



St Helen's Church

Loving God, loving others, loving the world

Notices for 1st May 2022

3rd Sunday of Easter

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, 1st May:

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

Wednesday 4th May

- 10.30am Holy Communion at St Helen's
2pm "We're in Stitches" 1st meeting at the Heritage Centre. Until 4pm.

Saturday 7th May

- 9:30 am Prayer in the Hastings Chapel
10:00 Weeding and tidying up Heritage Centre garden. All welcome! Refreshments in Heritage Centre.

Sunday 8th May

- 10:30am Holy Communion at St Helen's.
Please note there are no refreshments served after this service owing to a prior booking of the Heritage Centre.
10:30 am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Coleorton

Readings for Choral Evensong

Sunday 1st May

Isaiah 38 vs 9-20; John 11 vs 27-34

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.

All Age Service Sunday 1st May

Our All Age service this Sunday has an optional dress code! We are encouraged to come wearing a jumper, onesie, hat or mask featuring an animal or bird. An umbrella is also suggested – just in case, although the weather looks promising.

Civic Service Sunday 1st 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.

APCM

Our APCM [Annual Parochial Church Meeting] will be held this year on Tuesday May 17th. 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

If you are not on the roll and would like to be, and have been worshipping with us for the past 6 months or more, in person or on-line, please sign up by Tuesday, as the roll closes to new additions between then and our APCM. Only those on the roll are eligible to vote at the APCM and to stand for PCC. The roll will re-open following the APCM.

For more details please contact Eileen Coombs on 07711286486 or email her on eileencoombs@aol.com.

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, we will be turning off the heating at St Helen's for the summer on Monday 2nd May. You may want to wear an extra layer of clothing if we have a cold snap!

Sat 14th May 7.30-9.15pm

Theatre production "Remembrance" in St Helen's church as part of Ashby Arts Festival. Flyers are at the back of church, please take time to have a look. If you can help with refreshments and tidying up afterwards please speak to one of the EAT

Monday 30th May Plant Sale

09.00-12.00, outside Heritage Centre.

We need your Plants – cuttings, seedlings unwanted plants, herbs, vegetables etc. In fact, anything greenish and growing! Plants can be brought to St Helen's either on Sunday 29th May or first thing on the Monday morning; Alison Cross would also be happy to collect them the week before the sale – she can be contacted on 07766232414 or .

Come along on the day and treat yourself to a new plant.

There will also be self-guided children's nature trails in church and churchyard, refreshments and ice-creams!

Help with serving refreshments and tidying up afterwards would be very gratefully received. Please speak to one of the EAT team - Jill Chapman, Liz Smith, Alison Cross, Caroline Essex or Helen Smith or one of the Wardens.

WELCOME TO FLAGSTAFF CHURCHES, in combination with Christian Aid Week May 15th – 21st

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 .

**QUIET MORNING AT ST HELEN'S
HERITAGE CENTRE FOR FLAGSTAFF
FAMILY.**

Thursday 23rd June 2022.

The theme we shall be looking at is **"Fire of the North and the Celtic Saints"** focussing mainly, but not exclusively, on St. Cuthbert of Holy Island and St. Columba of Iona.

The times will be firmed up later but we are working provisionally on beginning with breakfast together at 8.30am and finishing the Quiet Morning at around 12.30 and home in time for lunch.

So far we have only 3 booked in and numbers will be limited to 12. More details will be available nearer the time but if you are interested in putting your name down then the booking list is open and we do need at least 6 participants to make the morning viable.

Please contact me via email margaret@ajacques.plus.com. There is no charge except that voluntary contributions will be welcome towards breakfast and tea and coffee.

Revd. Margaret and Allan.

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:

Mary Elizabeth Evans
Lucy Baker
Sylvia Mavis Grainger
David George Jeffrey
Harold Pass
John Winfield Drury
Ada Elizabeth Evans

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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