

# All Saints' Ockbrook & St Stephen's Borrowwash September 2020

*Making Christian disciples who love God, love one another, and live out God's love in the world*

## September Services 2020

### Church buildings:

St Stephen's, Borrowwash - Each Wednesday morning at 10.00 am

All Saints' Ockbrook - Each Sunday mornings at 10.00 am

### Church without walls:

Streamed on our Facebook and YouTube channels - Each Sunday morning at 10.00 am

**YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/c/allsaintsockbrookststephensborrowwash>

**Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsockbrookandststephensborrowwash/>

## Items for your prayers...

**Please pray for the following:** Jeffrey Fewkes recovering from a knee operation, John Barwise recovering from bowel surgery, Margaret Miller being cared for at home, Hazel Salisbury, Pauline Fall being cared for at home, David Roberts, Barry and Margaret Wilson, Sheila Bye, Margaret Brennan, Michael Hart, Jason Thomas, Jean Thomas, Mary Hodges, Sheila Sykes, Christine Hunt, Shirley & Philip Churchman, Jane Holyoake, Catherine Roberts, Robert Russell and Don Fisher.

Please pray for the Community Food Bank which has been set up via our Anglican Churches. Please pray that those in our community who need the provisions will connect with the support on offer. Please pray for Tim, Jules, Dan, and Sarah who are coordinating the enterprise.

Please pray for the local schools and all the pupils and staff, and the teachers and young people who are part of our church family, as the schools return early September. Pray that the transition will be smooth and that COVID-19 cases will be kept to a minimum.

Please pray for Angela Disney, her father and wider family as we inter Angela's mother's ashes in Park Cemetery Ilkeston, at 10.00 am on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September (Tim).

*'A bruised reed he will not break, and a smouldering wick he will not snuff out, till he leads justice to victory'* (Matt. 12:20). Lord God, we pray that you would lead justice to victory in the many places where injustice seems to be victorious, praying especially for Belarus, Crimea, Syria, Yemen, Hong Kong, and the Palestinian Territories; Amen!

### Dear Church Family:

It seems such a long time since the 'old normal' which was life before lockdown. It continues to feel a strange, unprecedented time we are living through, with as-yet, no end in sight. Indeed, many are predicting that until vaccines are available, life will remain in this *liminal* state.

That said, as September begins, we are going to open both church buildings regularly for worship services and other meetings. Of course, things won't be as they were. Some won't feel able to attend due to ongoing health concerns. Those who do attend will do so under many restrictions, including wearing face coverings, no congregational singing, physical distancing, and Holy Communion with just the wafers. Nevertheless, I am looking forward to these gatherings and to being together in worship. Alongside these services, the current *church without walls* services will continue.

In this time of transition, we will continue to shape our church life around the four goals I set out as lockdown commenced, which again I commend to you:

- For the church family to remain connected and informed
- Ongoing support for the most vulnerable in our church family
- Ongoing support and help with coordination of care in the wider community
- The priority of regular prayer

In 1 Corinthians chapter 13 verse 13 Paul speaks about '*...faith, hope and love*'. These are wonderful qualities, worth pondering on and praying for. Hope is the cherishing of a desire with anticipation. My overriding hope is that out of the ashes of COVID-19 something new for the church will arise. It won't be a simple return to the past, but will include things familiar, alongside things currently waiting to be discovered. How might the missionary Holy Spirit be leading us out beyond the edge of our previous understandings and shapes of church? That is a question we must all ponder and pray about. It will form part of the PCC's brief as we convene again soon.

Although for now our planned services and events are all contingent on the continuing easing of lockdown restrictions, I remain hopeful that the UK church has a significant future. Indeed, who knows, perhaps the best is yet to come!

With love and prayer

Tim

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### September 2020-Wednesday & Sunday Services (and meetings) in church buildings:

Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	St Stephen's	Holy Communion
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	All Saints'	Holy Communion
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	St Stephen's	Holy Communion
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	St Stephen's	Pastoral Care Team meet
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	All Saints'	Holy Communion
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	St Stephen's	Morning Prayer
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	St Stephen's	Wedding Rehearsal
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	1.00pm	St Stephen's	Wedding
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	All Saints'	Holy Communion
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	St Stephen's	Holy Communion
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	All Saints'	Holy Communion
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	St Stephen's	Holy Communion

### Autumn 2020-Other important diary dates:

**Staff Meetings** - Tuesdays in the Vicarage at 10.00 am.

**PCC** - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September in All Saints' at 11.00 am  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October in All Saints' at 11.00 am  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December in All Saints' at 11.00 am

**Full Staff meetings** - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October in St Stephen's at 11.00 am  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November in St Stephen's at 11.00 am  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December in St Stephen's at 11.00 am

**AGM** - Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October in All Saints' at 11.00am.

**All other events (except for children's and youth meetings) are cancelled until further notice.**

### Children's and Youth work:

WOW youth group (Age 11+) will recommence on Friday 11th September 6.30pm at the Gordon Lacey Hall, finishing at 7.30pm.

Rise and Shine will recommence on Sunday 6th September at 9.55am - children will need to be dropped off at the parish hall.

Little Stars Creche and Shining Stars toddler group are not able to recommence currently due to covid-19 guidance. This will hopefully change soon, so please keep an eye out for further announcements.

We are keen to get all the groups up and running again but are also mindful of the need to follow both the government and church of England guidance.

If you have any questions or concerns relating to any of the groups involving children and young people, please do give me a call or send an email.

Many Thanks Nat Coxon (07966502740/ [cochranenatalie@gmail.com](mailto:cochranenatalie@gmail.com))

### The Next News Sheets, for October 2020, will be issued for w/c 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020

Any notices to be included in the News Sheet, must be with Moira Dick by **no later than Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020**

### Other Items:

**Church Services:** Please be aware there will be no pre-registration to any of the September services. If your details are in the church e-directory, just your name will be taken at the door. If you are not in the directory, before entry you will be asked for your name, and phone number for Track & Trace purposes.

Face coverings must be worn, and physical distancing must always be maintained. Please bring your own water/coffee and ensure you take your cup with you when you leave.

The worship in All Saints' will be a combination of Jo on the keyboard and CDs. There can be no congregational singing.

The red service books at St Stephen's must now be left in the pews.

### Physically distanced pastoral visiting:

Following a phone call, I will visit wearing a face covering, and stand at a distance at the door for a brief chat and prayer. I look forward to seeing many of you again over the next few months. Of course, should you need a pastoral chat, do please call me anytime (Tim).

**Congratulations** to Ian and Mal Oliver who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

**Congratulations** to Moira Dick who has been awarded the Bishop's Badge for service to the church whilst in lockdown.

**Congratulations** to John Jacklin who recently celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. John writes: '*I wanted to thank people for their good wishes and enormous number of cards*' (Tim).

**Church Finances:** Those using the regular giving envelopes can continue to use them and bring them to one of the September church services. If you use the offertory plates, these will be by the inside church doors. Alternatively, you may wish to set up a Standing Order so that your regular financial gift goes direct into the church's account. If you would like to consider this, please speak with Martin (the Treasurer) or Tim.

### Parish Safeguarding Rep:

For all concerns please contact Chris Grocott: 07788554432/ 01332 679801 [cigrocott@hotmail.com](mailto:cigrocott@hotmail.com)

**Tim's day off:** from the beginning of September Tim will be taking Mondays off, until further notice.