



## St Helen's Church

Loving God, loving others, loving the world

### Notices for 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

##### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February

10:30am Holy Communion at St Helens

10:30am Holy Communion at St Mary's.  
Coleorton

##### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February

10:30am Morning Prayer at St Helen's

##### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February

9:30 am Prayer in Hastings Chapel

##### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February

8:30am Morning Prayer at Staunton  
Harold

10:30am Morning Worship at St Helen's

10:30am Holy Communion at Breedon

##### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

###### [Ash Wednesday]

7:30pm Holy Communion at St Helen's

#### Readings for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent

Romans 8:18-25

Matt 6:25-end

#### Collect for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent

Almighty God,

you have created the heavens and the  
earth

and made us in your own image:

teach us to discern your hand in all your  
works

and your likeness in all your children;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns

supreme over all things,

now and for ever.

#### LENT

Ash Wednesday this year is just round the corner on 22<sup>nd</sup> February. During Lent, we will be exploring issues around climate change and related issues of social justice on Sunday mornings and in Team Talk. More details will follow over the next few weeks.

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

##### MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 8am

Geoff Richman warmly invites everyone to the next Men's Breakfast, starting at 8am at Wetherspoons and followed by a talk by Chris Lewis on "Ashby Street Pastors - 13 years of serving the night-time economy" in the Methodist Church Hall.

##### SPRING FAYRE – INITIAL MEETING SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY after the morning service, in the Hildersham Room:

The Events Team are planning to hold a Spring Fayre on the morning of Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May. If you are interested in helping in any way or would like to find out more about what help is needed, please join us for an informal meeting over coffee after church on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb in the Hildersham Room. If you would like to help but cannot attend the meeting, just let Caroline Essex or Eileen Coombs know.

## **MOTHERS' UNION PANCAKE LUNCH**

**TUESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY**

**12:00, ST HELEN'S HERITAGE CENTRE**

The next MU Meeting will be on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February, which is Shrove Tuesday, and it will therefore be an OPEN MEETING with a Pancake Lunch so please bring your partners/friends. It will start at 12 noon in the Heritage Centre and in order for us to cater we need to know how many people will be attending. There is no charge but donations will be welcome for our Bible Fund.

Please let Eileen Barradell know **before 14<sup>th</sup> February**, by email or telephone, whether or not you will be attending and how many will be in your party.

## **SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

**LUNCH IN HERITAGE CENTRE**

The Eco Initiative Group & PRG will be providing a plant-based vegetarian meal and you are all invited to lunch after Sunday service on 26<sup>th</sup> February. If you are able to attend, please give your names (with any dietary requirements) to Liz Smith or Caroline Millward. We hope you can join us and hear more about the Church's environmental plans & proposals."

**TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 7:30pm**

**NEXT HERITAGE TALK**

**in the COMMUNITY HERITAGE CENTRE**

Dr Rachel Askew, Heritage Officer at Breedon Priory Church will be speaking on "Catholic Resistance and Subterfuge at Breedon".

## **CONCERTS – 4<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

We are delighted to have two fabulous concerts coming up at St Helen's next month; professional baroque quartet, Galliarda, on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm and vocal octet Mosaic on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm. More details to follow but for now, put the dates in your diaries and, if you feel able to help either on the door or serving and clearing refreshments please speak to Liz Smith or Caroline Essex.

## **APCM TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

We are already starting to plan and compile reports for our APCM, when we will elect our Church Wardens for the following year and new members of PCC. Please consider prayerfully whether you should stand for election. We especially need a Church Warden, as the job is unmanageable for 1 person, and a Treasurer – this role is now eminently manageable as we outsource our book-keeping and the Treasurer's role is supported by a wider finance team.

## **ECO-TIP OF THE WEEK**

Did you know that most tea bags contain plastic? Perhaps you could consider swapping your favourite brand for loose-leaf tea or one of the following:

PG Tips; Teapigs;  
Clipper [also Fair Trade];  
Abel & Cole own brand;  
Twinings pyramid range;  
Waitrose Duchy range;  
Sainsbury's own brand tea bags;  
Co-Op own brand 99 [also Fair Trade];  
Brew Tea; Bird & Blend Tea  
Aldi Specially Selected Infusion tea bags;  
Lidl pyramid tea bags.

**FOR PRAYER:**

Please remember in your prayers the recently bereaved: Mo Clark, following the recent death of her mother and Sarah and Tim Phillips following the death of Sarah's father, and others who have recently been bereaved.

Please pray for those known to you who are ill, including David Harris, 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:

William Samuel John Staples  
Norman Allen Evans  
Mary Sonia Hamlin  
Helen Margaret Trevena  
Eliza Ann Ashley  
Celia Dorothy Marshall  
Charles Ernest Goodall Harrison  
Nellie Victoria Ethel Carter  
Peter James Norbury  
John Leslie Fitzer  
Albert Edward Smith  
Nellie Brooks  
Charlotte Ironmonger

**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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