



St Helen's Church

Loving God, loving others, loving the world

Notices for 29th May 2022

Sunday after Ascension

THE WEEK AHEAD

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.

Wednesday 1st June:

10:30 Holy Communion in church

Saturday 4th June:

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

Sunday 5th June:

10:30am All-Age service celebrating the Platinum Jubilee and Pentecost. Weather permitting, at least part of the service will be outdoors.

4:30pm onwards

Tea and cake will be served in the Heritage Centre for the Jubilee

6pm Evensong - a fitting end to the Jubilee celebrations

MONDAY 30th MAY:

9am - 12.00

Plant sale outside Heritage Centre

Plants to sell (cuttings, seedlings unwanted plants, herbs, vegetables etc) 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

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

Nature trails – 2 self-guided children's 'I spy' nature trails will be available, one searching out nature motifs in the church and one in the churchyard

Refreshments

Cakes, drinks 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

THE VERY LAST CALL :

Quiet Morning at St Helen's Heritage Centre for the Flagstaff Family of churches.

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.

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 4 booked in and we do need at least 6 participants to make the morning viable. (Max 12)

Please contact me on or before 1st June via email margaret@ajacques.plus.com if you wish to participate.

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

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 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

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

Monday 30th May: Plant Sale - for refreshments

Sunday 12th June: Ashby Street Pastors Garden Party - Both to sell and for refreshments

Saturday 18th June: Volunteers' Day - 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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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.sthelensashby.net/Groups/327469/Giving.aspx>

ASHBY FOODBANK

Please note that Foodbank Distribution Centres will be closed as follows over the Queen's Platinum Celebration Bank Holiday period:

Woodville: Closed on Thursday 2nd June

Ashby: Closed on 3rd June

Measham: Closed on 3rd June.

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:

- ◆ Brian John Colver
- ◆ Phyllis May Hill
- ◆ Albert Bird
- ◆ Edna Lucy Stewart
- ◆ Nigel John William Gray
- ◆ Horace Beadsmore
- ◆ Betsy May Perry
- ◆ Marie Anna Glendenning Liddell
- ◆ Kenneth Toovey
- ◆ Ellen Elizabeth Curtis
- ◆ Mary Plant
- ◆ Joyce Mary Grimley

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

**COLLECT FOR SUNDAY AFTER
ASCENSION**

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus
Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in
heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not
comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our
Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

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