

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.

December 2022

Church Services (for special Advent, Christmas & New Year's Services, see below):

St Stephen's, Borrowash - 9.15 am (Sunday 4th, 11th & 18th)

All Saints' Ockbrook - 8.00am (Sunday 4th & 18th)

All Saints', Ockbrook - 11.00 am (Sunday 4th, 11th, 18th)

St Stephen's, Borrowash - 10.00 am Wednesday (7th, 14th, 21st & 28th)

Items for your prayers...

Please pray for: Jenni Bevis, and Margaret Wilson (in Willowcroft, Spondon), Helen Newman, Philip Churchman, Keith and Betty Tyler, Rhoda & Hazel Salisbury, David Roberts, Sheila Bye, Christine Hunt, Robert Russell, and Carol Emerson.

Please also pray for:

The family of Beryl Eley whose funeral is on 8th December at 10.30am in Trent Valley crem.

The family of Jo Lousvet whose funeral is on the 14th December at 1.30 p.m. at Trent Valley Crem.

The family of Christopher Hardy (aged 36) whose funeral is on 21st December in All Saints' at 1.00pm.

The family of Hilary Seeley whose funeral is on 22nd December in St Stephen's at 11.30am, followed by a committal service at Trent Valley Crem.

The Community Food Bank: give thanks for the new home in the Borrowbrook HomeLink building, Borrowash and pray for the increasing numbers of local families who are seeking the support offered.

Please pray for peace in all the nations of the world this Christmas, including Ukraine, the Palestinian Territories & Israel, Yemen, Libya, Cyprus, The Korean Peninsula, Kashmir, and Tibet.

December Prayer Breakfast on Zoom: Sat. 10th 8.30 to 9.00am. The link will be sent out prior to the meeting to all on the church family e-list. We will be giving thanks for recent answered prayer as well as praying for international, national, and local issues.

Dawn & Reuben Holt, hope to move into B'wash before Christmas. Please pray that they don't experience any more delays or disappointments. If anyone can give any practical help with packing/unpacking or lend some garage space to store boxes for a few days, please let Dawn know on 07543 783354. Thank you!

The Christingles will be made at 5pm on Saturday 3rd December in All Saints'. Please come along and help if you are able (Sheila Exley). Please note that all money given at the Christingle services will go to the Children's Society.

Our special Advent & Christmas services are detailed below. Do please pray for these opportunities to focus on the heart and meaning this season and do please invite family and friends to come along. If you have one, please wear a Christmassy jumper for the joint 10am service in All Saints' on Christmas day.

Thank you for the further donations received for the orphanage run by the Emmanuel 2000 network in Kathmandu. Another £200 was recently sent to pastor Gopal (via Western Union) to provide food and essentials for Christmas (Tim).

On Saturday 10th Dec. from 10am to 12 noon there will be a coffee morning and bring and buy at St. Stephen's to raise funds for the Christmas flowers.

The growth group led by Geoff and Peter will be meeting in All Saints' on 15th December from 7 - 9 p.m. for a 'bring & share' Christmas get together. Should any other groups wish to share the venue, they would be most welcome.

Spring 2023 Rotas: These are now complete and will be sent out ASAP. Please note that in our main Sunday services our focus will be on the life and ministry of Jesus, with readings taken from the Lectionary.

Congratulations to Rod and Sue James on the safe arrival of their third grandchild Ellis James Newcombe.

A huge thank you to the lovely congregations of St. Stephen's and All Saints' for all your prayers, cards, telephone calls, visits etc following my fall: 'My new hip is mending nicely, and I hope to be able to discard my crutches shortly!!' Anne Anderson.

Children's & Youth work Coordinator: It was a joy to announce that Nat will be recommencing this role as of 1st January 2023. Please pray for her as she completes her work with *Blend*, and then begins this next chapter in her ministry and in the life of our churches (Tim).

Clergy Holidays: Tim will be away from work from Monday 26th December to Tuesday 3rd January and Becky will be away from Monday 2nd January to Friday 6th.

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Diary Dates – December 2022

Sun 4th - All Saints' 8am H/C & 11am Christingle; St Stephen's 9.15am Christingle
Mon 5th - 9.30am Full monthly staff meeting via Zoom
Wed 7th - 10am St Stephen's H/C; 10am-2pm Warm Space in All Saints'
2.15pm Redhill School year 2 group in All Saints'
Sun 11th - St Stephen's 9.15am H/C; All Saints' 11am H/C
Wed 14th - 10am H/C St Stephen's; 10am-2pm Warm Space in All Saints'
Sun 18th - All Saints' 8am H/C & 11am M/P & 6.00pm 9 Lessons & Carols.
St Stephen's 9.15am H/C
Mon 19th - 9.30am weekly staff meeting at Vicarage
Wed 21st - 10am St Stephen's; All Saints' 10am-12noon Warm Space & 1pm funeral.
Thur 22nd - 11.30am St Stephen's funeral of Hilary Seeley with Committal at
Trent Valley Crem.
1.30pm All Saints' Ridings Pre-School Christmas Concert
Sat 24th - St Stephen's 6.00pm Christingle Carols Round the Tree.
All Saints' 11.15 pm Midnight Mass.
Sun 25th - All Saints' 10am Christmas Celebration
Wed 28th - 10am St Stephen's H/C.
Sun 1st Jan - St Stephen's 10am Joint H/C

Special Advent, Christmas, and New Year Services

St Stephen's:

Sun. 4th Dec. 9.15am Christingle
Sat. 24th Dec. 6.00pm Christingle Carols Round the Tree
11.15pm Midnight Mass
Sun. 1st Jan. 10.00am Joint H/C

All Saints':

Sun. 4th Dec. 11.00am Christingle
Sun. 18th Dec. 6.00pm Nine Lessons and Carols (with Bishop Malcolm preaching)
Sun. 25th Dec. 10am Christmas Day Celebration.

Christmas School Holidays are Friday Dec 23rd to Sunday Jan 8th inclusive.

Advance Notice – Spring 2023

January PCC meeting is in All Saints' Ockbrook on Tues. 15th at 7.30pm.

Spring School holiday- Sat 18th Feb to Sun 26th Feb.

March PCC meeting is in All Saints' Ockbrook on Tues. 21st at 7.30pm.

Ash Wed. is on February 22nd.

Mothering Sunday is on March 19th.

British Summertime begins on March 26th (clocks go forward 1hr)

Easter School holiday-Sat April 1st to Sun 16th

Holy Week & Easter Services

Palm Sunday 2nd April - 9.15am M/W St Stephen's; 8am H/C & 11am 4ALL in
All Saints'

Mon 3rd April – 7pm Reflective Service St Stephen's (led by Dawn Holt)

Tue 4th April – 7pm Taizé Service in All Saints' (led by Sarah Johnson)

Wed 5th April – 7pm Prayer & Praise Service in St Stephen's (led by Hugo & Lessandra)

Thur 6th April – 7pm High Church Eucharist Service in All Saints' (led by Becky)

Good Fri. 7th April – 12 noon, act of witness by the Coop.
2pm Hour at the cross in St Stephen's (Led by Jeffrey)

Quiet Sat 8th April – 6pm Prayer meeting in All Saints' (Led by Tim)

Easter Sun 9th April- 8am H/C & 11am H/C All Saints'; 9.15am H/C St Stephen's

The AGM meeting will be in All Saints' Ockbrook on Sun. 21st May at 11.15am following the joint 10am service.

Warm Space at All Saints':

From Wednesday 2nd November All Saints' will be opening its doors each Wed. between 10am and 2pm to welcome anyone who would like a place to be warm and enjoy a cuppa and biscuits in good company. This is part of a nationwide initiative to respond to the energy price and cost of living situation we are experiencing. We would be very grateful to anyone who is able to join us to welcome guests, make drinks and have a chat. We would also be very appreciative of donations of: Tea, Coffee, Biscuits, Tinned soup. If you are able to help please contact Becky on 01332732826, or becky@ockbrookandborrowash@gmail.com

Growth Group looking for new members: Our relaxed and friendly Growth Group meets fortnightly on Wednesday mornings during term time and is currently all-female. We plan to achieve the goal of connecting with God and each other by friendship, praying for one another, worship, and topical Bible studies. Please contact oandbparish@gmail.com in the first instance if you are interested in joining us.

Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO):

Angela can be contacted on angelajdisney@outlook.com or 07985505870 for any safeguarding concerns. Please note if you feel there is immediate risk or danger please contact the Police on 999. Please note the following Helplines – NSPCC: 0808800500 Childline: 08001111 National Domestic Violence 08082000247 Action on Elder Abuse: 0800 0699 784. Safe Spaces 03003031056 (a support service for anyone who has experienced abuse in relation to the Churches of England and Wales.)

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 3 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 Angela Disney.

Due to Christmas holidays the January 2023 News Sheet will be out on Fri 6th Jan.
Any items for inclusion should be with Pam by no later than Tues. 3rd January
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