



St Helen's Church

Loving God, loving others, loving the world

Notices for 14th April 2024:

3rd Sunday of Easter

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 14th April

10:30am Holy Communion at St Helen's, including "Stepping Stones" Children's group; followed by Baptism

6pm Holy Communion at Isley Walton

Monday 15th April

7:30pm Pilgrim group at 30 Moira Road

Wednesday 17th April

10:30am Holy Communion at St Helen's

Thursday 18th April

10am Café Church at St Matthew's, Worthington [until 11:15]

Friday 19th April

1-4pm Warm-Hearted Space in Community Heritage Centre

Saturday 20th April

9:30 am Morning Prayer in Hastings Chapel

Sunday 21st April

8:30am Holy Communion at Staunton Harold

10:30am Civic Service at St Helen's

10:30am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Coleorton

Readings for 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3 vs 12-19

Luke 24 vs 36b - 48

Collect for 3rd Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence
with us,
that we may be strengthened and
sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in
righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

MENS BREAKFAST –

SATURDAY 13th APRIL

Invitation from Geoff Richman:

Our next Men's Breakfast event at 8:00am on Saturday 13th April 2024 at Wetherspoons for breakfast followed by a talk to be given by Phil Taber "On Mission with Flame International". All are welcome to hear Phill describe his recent missionary work.

APCM: TUESDAY 16th APRIL

7pm in St Helen's Heritage Centre

As our APCM approaches, please prayerfully consider the possibility of whether you could stand for election as a member of PCC, Deanery Synod or as Church Warden. If you would like to know more about either of these roles, please speak to either of our Wardens, to Rev Sue or to anyone on PCC.

And please come along to the meeting!

CIVIC SERVICE: SUNDAY 21st APRIL

On Sunday 21st April at our 10:30 morning service we will be hosting the annual Ashby Civic Service and giving thanks for the work of the Town Council and Avril Wilson as Mayor over the past year.

AND REQUEST FOR CAKES!

It would be wonderful to have a few home-baked cakes to serve with coffee after our Civic Service. If you are able to provide a cake, please let Caroline know.

It would also be most helpful to have some help with serving and clearing up afterwards – again, please let Caroline know if you can help.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2024:

May 12th – 19th

Thank you to everyone who has already offered to help with this year's collection. I shall be in touch in due course.

We are however looking for even more volunteers who would be prepared to deliver five, ten, twenty or even more envelopes in their local area. You no longer need to collect in the envelopes, although you can if you prefer. Instead, you write the address of a drop-off point (usually the volunteer's house) where people who want to donate can leave their envelope. Any envelopes are then handed to the church coordinators for counting.

If you feel you could help with this very worthy cause, please speak to me, or ring me on 073686 15406
For further details about Christian Aid and about this year's focus, go to caid.org.uk

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SUNDAY 12th MAY

Brunch before morning service

The Eco Initiative Group invites you to Brunch, to be held in the Heritage Centre, commencing at 9am, prior to morning worship. We will be highlighting the work of the Fairtrade Foundation. If you are able to attend, please sign the sheet on the noticeboard at the back of church, or give names to Caroline stating any dietary requirements
Many thanks for your support. Look forward to seeing you.

CAN YOU HELP JENNY WELLS?

Jenny Wells is doing a university survey on Christian Music Genres: which Christian genre of music do Christians prefer in their worship? Emotional response and what musical elements are the cause? This is for the purpose of an essay and presentation. The survey is anonymous and no one, including Jenny, will be able to associate your responses with your identity.

The survey can be accessed at <https://app.onlinesurveys.lisc.ac.uk/s/plymouth/christian-music-genres-which-christian-genre-of-music-do-christ>

It should take no more than 5-10 minutes to complete and you can stop responding at any time.

PRG BOOK SALE – every Sunday after St Helen's morning service

A table with books for sale is available after the service every Sunday. Our Priest Room Gang of young people, having read the diary of Anne Frank, are fund-raising for a trip to Amsterdam. Have a browse and see if there is something for you!

ST HELEN'S PCC TREASURER

Over the last two to three months Andy Smith and Catalina Chan have been working together on the duties of Treasurer and as of this week Catalina is now acting in the full capacity of Church Treasurer. We are extremely grateful to Catalina for taking on this important role and bringing her diligence and attention to detail to work on our finances.

A quick reminder of who you should contact about various money related questions:

Giving, Parish Giving Scheme, Gift Aid

If you have queries about anything related to these subjects or anything linked to regular giving please contact Cornelia Wright.

Cash collections, money for refreshments from events etc.

We have a hard working team of cash stewards who count our cash and bank it weekly. They are Eileen C

Adrienne S, Mary H, Rob and Caroline M, and Lyn P. One of them will be on duty most Sundays if you have cash to hand over. If you have any other questions about the church's finances then please contact Catalina.

GIVING

You can make donations to the work of St Helen's through the Collectin card reader at the back of church any time. Alternatively, donations can be made via the open plate at the back of church after our Sunday services, the wall safe at the back of church or via our website: <https://www.sthelensashby.net/Groups/327469/Giving.aspx>

Deadline for next week's Notice Sheet: : 5pm Thursday evening, sent to either Judith or the Parish Office.

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