

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 2025

St Stephen's, Borrowash	9.15 am	Sun	7, 14, 21 (joint service) & 28 (joint service)
All Saints', Ockbrook	8.00 am	Sun	7.
	11.00 am	Sun	7 (4ALL Christingle), 14.
	10.00 am	Thur	25 (joint service with St Stephen's).
	6.00 pm	Sun	21 (carols by candlelight)
St Stephen's, Borrowash	10.00 am	Wed	3, 10, 17 & 24

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Children's & Youth Work

Sundays (All Saints')

Rise & Shine 11.00am-12noon: 14th Dec. and then closed for the Christmas hols.

Sunday Night Saints 6.30pm-8pm: 14th Dec. and then closed for the Christmas hols.

Wednesdays (All Saints')

Youth Café 3.30-4.45pm: 10th Dec. and then closed for Christmas hols.

Please continue to pray for the children's and youth work. It looks currently like we'll continue with 'Sunday Night Saints' from Jan to Feb ½ Term 2026, every other week: Jan 11, 25 & Feb 8, and 'Youth Café' from Jan to Feb ½ Term, every other week: Jan 14, 28 & Feb 11. We're currently not sure that 'Rise & Shine' will continue as we need a coordinator. A big THANK YOU to Jenny Wallace who has coordinated Rise & Shine (and to all the helpers), Jo Selby who coordinates Sunday Night Saints (and to all the helpers), and Ele Feetham who coordinates Youth café (and to all the helpers), Tim

For our prayers

The family of Joyce Bishop following her recent death. Eric Thomas and his family, following Jean's recent death. Geoff Peel and family, following the death of his mum. For Kate, Andrew and George, Ann English, Marion Johnson, Brian & Beth Meese, Peter & Margaret Parkin, Robert Russell, Jenni Bevis, & 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, Sudan and the Middle East, and for the church in Nigeria and Iran.

Calm & Bright

Second Sunday of Advent-7th Dec:

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).

Christmas Café with Santa-Sat 13th Dec (2pm to 4pm) All Saints'.

Blue Christmas-Sun 14th Dec 4pm All Saints' - opportunity to light a candle & add a star of remembrance to the Christmas tree.

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

Christmas Eve-24th Dec:

Christingle carols round the tree 3pm St Stephen's

(especially for under-5s)

Christingle carols round the tree 6pm Stephen's

(The Christingles will be created in St Stephen's on Tue 23rd Dec at 9.30am. For more information, please contact Anne Anderson).

Midnight Communion 11.15pm All Saints'

Christmas Day-25th Dec. Christmas Celebration 10am All Saints'

Sunday after Christmas-28th Dec. 9.15 am joint service St Stephen's

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'.

Walking Fellowship Group: will meet at Elvaston Castle on Thursday 11th Dec. at the slightly later time of 11am and will share lunch at Wyatt's Café. The planned dates for January are Thursday 8th & 22nd, meeting at Elvaston Castle car park at 10 am. Speak to Janet Pinchbeck for further details: 07929 536051.

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Diary Dates - December 2025

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

Tue	2	Full monthly staff meeting in vicarage, 9.15am.
Wed	3	Funeral of Joyce Bishop, St Stephen's, 11.15am.
Sat	6	Creating the Christingle, All Saints', 9.30am. <i>John Hill's</i> men's breakfast, Malt Shovel, Shardlow, 10am.
Fri	5	Gordon Lacey Hall Money Group, vicarage, 10.45am.
Tue	9	Standing Committee meeting, vicarage, 1.30pm.
Wed	17	Redhill School trip (yr 2) to All Saints', hosted by Tim

Some information about early 2026 services and events

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 our sermons, following the life of Jesus.

Renewal of Baptism vows: Sunday 11th January at the 9.15am and 11am service as we focus on Jesus' baptism.

Life, Death & the Universe (aka grill a vicar!): Saturday 17th January at 4pm in All Saints'.

The Alpha Course: will be hosted by Dawn & Tim and take place in All Saints' on Wednesday evenings from 7pm to 9pm, beginning on Jan 28th and ending on March 25th. Do please invite guests. We need someone to coordinate the meals which will be homemade soup and rolls, with cakes to finish. If you could help with this, please chat to Tim.

PCC Away Day: Saturday 7th February in All Saints' from 10am to 4pm.

Information from the Nov 2025 PCC

Children's and Youth Ministry Leader: The PCC unanimously approved the financing of a replacement for Nat. The advertisement has now gone out, and it is hoped we will have sufficient response to interview on a Saturday in mid to late Jan 2026. Please pray for this process and that we might find the right person/people for such a time as this.

Church Administrator: The PCC also agreed to finance a p/t administrator to help support Tim and our churches, remunerated on an hourly basis, up to 8 hrs. a week, at the current living wage. Please contact Tim or one of the church wardens if you are interested.

Joint Services time change: The PCC agreed that from Jan 2026 our joint services, whether at St Stephen's or All Saints' will revert to starting at 10am. The Spring 2026 service rotas now reflect this change.

A prayer for Advent & Christmas

Loving God, may we *pause in gratitude* for the gift of Your Son, the light that shines in our darkness, the hope that warms our hearts. May the joy of His birth fill our homes with peace, our words with kindness, and our actions with love. Bless those who are lonely, comfort those who are hurting, bring peace where there is conflict. Inspire and guide us to share Your light with the world through our lips and lives, that many may find their way back home to Your saving, forgiving, freeing Fatherly love, through Jesus the LORD, this Christmas. *Amen.*

There will be no Jan 2026 News Sheet. In lieu of this Tim will send out a comprehensive update and information letter, in early Jan.

Derbyshire school holidays 2025/6:

Fri 19th Dec to Mon 5th Jan. (refer to school websites for local variations).

Gift Aid: Please remember that if the church claims gift aid on your behalf, as you are an identified donor, for instance by regular giving envelopes, one off envelopes or standing order, please let me know if your tax status has changed i.e. you have stopped paying tax or begun again paying tax. For those donors who give by these methods the donations and the details of the donor are shared with HMRC. David Disney 07739 363710 drdaviddisney@outlook.com

For booking All Saints': Paul Cullen (caretaker) 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

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 working towards creating/maintaining a safe environment for all, promoting well-being, care and nurture and preventing abuse of children, young people and vulnerable adults; striving to support all church officers, to adhere to safe working practice, and challenge power abuse. Info available within section 11, *Code of safer working practice* of the Parish Safeguarding Handbook: [Layout 1 \(churchofengland.org\)](https://www.churchofengland.org) or Derby Diocese website: Safeguarding-Parish Safeguarding Handbook. If 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 work from Friday Dec 26th, 2025, to Saturday Jan 3rd, 2026.