

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 April 2026

St Stephen's, Borrowash	Sunday	9:15am	5 th , 19 th 26 th
	Wednesday	10am	1 st , 8 th 15 th 22 nd , 29 th
All Saints', Ockbrook	Sunday	11am	5 th , 19 th , 26 th

There will be a Joint Service at St Stephen's on Sunday 12th April at 10am
For special Holy Week and Easter Services please see further down the page.

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Children's & Youth Work

Sundays (All Saints')

Rise & Shine 11.00am-12noon: 19th April, 26th April.

Shining Stars (Toddler Group) 10am – 11:30am: 13th April.

Sunday Night Saints 6.30pm-8pm: 12th April, 26th April.

Wednesdays (All Saints')

Youth Café 3.30-4.45pm: Will have a break for Easter and will then recommence on the 22nd April,
It has been decided that for the time being the Youth Group will continue to run twice monthly in Term Time.

For our prayers

For Kate, Andrew and George, Ann English, Keith Greathorex, Harold Wakefield, Brian & Beth Meese, Peter & Margaret Parkin, Robert Russell, Jenni Bevis, Philip Churchman, Paul and Suzanne Cullen and their family, following the recent funeral for Paul's dad, and for Paul's mum who is very poorly.

A prayer for our services:

O Lord, open our eyes to your presence, our minds to your grace, our lips to your praises, our hearts to your love, our lives to your healing and may your presence be found amongst us always. Amen.

It would be wonderful to have people regularly praying for our worship services. If you wish to come early and sit quietly to pray in the church buildings, please do so.

Walking Fellowship Group: will meet at Elvaston Castle on Thursday 2nd April, Thursday 16th April and Thursday 30th April, we will be meeting at Elvaston Castle car park at 10 am. Speak to Janet Pinchbeck for further details: 07929 536051.

Philip Churchman

Phillip will be 100 years old on May 11th. The family are having an open house for anybody to drop in for a cuppa and a chat. They have asked me (Tim) to share this with any members of our church family who know Philip; we are all invited: 11 Brecon Close, Spondon, between 11am and 4pm. For more information contact Karen: 07864 629387.

Giving in Faith

On Sunday 26th April at both the 9.15am and 11am services we are focusing on 'giving' as part of our Christian discipleship, including 'giving financially' to our church. This is an annual opportunity to reflect on these important issues. Booklets will be available on the day with information about our income and expenditure over the last financial year, and a projected estimate of the necessary income we need to sustain our mission and ministry. Please pray for this initiative.

The sermons for our 9.15am and 11am Sun. services through May to July will focus on the New Testament book (originally a letter) of Philippians, written by St Paul to one of the earliest churches, located in the Greek City of Philippi. We welcome as guest preachers Fr. Paul Hygate and Sarah Johnson, alongside our regular 'home-team'. Throughout the school summer holiday, following custom, we will have just one joint 10am service each week, alternating the church buildings. Our themes for these services will be taken from the Book(s) of Psalms in the Old Testament.

Holidays: Tim will be away from work from Monday 6th April to Monday 13th April, and Jennie will be away from work for all the Easter school holidays.

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Church Dates - April 2026

Holy Week & Easter:

Holy Week reflective services:

Mon 30 March 10am - St Stephen's (Lecky Allwood)
Tue 31 March 10am - All Saints' (Sue James)
Wed 1 April 10am - St Stephen's (Jeffrey Fewkes)
Thur 2 April 10am - All Saints' (Chris Morrison)
Fri 3 April 12noon - Coop carpark (Tim Sumpter)
2pm - St Stephen's (Tim Sumpter)

Sun 5 April, Easter Day:

9.15am HC, St Stephen's, & 11am HC, All Saints'

Sun 12 April:

10am - Joint HC in St Stephen's

Diary Dates - April 2026

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

Wed 1 Parish Council meets in St Stephen's, 7pm.
Tue 14 Full monthly Staff meeting, Vicarage, 9.15am.
Informal PCC meeting, venue TBC, 7.30pm.
Tue 21 Staff meetings, Vicarage, 9.15am.
Standing Committee meets in Vicarage, 1.30pm.
Tue 28 Staff meeting, Vicarage, 9.15am.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)-31st May 11.15am in All Saints' Ockbrook:

Do please come along and support this important annual event and do please consider standing for the PCC. Nomination forms for all elected leadership positions will be up at the back of both churches by May 1st. Do please think and pray about nominating people and if you want to know more about the roles of Church Wardens, Assistant Wardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod members, do please speak to Tim.

AGM reports: If you normally write a report for your group or activity, please email them to Jack by May 1st.

Electoral Roll (ER):

This is our parish's register of those who can vote at the AGM and stand for election to the PCC. To be on the ER one must be baptised and aged 16+ and have read and signed an 'application for enrolment on the church ER', form. Forms are available from Anne Anderson in St Stephen's and Helen Bembridge in All Saints' (or at the back of each church). Please complete a form, and leave with Anne, Helen or Tim.

The 2026/7 PCC meetings times and dates: Tuesday's at 7.30pm in All Saints' on June 9th (safeguarding), July 7th, Sept. 1st, Oct. 6th, Nov. 3rd, Jan. 5th, March 2nd, April 6th & AGM Sun May 30th 11.15am in All Saints'.

Church Family Away Day

This has been booked for Saturday October 17th, 2026, from 9.30am to 4pm, at the church on Oakwood. This will be a time of deepening relationships, worship, and seeking to reflect together of our church's vision: '*Making Christian disciples who love God, love one another and live out God's love in the world*', and how we might prioritise some initiatives to help us implement that vision over the next few years. Please do put this day in your diary/on your calendar and come along. There will be no charge for the day. Bring bibles, pads, pens and lunch ; drinks will be provided.

May News Sheet: Please let Jack have items for inclusion by no later than Tuesday 20th April.

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': Please note that until we get a new caretaker there will be no new bookings in All Saints'.

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 \(churchofengland.org\)](http://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.