

## October 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:** John Barwise, Margaret Miller, Hazel Salisbury, Pauline Fall, 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 and Don Fisher.

Please pray for Alex Locke, a local man who had a severe car crash recently, and remains seriously ill in the QMC, Nottingham. Please pray too for Richard, Jayne and all the family.

Please pray for Angela Disney, her father Brian and the whole family following the recent internment of her mother's ashes, a service led by Tim.

Pray too for our new curate Bruce as he settles in, in this difficult time. Pray also for his wife Sarah and all the family.

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.

### A prayer:

*Loving Father God, we thank you for sustaining us in these difficult times when everything seems uncertain and our future unknown. We know that we can never be separated from Your love for us in Jesus and that You are with us always by the Holy Spirit. Thank you that you have a plan and purpose for each of us. Help us to discern Your voice and leading and give us the courage to do Your will and be the change we long to see around us in Your world; amen.*

### Dear Church Family:

Perhaps like me you expected by now we would have returned to normality. As I write, more local lockdown measures are expected, and there is a possibility that more stringent national measures could reoccur. We therefore continue to live in a fast-moving time of crisis and change, which as-yet has no end in sight.

Whatever the short-term future holds, we will continue to shape our church life around these four goals:

1. For the church family to remain connected and informed
2. Ongoing support for the most vulnerable in our church family
3. Ongoing support and help with care in the wider community
4. The priority of prayer

As part of point one, I am committed to continuing the church without walls services, and, unless we are locked down, the two weekly worship services in our church buildings. For these we have created as COVID-secure an environment as possible. On a Sunday, we have various guest musicians and CDs, and so-far, I have received much positive feedback about the creative and contemplative feel.

The postponed 2019 AGM is now rescheduled for Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 11.00 am in All Saints'. This will be an important time for us as a church family, to elect church wardens and a new leadership (PCC), to review our accounts, to receive updates on the All Saints' building proposals, to reflect back, and then to look forward (including Christmas 2020), which I will do primarily in my annual report. Do please nominate people for the PCC and if you are able, do please come along to the AGM. Please be aware that due to the current situation we will only be sending out e-copies of all the documents this year, and apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Nowadays, I rely heavily on my Satnav, which I've nicknamed 'Grace', after the line in my favourite hymn (Amazing Grace): *'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home'*. We may feel lost just now, or at least uncertain about the direction of our nation, churches, and lives. I pray that at this time in our lives, we may all know in a very tangible way, the presence of our loving God, guiding, guarding, and going with us, in the grace of Jesus, and in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 13: 14). With love and prayer.

Tim

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

Sun	4 <sup>th</sup> October	10.00am All Saints'	Said Holy Communion
		11.00am All Saints'	PCC Meeting
Tues	6 <sup>th</sup> October	10.00am Vicarage Staff Meeting	
Wed	7 <sup>th</sup> October	10.00am St Stephen's	Said Holy Communion
		11.00am St Stephen's	Full Staff Meeting
Sun	11 <sup>th</sup> October	10.00am All Saints'	Said Holy Communion
Tues	13 <sup>th</sup> October	10.00am Vicarage Staff Meeting	
Wed	14 <sup>th</sup> October	10.00am St Stephen's	Said Holy Communion
Sun	18 <sup>th</sup> October	10.00am All Saints'	Said Holy Communion
Tues	20 <sup>th</sup> October	10.00am Vicarage Staff Meeting	
Wed	21 <sup>st</sup> October	10.00am St Stephen's	Said Morning Prayer
Sun	25 <sup>th</sup> October	10.00am All Saints'	Said Holy Communion
		11.00am All Saints'	AGM
Tues	27 <sup>th</sup> October	10.00am Vicarage Staff Meeting	
Wed	28 <sup>th</sup> October	10.00am St Stephen's	Said Holy Communion

### Autumn 2020-Other important diary dates:

<b>Staff Meetings</b>	Tuesdays in the Vicarage at 10.00 am.
<b>PCC Meetings</b>	Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> December in All Saints' at 11.00 am
<b>Full Staff meetings</b>	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

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

### Children's & Youth work

**Rise and Shine Children's Church** - We are now up and running from 9.45am (until the finish of the 10am service) at the Parish Hall in Ockbrook. Please drop children off and collect them. We are happy to take children as long as they can be left. You need to register your child in advance as numbers are limited. We are doing this via *Eventbrite*. Please contact Nat for the link.

**WOW Youth Group**- We are meeting on a Friday night at the Gordon Lacey Hall from 6.30pm - 7.30pm. Young people are required to wear masks. This group is for any young person who is in Year 6 or above. The young people must register in advance for each session, on *Eventbrite*, due to limited numbers in the hall. Please contact Nat for details.

**Shining Stars Toddler Group**- We have held our first one-off session. This group is for parents/guardians and their babies and toddlers. Issie and Nat hope to make this a weekly group after the October half term but need volunteers, **if you can help, please contact them**. The sessions will be a Thursday from 10am - 11.30am at the Gordon Lacey Hall. Parents need to book their places through *Eventbrite*. The link can be found on the Shining Stars Facebook page or chat with Issie or Nat.

**Cookie Empire Bible Study**- This group is for young people who want to learn more about the Christian faith and the bible. We are currently meeting on Zoom on a Wednesday evening between 7.30pm -8.30pm. If you would like to know more or would like a zoom link please chat with Nat. The young people are very keen to meet in person again but as we operated as a home group previously this is currently against Covid regulations.

We are doing everything we can to make these groups safe for the leaders, volunteers, children, and young people in Covid secure premises. This work is vital, but we will continue to monitor the situation and be guided by the government and Church of England's advice.

Nat - 07966502740

### Other Items:

**Church Services:** We continue to work hard to ensure all who come are as protected from COVID-19 as possible. There will be no pre-registration. 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. Alternatively, each building now has a unique **NHS QR code** which means you can scan the code (from a poster) with a Smart phone on arrival. **You will need to have downloaded the NHS Test & Trace app first.** Face coverings must be worn, and physical distancing must always be maintained.

The worship in All Saints' will be led on different weeks by a combination of guest musicians (live and pre-recorded) and CDs. There can be no congregational singing. The red service books and bibles at St Stephen's must be left in the pews. If you have questions or comments please speak to Tim or one of the wardens.

On Sun 4<sup>th</sup> October we are celebrating **Harvest**. We have decided to support the Canaan Trust, a Christian charity in Long Eaton supporting the Homeless. Please make cheques payable to The Ockbrook with Borrowash PCC and cash in envelopes, both mark 'Canaan Trust': [www.canaan-trust.co.uk](http://www.canaan-trust.co.uk)

**Love in a Box:** please take a leaflet from the back of either church building or speak to Janet Pinchbeck ASAP (673281): [www.teams4u.com](http://www.teams4u.com)

**Pat Wilson** has recently stood down from verging at weddings in All Saints', which she has done for many years. 'A big thank you to Pat for all her years of faithful service'. 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)

**The Next News Sheets, for November 2020, will be issued for w/c 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020**

Any notices to be included in the News Sheet, must be with Moira Dick by **no later than Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020**