

Dear All

Please find attached the summer 2011 news sheet. There will now be no news sheet until Sunday week commencing September 5th. Remember that you can view and download current news sheet information from the church website as well as the recent sermons from the 11.00 am services. Please find additional important information below.

Youth Group

We are re-launching the church youth group on Sunday September 11th 2011. All the parents and young people will soon be receiving letters with all the information on. A few questions answered at this stage:

Who's the group for? Any young person aged 11 (and in senior school) – 18.

Where will it meet? At the Gordon Lacey Hall in Ockbrook.

When will it meet? On the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays of each month from 4 – 5pm.

Who are the leaders?

Nic and Jim Allen (members of the 11am service)

Gemma Crammond (member of the 11 am service)

Moira Dick (PCC member and youth co-coordinator)

Peter Wallace (member of the 11am service)

All the leaders will be CRB checked and supported by the Derby Diocesan Youth Advisor, Alistair Langton, who will be offering training and ongoing advice. Please pray for God's blessing upon this new venture and for all those involved!

Autumn events 2011

Renewal of Baptism Vows

This will take place on Sunday 4th September 11.00 am at All Saints' in the All Age service. The focus will be on a baptism, following which there will be opportunity for the renewal of baptism vows. Those who have been baptised at All Saints' over the last few years have all been invited. There will be a cake along with refreshments after the service.

There will be details of the Kids' Church and Youth Group available and all the leaders will be prayed for in this service.

Do put this date in your diary and come along to renew your baptism promises before God.

Back to Church Sunday (September 25th)

This is an annual national event aimed at encouraging people to give the local church a try. We will be focusing on the Back to Church Sunday theme in the 9.15 and 11.00 am services. Please pray for these events and invite your friends and neighbours along.

Harvest Weekend

This year our harvest celebration will happen on the weekend of October 1st - 2nd. St Stephen's will host a flower festival as usual and if you can help with this then please be in contact with Joy Cordwell (01332 774736). We will have opportunity to thank and praise God for all the blessings and resources we have in our lives. We will also be focusing on our links with the Emmanuel 2000 church-based charity in Nepal and be seeking to raise funds for their needs.

Gordon Lacey Hall Fundraiser

Sat Oct 15th at 7.30pm sees "Five in a Bar" making a return visit to All Saints' after their fantastic entertaining concert last year, so book this date into your diary **now** and tickets will be available soon.

Café Theology Book Club – Love Wins (by Rob Bell)

Following the success of the 1st Café Theology Book Club evening we are having our 2nd event on Wednesday 19th October from 8.00 – 9.30 pm (venue TBA). We will be reviewing the recent book by popular American pastor and author, Rob Bell. The book has created some controversy in the western church due to its theology of Hell.

The first part of the evening will be a book club style forum in which groups will discuss the book. After refreshments there will be a short presentation reflecting on the subject matter of Hell and God's love by Rev'd Tim Sumpter.

To get the most out of the evening it is hoped all attendees will have read a copy of Love Wins (published by Collins) and available at the Wesley Owen Christian bookshop in Derby (Tel: 01332 345936). There will be copies available in church from Tim Sumpter from early September.

Joint Sunday Service with Mission Partners

On Sunday October 30th there will be just one joint Anglican service which will be at All Saints' at 10.30 am. Please note the 8.00 am service listed on the rota that day has been cancelled! We welcome our CMS mission partners Jason and Tracy Day and their children. They will be speaking to us about their ministry in Nepal. We will have a shared lunch following the service with opportunity to chat with the Days.

Alpha Day Away 2 (Sat. 5th November, times/venue TBC)

Have you ever been on an Alpha Course day away? Or were you part of an Alpha Course but missed the day away? Have you ever wished to do another Alpha Day away but go a bit deeper? If you answer 'yes' to these questions then this **Alpha Day Away 2** day is for you!

On an Alpha day away the person and doctrine of Holy Spirit is reflected on through talks, group discussion and prayer. Many people have benefitted from such days as significant milestones in their journey of faith.

This **Alpha Day Away 2** is aimed at going further and deeper in a Biblical understanding of the Holy Spirit and will offer opportunity to receive prayer to receive a fresh filling of the Holy Spirit and the gifts and power He brings upon Christians for the mission and ministry of the Church.

The Alpha Day Away 2 is on Saturday 5th November. Venue TBC. More information in September. You will need to bring a Bible, pad, pen and sandwiches.

Please note that this day will be postponed if not enough people have signed up by one week before.

May I wish you all a restful summer, whether you are going away or staying at home!

Every Blessing

Tim

Rev'd TM Sumpter
Vicar of Ockbrook with Borrowwash.