

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 church services for November 2025

St Stephen's, Borrowash	9.15 am Sun	2 nd , 9 th (joint service) 16 th , 23 rd & 30 th
	6.00 pm Sun	9 th (Remembrance & Hope)
All Saints', Ockbrook	8.00 am Sun	(there is no 8am service this month)
	11.00 am Sun	2 nd , 16 th , 23 rd & 30 th
St Stephen's, Borrowash	10.00 am Wed	5 th , 12 th , 19 th , & 26 th

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Children's & Youth Work: October

Note from Tim:

Following Nat's resignation, I would like to thank her for all she has done as our children's and youth co-ordinator since January 2023 when she returned. We are very grateful for Nat and pray for God's blessings upon her as she begins her new role on Monday 3rd November.

I recently met with all the volunteers who kindly and generously give of their time to support the children's and youth work. I'm grateful that we can continue with the following groups for the time being:

Wednesdays (All Saints')

Youth Café 3.30-4.45pm: 12th Nov, thereafter fortnightly until Christmas hols.

Sundays (All Saints')

Rise & Shine 11.00am-12noon: 16th, 23rd & 30th Nov; 14th Dec.

Sunday Night Saints 6.30pm-8pm: 9th & 23rd Nov; 7th & 14th Dec.

I am preparing a paper for the November PCC, to help us reflect on the way forward, amend where necessary the job description and contract and then advertise for a replacement for Nat asap.

Please pray for Nat, all the volunteer coordinators and helpers, and all the children and young people. Please also be praying for the appointment process and for the right person to connect with us, for such a time as this.

Harvest-Sunday: 5th October:

A big thank you to all who supported our harvest festival weekend and for all the donated non-perishable food items and toiletries which were collected by the Padley@YMCA in Derby.

Love in a Box:

We will be supporting the *Shoebbox Appeal* again this year. If you would like to take part, the leaflets and boxes are now available at the back of both churches. Please have the boxes ready by Friday 21st November. Last year 3 lorry loads of shoeboxes were sent to Ukraine from the UK - packed with over 20,000 shoeboxes. How wonderful that our gifts could not only help the poor but also bring hope to those in this war-torn country. For more information, please contact Janet Pinchbeck on 07929536051

For our prayers: Joyce Bishop (now in Willowcroft Care Home), Jean & Eric Thomas (Jean is receiving end of life care in Sherwood Forrest Sanctuary Care Home, Normanton), Ann English, Marion Johnson, Brian & Beth Meese, Peter & Margaret Parkin, Robert Russell, Jenni Beavis, Philip Churchman & Beryl Good.

Please pray for Jodi and Melissa Martin, their families and friends, as they bring Maria for baptism, in All Saints' at 11am service on October 26th.

Please pray for peace in all the troubled places in the world, especially Ukraine, the fragile peace in Gaza/Israel and for Sudan. Pray too for Christians who live in places where they face persecution & especially Nigeria at this time, where it is estimated over 47,000 Christians have been brutally murdered for their faith in recent years.

Tearfund Big Church Quiz Night. Saturday 8th November, 7p.m. at All Saints' hosted by the Wallace's. Drinks and snacks will be available for purchase. £5.00 entry fee. All proceeds to Tearfund. There will be an interval during which the Wallace's will talk briefly about their experiences with Mission Direct in Uganda.

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

Children's and Youth-Work Lead - vacant

All Saints' Caretaker: Paul Cullen 07452 739952 - paul.cullen@ntlworld.com

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

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

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Diary Dates - November 2025

(For all Sunday & Wednesday services, see above/overleaf)

- Tue 4th Full monthly staff meeting in vicarage, 9.15am.
Wed 5th Parish Council meets at St Stephen's, 7.00pm.
Sat 8th Men's breakfast, Malt Shovel, Shardlow, 10.00am.
TearFund Big Church Quiz Night, All Saints', 7.00pm.
Sun 9th Remembrance Sunday:
Joint HC service at St Stephen's, 9.15am
Service of Remembrance, war memorial, Ockbrook, 10.45 (approx.)
Tue 11th PCC meets, All Saints', 7.30pm.

Live Streaming

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

<https://www.youtube.com/@allsaintsockbrookststephen4235>



Along with our usual Christmas services, as last year there will be a few different services and events that will be happening, that as a church community we hope you will support, encourage others to attend, and pray for. Below are the dates and times of the special service, and please see the attached sheet for more details, and our website www.oandbparish.com

Second Sunday of Advent-7th December

Morning Worship 9.15am St Stephens/Christingle 4ALL 11am All Saints' (The Christingles will be created in All Saints' on Sat 6th Dec at 9.30am. For more information, please contact Peter & Jenny Wallace, coordinators).

Christmas Café with Santa – Saturday 13th December (2pm to 4pm)

Blue Christmas-14th December 4pm All Saints' - with opportunity to light a candle, and add a star of remembrance to the Christmas tree.

Carols by Candlelight 'carol service' - 21st December 6pm All Saints'.

Christmas Eve-24th December

Christingle carols round the tree 3pm St Stephen's (especially for under-5s)

Christingle carols round the tree 6pm Stephen's

Midnight Communion 11.15pm All Saints'

Christmas Day-December 25th

Christmas Celebration 10am All Saints'

(The special leaflets containing all the information will be available in both churches from the end of October).

Posada: The knitted figures of Mary and Joseph will once more be travelling around our community over the Christmas period. They will set off on their travels from the Christingle Service on December 7th and return on Christmas Eve/Christmas Day. This is a lovely way to think about and prepare for Christmas and be community. This year there will be two sets of Mary and Josephs' so plenty of opportunity to host them. Will you give them a room for the night?

There will be a sign-up sheet in church at the end of October. If you need any more information, please speak to or contact Sue James on

sujejames@hotmail.com

Walking Fellowship Group: Do you like getting outside for a walk? Spending time in nature appreciating God's creation? Chatting with others whilst doing some gentle exercise? Come and join our Walking Fellowship Group, meeting at Elvaston Castle car park on Thur. Nov. 13th & 27th at 10am. Speak to Janet Pinchbeck for further details: 07929 536051.

Church Website: Haydn Bowley is our web manager. If you have any items of news, or photos of church events, which might be included, please send them to: hello@ardenweb.com

For booking All Saints': Paul Cullen (caretaker) on 07452 739952.

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

Safeguarding: The PCC, vicar and PSO continue creating and maintaining an environment safe for all, supporting all volunteers to adhere to safer working practice. and challenging any witnessed abuse of power. Info is available within section 11, *Code of safer working practice* of the Parish Safeguarding Handbook. Visit [Layout 1 \(churchofengland.org\)](http://Layout 1 (churchofengland.org)) or search the Derby Diocese website - Parish Safeguarding Handbook. If you are unable to access an electronic copy, please contact Angela (PSO): angelajdisney@outlook.com 07985505870, also for **any** concerns.

Please note that Tim will be on holiday from Monday 27th October to Monday 2nd November.

Giving in Faith (GiF): *Thank you* to all who reviewed their financial giving to the church family through the GiF initiative earlier this year, and who subsequently amended their regular Standing Orders. Tim.

The Dec 2025 News Sheet: Any items for inclusion should be with Tim by no later than Tues 25 Nov.