

All Saints' Ockbrook with St Stephen's Borrowash

September 2026 Newsletter

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Dear Everyone

Please find below important information about the life of our church family, including services and events for September (and autumn) 2026:

All regular church services for September 2026.

St Stephen's:	Sundays	09.15am	6 th , 13 th , 20 th & 27 th
	Wednesdays	10.00am	2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd & 30 th
All Saints':	Sundays	11.00am	6 th , 13 th , 20 th & 27 th

Autum sermon series

Our themes for the Autumn Sunday morning sermons will follow the lectionary readings: www.churchofengland.org/lectionary

Guest preachers

As well as our home team of preachers (Tim, Jeffrey, Bob, Dawn, Lecky, Geoff, Helen, Ruth and Greg), we welcome Sarah Johnson (11am on 6th September & 1st November, Taizé services), Steve Sharpe (9.15+11am on October 18th) and Fr Paul Hygate (9.15am joint service in St Stephen's on November 8th, Remembrance Sunday).

Information from the July PCC meeting

The PCC agreed to gift/give away 10% of the GLH money earmarked for missional support of charities ASAP. The PCC is keen to know of any charities you think could and should benefit. Please send this information to me (Tim) along with some information about the charity no later than August 31st so the next PCC meeting (Tue. Sept. 1st) can make some prayerful decisions.

Children's work

Shining Stars - 7th / 14th / 21st / 28th September

Youth Cafe - 16th / 30th September

Rise and Shine - 6th / 13th / 20th / 27th September

Jennie

Some diary dates

Full monthly staff meeting on Tue. 1st Sept. 09.15 in the vicarage.

The PCC meets on Tue. 1st Sept. at 7.30pm in All Saints'.

The parish council meets on Wed. 2nd Sept. 7.00pm, in St Stephen's.

National Day of Prayer for schools, Wed 9th Sept. 3.30-6pm, All Saints'.

Baptism of Archer Fisher on Sun. 20th Sept. in the 11 am service.

Baptism of Archie Thomson, Sun. 20th Sept. 1.15pm, in All Saints'.

Home Group Central meeting, Wed 23rd Sept. 7pm, in All Saints'

Retirement party for Joachim Kruesel, Moravian minister, Sun 27th Sept. 7pm, in the Lecture Hall.

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National Day of Prayer for Schools - Wednesday 9th September, in All Saints' Ock.

3:30-4:30 pm Play and Prayer:

Church is open to families. Games and Tuck Shop will be available, as well as space for children to write prayers for their schools.

5-6pm Prayer and Reflection for Schools:

A time for our church and community to pray for our schools.

For more information, please contact Jenny Wallace

Understanding our parish needs, special guest speaker

Join us after the 11am service at All Saints' on **Sun. Sept. 13th** as we welcome Christian researcher Benita Hewitt. Commissioned by the PCC, Benita explored the needs of our wider community to help us discover new ways to serve our neighbours. Come and hear her initial findings, reflect on our future mission, and ask questions you might have. All are welcome! Visit 9dot-research.co.uk to learn more about Benita and her work.

Please bring a light lunch if you wish, and drinks will be provided. We anticipate the session will end no later than 1.30pm.

Social events

- Wednesday 23rd September 7:00pm – *home group central meeting/bible study* film in All Saints' Ockbrook.
- Monday 5th October 7.00pm – *church family social* at Rajni, in Borrowash (please speak with helen Bembridge for more details)
- Saturday 17th October 5:00-7:30pm – *games/quiz evening with fish&chips* in All Saints' Ockbrook.

The Walking Fellowship will not be meeting in September. If someone would like to coordinate future walks, please let Janet Pinchbeck now asap.

Love in a Box

We are supporting "Love in a Box" Christmas Shoeboxes again this year. If you would like to take part, information leaflets and flat-pack boxes will be available at the back of both churches within the next few weeks. Please contact: Janet Pinchbeck 07929 536051

General information and Safeguarding

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

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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

Safeguarding: The PCC and (parish safeguarding officer) 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 writes: Sunday 6th September marks the 25th anniversary of my Institution & Induction as Vicar of Ockbrook with Borrowash. My thanks for all the encouragement and support in ministry over all that time.

Zoe and I are also so very grateful for all the kind messages of 'thanks' we have received since I announced my forthcoming retirement at Eastertide 2027. Thank you in anticipation for your ongoing prayers for Zoe, myself and the family, at this time of massive transition. Please be assured of our prayers for you all too.

Prayers: Please pray especially for: Peter Parkin and all the family following Margaret's recent funeral, Robert Russell (very poorly, at home), Val Hills (now in the dementia wing of Willowcroft care home), Brian and Beth Meese, Keith Greatorex, Harold Wakefield, Anne English, Moira Dick and Jillie Fisher.

Please pray that God would bless this process of appointing a Youth Work Lead and show us clearly who is called to this position (to work alongside Jennie our Children's Work Lead) for such a time as this.

Following the announcement of Tim's retirement, please pray for the process of the vacancy (interregnum) and the appointing of his successor, and all involved. Please also pray for Tim and Zoe as they leave a community of which they have been part of for 25 years (28 years including Tim's curacy) and relocate.

October Newsletter: Items for inclusion to Tim by Tuesday 22nd September.

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