fantasies.

Time won't mellow a parent's rage, revenge keeps war warm and raw, an open wound with insatiable appetite for so much more.

Step forward now those who see things differently, step forward the poets, prophets, peacemakers, free our eyes to a new seeing of possibilities

beyond the endless cycle of revenge and retaliation, a place of non-violence, where the only things we beat

are words into ploughshares and fears into pruning hooks.

Tim Sumpter