



St Helen's Church

Loving God, loving others, loving the world

Notices for 26th February 2023 1st Sunday of Lent

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 26th February

- 10:30am Holy Communion at St Helen's
- 12:30 Plant-based lunch in St Helen's Heritage Centre
- 3:30pm Messy Church in St Helen's Heritage Centre

Tuesday 28th February

- 2pm Team Talk at 26 Uppingham Drive
- 7:30pm Heritage Talk in St Helen's Heritage Centre
- 7:30pm Team Talk at St Matthew's, Worthington

Wednesday 1st March

- 10:30am Holy Communion at St Helen's
- 2pm "We're in Stitches" in St Helen's Community Heritage Centre

Saturday 4th March

- 9:30 am Prayer in Hastings Chapel

Sunday 5th March

- 8:30am Holy Communion at St Helen's
- 8:30am Holy Communion at Staunton Harold
- 3:30pm All Age Service at St Helen's, followed by tea in the Heritage Centre
- 6pm Choral Evensong at St Helen's
- 6pm Holy Communion at Isley Walton

Readings for 26th February

Genesis 2vs 15-17, 3vs 1-7
Matthew 4 vs 1-11

Collect for 1st Sunday in Lent

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

TEAM TALK

Team Talk this year, as well as our services in Lent, will be exploring issues relating to climate change and its relationship to our faith and responsibilities as Christians, with groups meeting on both Tuesday afternoons and evenings in Lent, commencing on 28th February.

The afternoon groups will meet at the home of Jenny Hedges, 26 Uppingham Drive for the first 4 weeks and, provisionally, in St Helen's Heritage Centre for the final week.

The evening groups will start at 7:30pm and will, as usual, rotate around the churches, starting with meeting at St Matthew's Worthington on 28th February and then in St Helen's Heritage Centre on 7th March. Further venues will be finalised shortly.

All are welcome for what we expect to be stimulating and thought-provoking sessions.

ALSO IN LENT: COMPLINE ON WEDNESDAYS

There will be a service of Compline at 9pm every Wednesday in Lent, led by Beth Lunt, Associate Minister [Trainee] at Holy Trinity. This will be held on Zoom, with the room opening at around 8:50. The service will last about 20 minutes. Please contact the Holy Trinity office Office@trinityashby.net for details of the zoom link – Judith Lewis can also provide these.

COMMUNION SERVICES – SHARING THE CUP

PCC agreed at their meeting in January that, in common with a number of other churches, we should offer our congregation the choice between sharing a common cup by dipping wafers into wine, or drinking from a shared chalice. From this Sunday, therefore, communicants will receive a wafer into their hand at the chancel rail, then according to choice will dip their wafer themselves into a chalice on one side of the priest or drink from a chalice offered by an assistant standing on their other side. There will be a separate cup in which to dip gluten-free wafers.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

SUNDAY 26th 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 26th 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." We still have room for a few more attendees but please notify Caroline or Liz by Saturday afternoon at latest.

TUESDAY 28th 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".

CONCERT: GALLIARDA

ST HELEN'S,

Saturday 4th MARCH 7.30pm

As featured on radio 3's In Tune programme on Feb 9th, Galliarda's "An Enlightened Heart" project highlights the music and performing traditions of women in the 18th century. There will also be two pieces for early instruments specially commissioned from female composers. Tickets priced £10 are now available via the "what's on" tab on our website www.sthelensashby.net or from Caroline Essex on 01530 417056. Also available on the door.

CONCERT: MOSAIC

ST HELEN'S,

Friday 10th March 7.30pm

A welcome return of The Vocal Octet, MOSAIC, with a concert entitled "Good News". The programme will be varied, beautiful and entertaining. It will include one item sung by the Women's Voices who, under the name *Tesserae*, have performed a successful lunchtime concert at St Helen's; the men's voices, currently seeking a suitable name, will also contribute an item to the programme, all alongside the richly textured 8-part pieces which make up the bulk of MOSAIC's repertoire. More details about the group can be found at: <https://mosaicoctet.wordpress.com>. A retiring collection will be taken for St Helen's church.

SEW IT DON'T THROW IT - OPEN DAY SATURDAY 11th MARCH 10:30-3:30

We're excited to be launching our repair, recycle, and repurpose textile project with an Open Day in the Community Heritage Centre on Saturday 11th March from 10.30 to 3.30. There will be lots going on including demonstrations, meet the makers, 'have a go' repair and make, clothes swap rail and conversations about all things textile. Do join us and bring your friends and family – the project is for everyone. For more details see the articles in the Parish Magazine and Ashby Life.

SEW IT DON'T THROW IT - HELP WANTED

Can you help with the Open Day? We need volunteers to help set up and clear away; to serve refreshments; and help with the 'have a go' tables. If you can help for some or all of the day please speak to Helen or Jill. Any donations of cake to serve would also be welcome and can be brought on the day. And at the event we will be having a clothes swap rail – for every clean item of clothing donated you will get a token to choose a new item for your wardrobe - swaps in advance or early in the day would be appreciated so our first visitors have some choice. Thank you!

APCM TUESDAY 18th 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.

TUESDAY 6th JUNE morning Flagstaff Family Quiet Morning at St Helen's Heritage Centre and Garden.

We are starting to begin to think this one through so we would like to share with you a little more detail.

The theme we shall be looking at is **“Prayer Mountains”**

The times will be firmed up later but we are working provisionally on beginning with breakfast together at 8.30am, followed by Morning Prayer and a Reflection. Then Quiet time until sharing Holy Communion at around 12 noon and finishing the Quiet Morning at around 12.30 and home in time for lunch. As before we are hoping to offer some prayer stations and other prayerful activities and reading for those who find that helpful.

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 now open. In you have not already done so 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.

THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR

Please do make time to look at the display at the back of church of some beautiful, and hopefully no longer hungry, caterpillars, as made at our recent half-term children's event.

HAGGIS SUPPER

Many thanks to everyone who came to the Haggis Supper. The wonderful sum of £603.25 was raised for church funds.

PEGGY ADAMS HAS MOVED

Peggy Adams has now moved to:
Castle Donnington Nursing Home
Delvin Lane,
Castle Donnington
Leicestershire
Tel: 01332 853588

If anyone would like to visit you just need to give them a call in advance to tell them when you would like to come.

ECO-TIP OF THE WEEK

Following on from our meat-free lunch, why not consider reducing the amount of meat and animal-based food you eat during Lent? Whether you reduce how much you eat or cut it out altogether, it all helps the planet.

FOR PRAYER:

At PCC last week we spent time reflecting on just how many people contribute to the life of the church in some way, and agreed that we should give thanks and pray for the various groups on a regular basis.

This week, we give thanks and pray for all those who act as housekeepers for the church – keeping an old and large building clean and tidy makes a difference to our worship and is no mean task!

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:

Shirley Patrick Plant
Arthur Wheatley
Christopher Henry Yeomans
James Addin Tyldesley
Joyce Arnold
Anne Margaret Cartledge
Margaret Mary Shaw
Peter Douglas Thompson
Cecil Edward Duncan Charlesworth

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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