



## St Helen's Church

Loving God, loving others, loving the world

### Notices for 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Christian Aid Week

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

##### Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> May:

- 8:30am Morning Prayer [BCP] at Staunton Harold
- 10:30am Morning Worship at St Helen's, live-streamed to the Flagstaff Family of Churches Facebook page.
- 10:30am Holy Communion at Breedon

##### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May

- 7:30pm APCM in St Helen's Heritage Centre [Refreshments from 7pm onwards]

##### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May

- 10.30am Morning Prayer at St Helen's

##### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May

- 9:30 am Prayer in Hastings Chapel

##### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May:

- 10:30am Holy Communion at St Helen's
- 3:30pm Messy Church at St Helen's Heritage Centre

##### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May:

- 10:30am United Flagstaff Team service at Breedon

#### Collect for 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare your love for the world  
and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father.

#### Readings for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May

Revelation 21 vs 1-6; Acts 11vs 1-18

##### Sat 14<sup>th</sup> May 8:00

Men's Breakfast at Wetherspoons followed by a talk by Bob Onions at the Methodist Church Hall: "WHERE JESUS WALKED - PART 2", illustrated with photographs taken during a visit to the Holy Land.

##### Sat 14<sup>th</sup> May 7.30-9.15pm

Remembrance – A World War One play with music, followed by a discussion with the cast. The action takes place as a series of letters between Sergeant Hills, in France and his wife Magda, in England leading to a searing climax.

#### Annual Meeting of Parishioners and APCM:

##### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 7pm for 7:30

All are very welcome to these 2 meetings which will run consecutively from 7:30pm. [The Annual Meeting of Parishioners is the forum for electing Church Wardens.] We will be sharing reflections on the past year, looking towards the future together under God's guidance and electing new members to our PCC. Printed reports relating to many aspects of our church life will be available at Sunday's service and at the meeting itself, and are also being sent out with this email, to enable people to read them in advance and have ready any questions about them.

Items of AOB should be notified to the Chair, Steph Whiten, at least 48 hours before the meeting

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## **APCM – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Church Representation Rules (rule 9) require that the financial statements for the previous year shall be displayed on a church noticeboard for at least seven days before the APCM to enable the APCM to discuss them.

As well as the printed / emailed copies, a copy of the financial statements will be available to read on the main noticeboard in church, from the evening of Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

## **MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **SUNDAY 12TH JUNE 2-5pm**

### **Ashby Street Pastors Garden Party**

Come to the St Helen's Heritage Centre Garden from 2pm - 5pm and enjoy all the fun of a traditional garden party including games, refreshments and stalls.

Free Entry. For more information email [ashby@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:ashby@streetpastors.org.uk) or speak to Chris Lewis or Liz Smith.

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

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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](mailto: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.

## **YOUNG PEOPLE IN CHURCH**

Over the past couple of weeks, some young people from local schools have been spending time after school hours in St Helen's. Unfortunately, on some of these occasions they have not been wholly respectful towards our environment and have left the building in something of a mess. If you have any concerns about who is using the building and how, please contact Judith or Shân. We are liaising with the relevant schools, who are being very supportive.

## **REV STEWART BETTS' LICENSING**

Many of you will know by now that Stewart is to be licensed as Priest in Charge in the Benefice of Cosby and Whetstone and Priest in Charge designate in the Parish of Narborough. He will be formally licensed and installed on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm at St Peter's, Whetstone.

## **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:

Elsie May Avins  
David Benson  
Rosslyn Richard Parkin  
Rosemary Burnett  
Maurice Watson Capewell

## **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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