



St Helen's Church

Loving God, loving others, loving the world

Notices for 20th November 2022 Christ the King

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 20th November

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

Tuesday 22nd November

- 2:30pm "Friends, Fellowship and Faith" at 26 Uppingham Drive

Wednesday 23rd November

- 10:30am No service this week

Saturday 26th November

- 9:30 am Prayer in Hastings Chapel

Sunday 27th November

- 10:30am Holy Communion at St Helen's
- 3:30pm Messy Church at Viscount Beaumont School
- 6pm Advent Carol Service at St Helen's

Collect for Christ the King

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings for Sunday 20th November

Colossians 1 vs 11-20; Luke 23 vs 33-43

RESIGNATION:

We are sorry to announce that Shan Dyer has stood down with immediate effect as a Church Warden for St Helen's.

Shan has taken time to reflect on and think about her resignation and after discussion with close friends and members of her family has taken the difficult decision to stand down due to the workload of the role and also family commitments.

Shan will, of course, continue to worship with us and will also continue as a member of PCC. We are immensely grateful to her for her commitment, energy and faith whilst carrying out the role of Church Warden.

JOURNEYING THROUGH ADVENT:

Advent Carol Service,

6pm Sunday 27th November

A quiet and reflective candle-lit service led by St Helen's choir, with readings and congregational hymns.

Advent Compline Services

To aid us in our Advent reflections and as we prepare for Christmas, there will be short services of Compline on each of the Wednesdays in Advent as follows **[please note earlier time for Breedon]:**

- 4pm, 30th November, Breedon on the Hill
- 7:30pm 7th December, Isley Walton
- 7:30pm 14th December, St Matthew's, Worthington
- 7:30pm 21st December, St Helen's

The Posada

Playing host to Mary and Joseph in Advent

For the 2 years before the pandemic, we took part in an Advent tradition called the Posada where, throughout Advent, we take it in turns to host Mary and Joseph (in our case, beautiful knitted figures) as we think and pray about them travelling from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

Hosts simply take Mary and Joseph into their homes overnight and, if they wish, then email their thoughts and photos to Jill Chapman

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so that she can log their travels on our Facebook page.

This is an opportunity for each of us to enter into the Advent and Christmas journey more deeply, to think about what it means for us to travel to meet our Saviour and to think about those who, this Advent and Christmas, are refugees.

If you'd like to take part, please sign up on the sheet on the notice board on the north wall of church. You sign up for the date you receive Mary and Joseph, and then pass them on the next day. You may not wish to leave your phone number on public view, so if that is the case, please just leave your name and email Judith Lewis your contact details and she will make sure that the person from whom you are receiving Mary and Joseph and the person to whom you are passing them on will know how to contact you.

If you have any questions, please ask Judith Lewis

Advent Spiritual Reading

Advent will be upon us next week and the Advent Book I have bought for this coming Advent is "The Art of Advent". It was first published in 2018 as the Archbishop of York's Advent Book. Details are as follows:

"The Art of Advent. A painting a day from Advent to Epiphany" by Jane Williams. SPCK publishing ISBN 978-0-281-07169-2 £9.99. It says *"illustrated in full colour with nearly forty famous and lesser-known masterpieces of Western art, this beautiful book will lead you into a deeply prayerful response to all that these paintings convey to the discerning eye."* It looks good so if any of you are interested in Art and Spirituality it might be worth buying for yourself and following through Advent to Epiphany. Revd. Margaret

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

**SATURDAY 19th NOVEMBER,
12 midday – 3pm**

St Helen's Heritage Centre

PRG are holding a cake and baking sale to raise money for Toilet-Twinning. Not sure what this is? Come along and find out by playing loo-related games, including Chicken Poo Bingo!

Donations of cakes, pastries and biscuits will be most welcome!



TUESDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 7:30pm
NEXT HERITAGE TALK
in the COMMUNITY HERITAGE CENTRE
"A Thousand Years of the English Parish Church"

Anne Heaton and Julie Starkey trace the story of these magnificent buildings, their heritage and art, via the timeline of St Helen's.

FRIDAY 25th NOVEMBER, HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Have you ever wondered about the value of an item and would like to sell it on? Holy Trinity Church are hosting Victoria Sheppard of Hansons Auctioneers and Valuers at Holy Trinity church on Friday 25 November 10am - 12 noon. All types of antiques and collectables can be valued on the day and entered into auction at a later date. It is a free event. Refreshments will be provided. Donations for [Ashby Youth For Christ](#) will be welcome for their work in the community.

SATURDAY 28th JANUARY, 7pm Celebrate Burns Night at St Helen's Community Heritage Centre

Traditional Scottish haggis supper with a "Wee Dram", Neeps & Tatties followed by a Trifle dessert. Vegetarian option available. Supper will be "Piped in" in the traditional manner.



Tables will be set for 6 people. Larger tables available on request. Tickets £17.50 available from Liz Smith



QUIET MORNING 2023

A date for your diary!

After a lovely Flagstaff Family Quiet Morning this last June we were asked to lead another one. The date will be the morning of the 6th June 2023. Further details in due course but in the meantime put the date in your diary and let us know if you might be interested. Revd Margaret and Allan

ECO-TIP OF THE WEEK

Check out the Eco Church website, part of the A Rocha charity. Full of interesting information and constructive suggestions about working towards a sustainable environment.

Have a favourite eco-tip you'd like to share? Email Judith Lewis.

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:

Kathleen Cox
Sandra Taylor
Christopher Mark Handford
Arthur Dickinson
Eva Marjorie Bower
John Ashwin Gammon

GIVING:

You can make donations to the work of St Helen's through the open plate at the back of church after our Sunday services, the wall safe at the back of church or via our website:

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

Deadline for Notice Sheet:

5pm Thursday evening.

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