

The Parish of All Saints' Ockbrook with St Stephen's Borrowash

Developing Christian disciples, who love God, love one another, and live out God's love in the world.

All regular & 'some' special church services for December 2024

St Stephen's, Borrowash	9.15 am Sun	1 st , 8 th , 15 th & 22 th
	10.00 am Sun	22 nd & 29 th (joint services with All Saints).
All Saints', Ockbrook	8.00 am Sun	1 st
	11.00 am Sun	1 st , 8 th , 15 th .
	10.00 am Wed	25 th (joint service with St Stephen's).
	6.00 pm Sun	15 th (carols by candlelight)
St Stephen's, Borrowash	10.00 am Wed	4 th , 11 th & 18 th

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Children's & Youth Work

Mondays (All Saints')

Shining Stars 10-11.30am: 2nd, 9th and 16th
December (16th December is our final session before Christmas, and we will have our Christmas Party with a visit from Santa).

Wednesdays (All Saints')

Shining Stars 1-2.30pm: 4th and 11th (No session on 18th December).

Youth Café 3.30-4.45pm: 4th and 11th

Sundays (All Saints')

Rise & Shine 10.45am: 8th and 15th

Sunday Night Saints: 6.30pm-8pm: 8th
December – Christmas Party

4ALL Services Our Christingle 4ALL will be at 11am on Sunday 1st December

Saturday 14th December 2-4pm – Christmas Café with Santa at All Saints – all welcome. This is a drop-in café for all ages, offering free drinks and cakes. Enjoy the chance to meet Santa, get creative with festive crafts, and soak up the Christmas spirit with cheerful Christmas tunes!

Tuesday 24th December - 3pm and 6pm

Christingle services both held at St Stephen's

Wednesday 25th December Celebration - 10am at All Saints – please feel free to come as a character from the nativity, some costumes will also be available on the day. Please also wear a Christmas jumper!

All-age service survey - Please take time to complete the survey either via your on-line link or paper copy available in church. We would love to hear your thoughts.

The children break up for Christmas on Friday 20th December and return on January 6th.



Along with our usual Christmas services this year there are different services and events happening, that we hope you will support, encourage others to attend, and pray for. Below are the dates/times + www.oandbparish.com

Advent Sunday-1st December

Morning Service 9.15am St Stephens/Christingle 11am All Saints'

Blue Christmas-8th December 4pm All Saints'

Christmas Café with Santa – Saturday 14th December

9 Lessons & Carols-15th December 6pm (+ community choir).

Christmas Eve-24th December

Christingle 3pm St Stephen's (especially for under-5s)

Christingle 6pm Stephen's

Midnight Communion 11.15pm All Saints'

Christmas Day-December 25th

Christmas Celebration 10am All Saints'

For our prayers: Joyce Bishop & family following the recent death of Joyce's son David, Jean & Eric Thomas, Eileen Eyre, Ann English, Keith Tyler; Marion Johnson, Brian & Beth Meese, John Jacklin, Peter & Margaret Parkin, Robert Russell, Jenni Bevis, Margaret Wilson & Philip Churchman. **Pray also** for all our Christmas services & events, especially the Posada journeys around our community. **Pray too** for peace in all places of conflict, especially Ukraine, Gaza, Lebanon & Israel.

December prayer meeting: 1.30pm in All Saints' on Thur. 12th. Please contact Lecky for more information (07802 546066).

Walking Fellowship Group: will not be meeting in December. The planned dates for January are the 9th & 23rd, meeting at Elvaston Castle car park at 10 am. Speak to Janet Pinchbeck for further details: 07929 536051.

Vicar: Tim Sumpter 820084 - tmsumpter@hotmail.co.uk

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Associate Priest: Bob Short 07913 245748 - bobthevicar@gmail.com

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All Saints' Caretaker: Patrick Smith 07301 297720) - padsmith@gmail.com

Parish Safeguarding Office: Angela Disney 07985 505870 - angelajdisney@outlook.com

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

Facebook: www.facebook.com/oandbparish

Diary Dates - December 2024

(For all *regular* church services, see overleaf).

- Sat 7th John Hills men's breakfast Malt Shovel, Shardlow, 10am.
Tue 3rd Full monthly staff meeting in vicarage, 9am
Tue 10th Staff Meeting in the vicarage, 9am.
Standing committee in the vicarage, 1.30pm.
Tue 17th Staff meeting in vicarage, 9am
Sun 22nd 'Leading Intercessions in church service training' from 11.30am in St Stephen's (led by Tim), following the joint service. This is for those who currently lead the prayers and those who would like to. Please let Tim know if you are coming.
(There is usually a Music Group practice each Thur. in All Saints', 7.30pm).

Some information about 2025 services and events

1st sundays@eleven

The 4ALL services have been running for 11 years and the team feel some changes are needed. As they plan the long-term future of these services (with the PCC) they would benefit from your reflections which can be offered using this link <https://forms.office.com/r/qrH9G6tgeF> or paper copies are available in church. In the short-term, throughout 2025 there will be four 4ALL services: Mothering Sunday, Father's Day, Harvest and Christingle. There will also be a 9am family breakfast on 2nd Feb.

For the non-4ALL 11am services - **1st sundays@eleven** - we will be offering opportunity to experience some different worship styles: in January a 'breathing space' service offering space for quiet, reflection, based around the image of the vine in John chapter 15; in February one of the Growth Groups will lead, in March, Sarah & Bruce Johnson will lead a Taizé style service, and in March we will focus on the theme of 'Giving in Faith' and how financial giving is part of Christian discipleship. Please pray for these services, those who lead, and for us to find a way forward that keeps us in step with the Holy Spirit. Thanks, Tim.

The spring service rotas are complete and have been sent out to all leading, preaching, reading, praying and leading worship in our regular services. We will once again be following the Lectionary readings (for the focus of most of our sermons), many follow the life of Jesus through Luke's Gospel. In Lent the Growth Groups (GG) will be using the study guide '*Words from Calvary*' by Trevor Partridge, reflecting on the words spoken by Jesus whilst on the cross. If you're not in a GG and would like to be part of this, please speak to Geoff Peel or Tim.

Electoral Roll (ER): I am writing to remind you that soon the revision of the ER will be upon us. This year we must compile a new ER, so everyone, whether on already or not, will be required to fill in a new form if they wish to be on the ER for the coming year. If you wish to vote or propose someone for office at the AGM you need to be on the ER. You also need to be on the ER to serve on the PCCC. For some posts you need to have been on the ER for at least six months. It is totally free and confidential as the list is only shown on the inside of the churches. I will shortly be letting you have the timetable for this. Pam Throsby

Social event in Rajni Indian restaurant Borrowash at 6.30pm on Mon 20th January Rajni restaurant. All Welcome. More details to follow

There will be no Jan 2025 News Sheet. In lieu of this Tim will send out a comprehensive update and information letter, in early Jan.

Derbyshire school holidays 2024/5:

Fri 20th Dec to Mon 6th Jan. Please refer to school websites for local variations.

Outward Giving: The PCC allocates up to 10% of annual income received directly from the congregation to local, national and international beneficiaries. We will allocate this at the Jan 14th meeting. If you wish to nominate recipients, please let Martin/Tim know asap, including information about each organization.

For booking All Saints': Patrick Smith (caretaker) 07301 297720.

All Saints' gardening team: Meets on the 1st Sat. each month. Volunteers will have their own tools and protective equipment. Please contact Patrick for more information: 739563/padsmith@ntlworld.com

Church Website: Haydn from SWA Design keeps the website up-to-date. If you have any items, or photos of church events, which might be included, please send: website@oandbparish.com.

Safeguarding: The PCC and PSO continue: **1.** working towards creating/maintaining a safe environment that for all; including promoting well-being, care and nurture and preventing abuse of children, young people and vulnerable adults; **2.** striving to support all church officers, including volunteers, to adhere to safer working practice and challenge any abuse of power. Info is available within section 11; *Code of safer working practice* of the Parish Safeguarding Handbook. Please use this link for more info [Layout 1 \(churchofengland.org\)](https://www.churchofengland.org) or search the Derby Diocese website: Safeguarding- Parish Safeguarding Handbook. If you are unable to access an electronic copy please ask a member of the PCC or the PSO, who will be happy to help.

Tim will be away from Thur. Dec 26th returning on Thur. Jan 2nd.