

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.

All Advent & Christmas regular & special church services for December 2023

St Stephen's, Borrowash	9.15am Sun 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th / 10am Sun 31 st (joint service) 6.30pm Sun 3 rd (Taizé) / 6.00pm Sun 24 th (Christingle carols round the tree)
All Saints', Ockbrook	8.00am Sun 3 rd / 11am Sun 3 rd , 10 th & 17 th / 10am Sun 24 th & Mon 25 th (joint services). 6.00pm Sun 17 th (Nine Lessons and Carols) / 11.15pm Sun 24 th (Midnight Mass)
St Stephen's, Borrowash	10.00am Wed 6 th , 13 th , 20 th & 31 st

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Children's & Youth Work:

Mondays (All saints')

Shining Stars 10-11.30am: 4th, 11th, & 18th Dec.

Unrehearsed Nativity -10am: 25th Dec.

Wednesdays (All Saints')

Shining Stars 1-2.30pm: 6th and 13th Dec.

Youth Café 3.30-5pm: 6th and 13th Dec.

Friday (All Saints')

Afternoon Tea with Santa 3-5pm: 22nd Dec.

Sundays (All Saints'/Parish Hall)

Rise & Shine 10.45am: 10th and 17th Dec.

Sunday Night Saints: 3rd and 10th Dec.

Carols round the tree (St Stephen's) 6pm: 24th Dec

Afternoon Tea with Santa: Friday 22nd December 3.00pm-5.00pm in All Saints' - £5.00 per child (including a present) £2.00 per adult. Booking is essential. natcoxon15@gmail.com

Could you help in the following ways: bake Scones, cupcakes, or a tray bake, make Sandwiches, wrap presents, serve refreshments, wait on tables, and donate cake stands. If so, please chat with Nat Coxon or Issie Peel. Many Thanks

Unrehearsed Nativity: Christmas Day 10.00am, in All Saints'. An opportunity for children (and adults) to come dressed as any nativity character, so all can be involved as the story is told. Some spare costumes will be available on the day.

Church Website: 'Hi Everybody, I'm Haydn from *SWA Design*, a small, dedicated team, choosing to deliver expertise over profits and providing website support to help organisations concentrate on what they do best. We will be assisting in keeping the church website up-to-date with all the latest events, news items and generally improving the visual appearance throughout. We believe it's important that the community is easily able to send in items such as news and photos to brighten up the website, so we have setup a dedicated email address for you to send those items to us: website@oandbparish.com.'

All Saints' Bookings: Please contact Nat on natcoxon15@gmail.com / 07966502740 and note that Patrick (Smith) will receive the details of lessees from Nat, and will continue to process the booking forms, terms and conditions and payments etc.

Cleaning All Saints': *Molly Maid Ltd.* will begin cleaning the whole church on a trial basis (once a month) from Dec. 8th. The church cleaning teams will continue on the other weeks, for which we are very grateful. Paul Cullen. Church Warden.

For our prayers

Please pray for: Ted Good, Leslie Vindelís, Pete Upton, Brian & Beth Meese, John Jacklin, Peter & Margaret Parkin, Eric & Jean Thomas, Robert Russell, Jenni Bevis, Margaret Wilson, Keith & Betty Tyler, Philip Churchman, Sheila Bye & Christine Hunt.

Pray for peace in all the trouble places in the world, especially Israel/Gaza, and Ukraine.

Prayer meetings: 2pm in All Saints' on Mon Dec 4th & 18th, and Wed Dec 20th in St Stephen's at 10.30am, and 2pm in All Saints' on Mon Jan 15th & 29th and Wed Jan 17th in St Stephen's at 10.30am. All are welcome. Please contact Lecky for more information (07802 546066).

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Children's and Youth-Work Lead: Nat Coxon 07966 502740 - natcoxon15@gmail.com

All Saints' Caretaker: Patrick Smith 07927 606183 - allsaintshire@gmail.com

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Growth Group Coordinator: Geoff Peel 01332 583068 - geoff_peel@hotmail.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/oandbparish

Diary Dates - December 2023

For all regular and *special* church services, please see overleaf and below.

Fri 1st Wedding of Jess & Nathan in All Saints' from 1pm (Tim to lead)
Sat 2nd Making Christingles in All Saints' from 5pm.
Tue 5th Full monthly staff meeting, in the Vicarage, 9am
Standing Committee meeting, in vicarage, 1.30pm
Sat 9th Coffee morning and '*Bring&Buy*' in St Stephen's, 10am - 12noon for Christmas flowers
Mon 11th Staff meeting in Vicarage, 9am
Mon 18th Staff meeting in Vicarage, 9am
Fri 22nd Afternoon Tea with Santa, in All Saints', from 3pm – 5pm
There is usually a Music Group practice each Thur. in All Saints', 7.30pm.

Special Advent & Christmas Services at a glance:

Christingle	Sun 3 rd Dec 9.15 St Stephen's & 11am All Saints'
9 Lessons & Carols	Sun 17 th Dec 6pm in All Saints'
Christingle Carols	Sun 24 th Dec 6pm St Stephen's
Midnight Communion	Sun 24 th Dec 11.15pm All Saints'
Christmas celebration	Mon 25 th Dec 10am All Saints'
Joint H/C	Sun 31 st Dec 10am St Stephen's

School Christmas holidays: Fri 22nd Dec. to Mon 8th Jan.

Information - Spring 2024

Jan. church services:

St Stephen's, Borrowash 9.15am Sun 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th
All Saints', Ockbrook 8.00am Sun 7th
11am Sun 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th
St Stephen's, Borrowash 10.00am Wed 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st

Sermon themes:

In our main Sun morning sermons, we will be focusing on the ministry of Jesus, from the Lectionary readings. We welcome as guest preachers: Sarah Johnson (March 3rd 11am 4ALL), Joel Sumpter (March 24th 9.15 & 11am) Ali Langton (April 7th 11am 4ALL), alongside our home team: Tim, Becky, Jeffrey, Lecky, Nat, Geoff, Ruth & Dawn.

Some diary dates for Jan:

For all regular church services, please see above.
Tue 2nd Full monthly staff meeting, 9am, vicarage
Tue 9th PCC meets, 7.30pm, in St Stephen's
J26 Sinfonietta rehearsals, 7.30pm in All Saints' (+ Tue 23rd)

There is usually a Music Group practice each Thur. in All Saints', 7.30pm.

Saying goodbye:

As Becky's curacy ends, her and Patrick will be leaving us on Sunday 11th Feb. That morning Becky will preach at the 9.15 and 11am services, which will be followed by a '*Bring and Share*' farewell lunch, in All Saints'. More details will be available in the new year.

Love in a Box: Thank you to all who completed a Christmas shoebox this year. A total of 86 were collected from my house last week. An excellent response. Janet Pinchbeck.

Dementia Wellbeing Café in All Saints each Thursday from 10am-1pm, provided by Radfield Home Care. Sessions are free, and all are welcome. Please contact Shelly at shelly.stephens@radfieldhomecare.co.uk and 01332 498 032. On Thursday December 14th there will be a special Christmas meal as well as the usual games and fun. Please join us from 12-3pm (and book your place using the above number). All welcome.

Thank you to Tony Whitehurst from all at St. Stephen's for the new outside notice boards he has produced. They look wonderful! Anne Anderson, Church Warden.

Clergy Christmas Holidays: Tim will be on holiday from Tues 26th December to Tues Jan 2nd.

The choir will be leading the worship again in St Stephen's beginning in Jan 2024, on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, when our organist Rob is playing.

All Saints' gardening team meets on on the first Saturday of each month. Volunteers will have their own tools and protective equipment. Please contact Patrick 739563/padsmith@ntlworld.com

Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO): Angela can be contacted on angelajdisney@outlook.com or 07985505870 for any safeguarding concerns.

The February News Sheet: Any items for inclusion should be with Pam by no later than Tues. 30th January.