



St Helen's Church

Loving God, loving others, loving the world

Notices for 22nd May 2022

6th Sunday of Easter

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 22nd May:

10:30am Holy Communion at St Helen's,
live-streamed to the Flagstaff
Family of Churches Facebook
page.

3:30pm Messy Church in St Helen's
Heritage Centre

Wednesday 25th May

10:30 No service this week

Thursday 26th May – Ascension Day

7:30pm Holy Communion at St Mary's
Coleorton

Saturday 28th May

9:30 am Prayer in Hastings Chapel – or
in Heritage Centre garden in
fine weather

Sunday 29th May:

10:30am The congregation at Breedon
are looking forward to
welcoming the Flagstaff
churches to a Team Service of
Holy Communion, held in the
open air if the weather is fine.
Please bring a suitable garden
chair if you have one, and stay
on for a picnic after the service.
Hot drinks will be provided.

Looking ahead: Sunday 5th June:

Our All Age and Choral Evensong services
will be celebrating the Platinum Jubilee
and Pentecost. Weather permitting, at
least part of the services will be outdoors.
Tea and cake will be served in the
Heritage Centre from 4:30 onwards. All
welcome, even if you are not staying for
Evensong [but please do – it is a lovely
service and will be a fitting end to the
Jubilee celebrations!]

Collect for 6th Sunday of Easter

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of
darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your
Son:
grant, that as by his death he has
recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he
may raise us to eternal joy;
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.

Readings for Sunday 22nd May

Acts 16 vs 9-15; John 14 vs 23-29

Annual Meeting of Parishioners and APCM:

Our annual meetings were held on
Tuesday 17th May. Shân Dyer and Judith
Lewis were re-elected as Church Wardens
and Jill Chapman, Sam Blatherwick,
Caroline Millward and Peter Rose were
elected to PCC and join the existing
membership of Caroline Essex, Steph
Whiten, Cornelia Wright, Lyn Price, Alison
Cross and John Dennis. Eileen Coombs is
our Deanery Synod representative and
Elizabeth Smith becomes an ex-officio,
rather than elected member of PCC as a
Reader.

Steph Whiten is our Lay Chair and Alison
Cross has taken on the role of PCC
Secretary from John Dennis, to whom we
are most grateful for his hard work over the
past few years.

PCC TREASURER – Please read and consider!

PCC has been without a formal treasurer for the past year, during which time Andy Smith has acted informally in managing our finances and reviewing the role of Treasurer – and we are extremely grateful to him. PCC has now agreed to outsource our regular accounting and book-keeping to a firm of accountants; Andy has also divided up among other volunteers some of the work that has previously fallen to the treasurer. The result is that the treasurer's role will be much more manageable. A draft description of what is envisaged is being sent out with this notice sheet and copies will be available in church. Please consider whether this is a way in which you could contribute to the mission and ministry of our church – it is a very valuable and necessary role. Either of the Wardens or Andy Smith will happily discuss further with you. You do not have to be on PCC, but could be co-opted if you wish.

CALLING ALL BAKERS!

There are a number of *not to be missed* events happening this spring and summer.

Could you help with either baking or donating something to help our events?

MONDAY 30th MAY: Plant sale 9am - 12.00, outside Heritage Centre, for refreshments.

SUNDAY 12th JUNE: Ashby Street Pastors Garden Party, 2-5pm, St Helen's Heritage Centre. Both to sell and for refreshments please

SATURDAY 18th JUNE: Volunteers' Day, 10am – 12:00, St Helen's Heritage Centre, for refreshments

If you can help, please let me know or bring your kind donation to the Heritage Centre early on the day!!

Thank you very much

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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.

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 or speak to Chris Lewis or Liz Smith.

THURSDAY 23rd JUNE 8:30am – 12:30

Quiet morning at St Helen's Heritage Centre for Flagstaff Family.

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. There is no charge except that voluntary contributions will be welcome towards breakfast and tea and coffee.

Revd. Margaret and Allan.

VERY ADVANCE NOTICE!

SAVE THE DATE:

Burns Night supper-

The Piper is booked!

Saturday 28th January 2023

In the Community Heritage Centre!

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.

GIVING:

You can make donations to the work of St Helen's via our website

<https://www.sthensashby.net/Groups/327469/Giving.aspx>

FOR PRAYER:

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

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

Marjorie Susan Treharne

Arthur Henry Drabble

Elsie May Wheatley

Sydney Charles Walker

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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