

All Saints' Ockbrook with St Stephen's Borrowash

October 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 October (and autumn) 2026:

All regular church services for October 2026.

St Stephen's:	Sundays	09.15am	4 th , 11 th , 18 th & 25 th
	Wednesdays	10.00am	7 th , 14 th , 21 st & 28 th
All Saints':	Sundays	08.00am	4 th
		11.00am	4 th , 11 th , 18 th & 25 th

Autumn sermon series

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

Our Harvest festival services are on Sunday October 4th:

8am Said BCP & 11am All Age - All Saints' Ockbrook

9.15am MW – St Stephen's Borrowash

Our Harvest Charity is once again the *Padley&YMCA Derbyshire*, supporting people aged 18+ who are homeless, rough sleeping, destitute, disadvantaged or need support to maintain their accommodation. Requested items include:

- Food: tinned goods, long-life milk, tea/coffee, pasta, rice, sauces, biscuits, fruit squash, etc.
- Toiletries: deodorant, razors, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, sanitary products.
- Household items: kitchen roll, toilet roll, washing-up liquid, laundry detergent.
- Clothing: all sizes, coats, shoes, hats, gloves, unused underwear.

(Please note there are currently no flower displays etc planned for All Saints' as no one has responded to the notices).

Guest preachers

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

Children's work

Rise and Shine - October 4th All Age, 11th, 18th, (half-term 25th), start again on 1st November.

Shining Stars - October 5th, 12th, 19th, (half-term 26th), start again on 2nd November.

Youth Café - October 14th, restart on 4th November.

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Youth Work Lead

Following advertising this position, four people requested information packs, but sadly, none applied by the deadline, Friday September 25th. This position will be readvertised following discussions at the October Standing Committee, and PCC meetings.

Thank you!

The Riding's Pre-School in Ockbrook closed in July 2016, after many decades. They have kindly donated from their funds, £500 for our Shining Stars group, £500 for our Youth Café Group and £500 for the Community Food bank. I (Tim) have written to thank them on behalf of our churches.

Some October diary dates

Full monthly staff meeting on Tue. 6th at 09.15 in the vicarage.

Standing Committee meeting on Tue. 6th at 1.30pm in the vicarage.

Men's Breakfast, on Sat. 10th at 10.00am in The White Swann, Ockbrook.

Mayoral Civic Service, on Sun. 11th at 3.00pm in All Saints'.

The PCC meets on Tue. 13th at 7.30pm in All Saints'.

Funeral of George Barton on Thur. 15th, at 11.00am, in All Saints'.

Social events

- 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.~~ Please note this has been postponed. More details TBC.

Love in a Box

We are supporting "Love in a Box" Christmas Shoeboxes again this year. Leaflets and flat-pack boxes are now available at the back of both churches. Please contact Janet Pinchbeck for more information: 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

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

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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.

Leprosy Mission: For many years Keith Greatorex has been our Representative for the Leprosy Mission. Due to ill health Keith wishes to relinquish this position. If anyone would be prepared to take this on, please contact Anne Anderson on 01332 674984 or anneanderson7@hotmail.co.uk.

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 and Jillie Fisher.

Please pray for Geoff Peel as he prepares for an operation for a new hip

Please pray for the ongoing process of appointing a Youth Work Lead, to work alongside Jennie our Children's Work Lead.

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.

November Newsletter: Items for inclusion to Tim by Tuesday 20th October (earlier date due to half-term holidays).

Clergy holidays: Tim will be on holiday from Monday 26th October to Monday 2nd November.

The Gift of Christmas

Posters and leaflets advertising all our Christmas 2026 services and events have arrived. Each *Inside 72* Magazine delivered in November (within Ockbrook & Borrowash) will contain a leaflet. The rest will be available at the back of our churches. Do please take some and give them away to family, neighbours, and colleagues, inviting them to come along and hear about *The Gift of Christmas*.

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