



## St Helen's Church

Loving God, loving others, loving the world

### Notices for 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

##### Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> April:

- 10:30am United Flagstaff Team Service of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity.  
Please email [zoom@trinityashby.net](mailto:zoom@trinityashby.net) for link if you will be watching on line – this service will **not** be streamed to Facebook
- 3:30pm Messy Church in St Helen's Heritage Centre – see additional notice.

##### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April

- 10:00am Prayer in St Helen's – see additional notice

##### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April

- 10.30am No service this week

##### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April

- 9:30 am Prayer in the Hastings Chapel

##### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May

- 8:30am Holy Communion at Staunton Harold
- 10:30am All Age service at St Helen's
- 6:00pm Holy Communion at Isley Walton
- 6:00pm Civic Service of Choral Evensong at St Helen's, live-streamed to the Flagstaff Family of Churches Facebook page

##### Readings for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April

Acts 5 vs 27-32; John 20 vs 19-31

#### Collect for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked,  
no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and  
peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

#### Messy Church, 3:30 Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April

Everyone is extremely welcome to join us in the Heritage Centre and outside for on-going Easter celebrations and an Easter Egg hunt! [If anyone has concerns about allergies, please contact Pat Stafford, [pat@destafford.co.uk](mailto:pat@destafford.co.uk) ]

#### Prayer in Church, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April:

Mark, who many of us have been supporting in prayer and other ways for some years has a parole hearing on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April. There will be a time of prayer for him and for the proceedings in St Helen's Church between 10 am and noon on that day – arrive and leave any time during those hours.

#### Civic Service Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May

It is our privilege to host this year's Ashby Civic Service during our Choral Evensong at 6pm. We look forward to welcoming the Mayor of Ashby, the Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire, the Chair of Leicestershire County Council and members of Ashby Town Council. All are welcome to attend this service. It would be lovely to see as many people as possible! Refreshments will be served in the Heritage Centre after the service.

## YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!



Our APCM [Annual Parochial Church Meeting] will be held this year on Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be looking to elect new members on to our PCC. **Could this be you?** It would be lovely to have some new faces. We meet on 10 occasions in the year and are responsible for the church's governance, including working and praying together to recognise and implement God's direction for us.

We will also be seeking to appoint a new secretary and treasurer to the PCC.

**Please talk to Judith, Shân, Steph or any member of PCC if you would like to know more.**

### ELECTORAL ROLL 2022

Eileen Coombs maintains our Electoral Roll and updates it annually in advance of the APCM. If you have been worshipping with us for the past 6 months or more, in person or on-line, you are warmly invited to sign up on the Electoral Roll. This entitles you to vote at our APCM and to stand for PCC, as well as indicating your involvement in the life of St Helen's.

For more details or if you have any queries, please contact Eileen on 07711286486 or email her on [eileencoombs@aol.com](mailto:eileencoombs@aol.com).

## THANK YOU!

Many, many thanks to our brilliant choir and Director of Music Andrew Chapman, and to all who led services for us over Holy Week and Easter, helping us to reflect on and enter in to the meaning of this special week in our calendar.

## DON'T FORGET YOUR THERMALS!

While mindful of advice to "cast not a clout 'til May be out", but also aware of the increased costs of heating, on Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup> we will be turning off the heating at St Helen's for the summer. You may want to wear an extra layer of clothing if we have a cold snap!

## WELCOME TO FLAGSTAFF CHURCHES, in combination with Christian Aid Week May 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>

None of us in Ashby can fail to notice the number of new housing developments in our town. St Helen's and Holy Trinity are planning, as part of our mission and outreach, to distribute throughout Ashby, particularly to the new estates, flyers of welcome and introduction to our churches. It makes sense to combine distributing Christian Aid envelopes with this initiative. Please consider if you are able to help with this; if so, please contact Shân Dyer on 07368615406 or at [shandashby@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:shandashby@hotmail.co.uk).

## WE'RE IN STITCHES – ASHBY KNIT AND NATTER

This is a new drop-in group starting in the Heritage Centre which will be held on the first Wednesday of each month. The first one will be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2:00pm - 4:00pm. Knitting, sewing, all kinds of stitching.

**SAVE THE DATES:**

The Entertainment and Activity Team have been busy planning events for this coming year. Here are some upcoming dates for your diary and requests for help. If you are able to help with either event, please contact a member of the team: Jill Chapman, Liz Smith, Alison Cross, Caroline Essex or Helen Smith.

**Sat 14th May 7.30-9.15pm**

Theatre production "Remembrance" in St Helen's church as part of Ashby Arts Festival. Help needed with serving interval refreshments and clearing up afterwards.

**Mon 30th May 9am-12pm**

Self-guided children's nature trails in church and churchyard, plant sale, refreshments and ice-creams! We need help manning the event and donations of plants will be gratefully received so please start potting on. Please contact Alison Cross on 07766 232414 or email [across3355@gmail.com](mailto:across3355@gmail.com) if you are able to donate plants.

**GIVING:**

You can make donations to the work of St Helen's via our website  
<https://www.sthelensashby.net/Groups/327469/Giving.aspx>

**FOR PRAYER:**

Please pray for those known to you who are ill, including John Dennis, Peggy Adams and Teresa Shorthouse.

In love, we remember those whose anniversary of death falls at this time, praying for their families & friends:

Kenneth Henry Sharpe  
James Calladine  
Olive Irene Bird  
Winifred Allcock

**PRAYER FOR UKRAINE:**

God of peace and justice,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.  
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.  
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at-risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.  
We pray in the name of Jesus,  
the Prince of Peace. Amen

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