

Information & updates from the Vicar

March 2025

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Dear Everyone,

Sunday 23rd March

At both the 9.15 and 11am services we welcome guest preacher, Steve Sharpe, from Kettering. Do please pray for Steve as he travels and preaches and do please come and support his ministry.

Funerals

Thursday 27th March at 12.30 in All Saints', the Funeral of Eileen Eyre, followed by a private committal at Trent Valley. All are welcome to the funeral service.

Friday 28th March at 11.30am at Trent Valley, the funeral of Rev John Jacklin, followed by a *Celebration of Life* service in All Saints' Ockbrook, beginning at 12.30pm, and followed by refreshments. All are welcome to both services.

April News Sheet

Please let Tim have anything for inclusion into the April news sheet no later than Tuesday 25th March,

Coffee Morning

With 'bring and buy' at St. Stephen's, to raise funds for the Easter flowers, Sat. 5th April from 10am to 12noon, all welcome.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Do please come to All Saints' for the joint Morning Prayer service on 27th April, at 10am, followed by the AGM, which will include the election of a new Parochial Church Council (PCC), who are constituted as the leaders of our churches. Do please support these events, and do consider standing for the PCC, for the next 12 months.

AGM Reports

If you are writing a Report for the AGM please let Tim have it by **no later than 12noon Saturday April 5th**, after that time, the written report will not be included, but there will be opportunity to offer a short verbal report, at the AGM.

Electoral Roll (ER)

The ER is our parish's register of those who are members of our churches, and can vote at the AGM, and stand for election to the PCC. Every 6th year the preparation for a new ER takes place, which entails everyone having to re-apply. This is happening this year between **2nd Feb and 30th March**. Therefore, whether you are applying to join the ER for the first time, or reapplying, please complete a form (which you'll find at the back of each church), and leave the form with one of the church wardens.

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Gordon Lacey Hall (GLH) Money Group

The PCC have asked me to form a group, with the remit of fleshing out a series of proposals for the PCC, of possible ways we could use the capitol from the sale of the GLH, based on these PCC agreed parameters:

- The money should not be used to 'prop' up the revenue requirements of the Church, we should continue to fund our regular spending, through ongoing giving.
- It would be good to reduce our carbon footprint by investing in Solar Panels on both the Churches. This would also result in an income stream on an ongoing basis.
- We should give serious, prayerful consideration to any mission projects. These need to be sustainable, meaningful, and result in an increase in Christian membership of the Churches should we give some of the money away to Charity.

The first meeting of the group (Helen Bembridge, Ruth Green, Geoff Peel, Barrie Read, Tim Sumpter (Chair) & Peter wallace) is scheduled for 7.30pm on Sunday 13th April in the vicarage. I have previously asked everyone in our church family for their ideas, and do so again now, prior to that meeting. Please do hold this process in your prayers.

Live Streaming

The 11am services are now being live-streamed and can be accessed live, or after the event by going onto YouTube and typing into the search option: *all saints' ockbrook*.

With love in Christ and ongoing prayer, *Tim*.