



## St Helen's Church

Loving God, loving others, loving the world

### Notices for 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

##### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Community Heritage Centre  
6pm Choral Evensong at St Helen's  
6pm Holy Communion at Isley Walton

##### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March

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

##### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March

- 10:30am Holy Communion at Prior Park

##### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March

- 9:30 am Prayer in Hastings Chapel

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

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

#### Readings for Choral Evensong

##### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March

- Numbers 21 vs 4-9  
Luke 14 vs 27-33

#### Collect for 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's  
sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### PLEASE BE VIGILANT!

We have been advised of incidents both in our Deanery and in South Derbyshire where churches appear to be being targeted by unwanted visitors. It would be wise for us not to leave bags or wallets lying around and to be alert to distractions from strangers.

#### TEAM TALK

Team Talk this year is exploring issues relating to climate change and its relationship to our faith and responsibilities as Christians.

Meetings of afternoon groups start at 2pm and meet as follows: **please note some changes:**

26 Uppingham Drive at 2pm on 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March; venue on 14<sup>th</sup> March tbc.

Meetings of evening groups start at 7:30pm and meet as follows:

7<sup>th</sup> March – St Helen's Heritage Centre

14<sup>th</sup> March – tbc

21<sup>st</sup> March – St Helen's Heritage Centre

28<sup>th</sup> March – Holy Trinity Church.

Everyone is very warmly welcomed to either of these groups – there is no expectation that anyone should come to all of them.

#### FREE LENT RESOURCE

If you have not yet sorted your Lent reading, you might like to have a look at <https://ccca.biola.edu/lent/>

This is a beautiful series of daily guided meditations, combining art, theology and religious tradition.

## **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](mailto:Office@trinityashby.net) for details of the zoom link – Judith Lewis can also provide these.

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS:**

### **CONCERT: GALLIARDA ST HELEN'S, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.sthelensashby.net) or from Caroline Essex on 01530 417056. Also available on the door.

### **TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH 7:30pm Ashby Youth for Christ AGM**

We would like to invite our supporters to join us for our AGM at 7.30pm on 7th March 2023, at Ashby Methodist Church. We will be sharing news and stories about how we have seen God working in the lives of young people across Ashby over the last twelve months.

We would also like to take the time to thank those who support us faithfully, whether through prayer, volunteering, or financial giving. The last twelve months have had many challenges however we have seen God moving throughout and believe that God has amazing plans for the work with young people in Ashby.

## **CONCERT: MOSAIC ST HELEN'S,**

### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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!

### **SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH – MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Geoff Richman invites us to the next Men's Breakfast which will be held at 8:00am on Saturday 11th March 2023 starting at Wetherspoons in Ashby for breakfast followed by a talk to be presented in the Methodist Church Hall by Andrew Barson titled "Care-ful Whispers - 'Experiences from 7 Years as a professional carer'".

There will NOT be a Men's Breakfast in APRIL; the next one is scheduled for 13th May. Ideas for speakers, topics or even offers of talks are most welcome

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

We are pleased to be hosting concerts for Concordia on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April and Gresley Male Voice Choir with Boundary Singers on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. We need a couple of people to assist with 'front of house' duties on both occasions. Please contact Caroline Essex if you are able to help.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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**

Not a new tip, but worthy of a reminder. Fair Trade coffee, tea, bananas, chocolate, wine, sugar, cocoa and orange juice are all readily available. Choosing to buy these ensures that their producers earn an appropriate wage for their labour.

### **FOR PRAYER:**

This week, you are invited to give thanks and pray for all those involved in work with children and young families – including those who run Little Fishes, Messy Church, All Age Services, Junior Choir, Baptism visits and services.

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:

Stanley Hoult  
Florence May Veitch  
Timothy Parkes  
Celeste Sue Pass  
Lynda Karla Richards  
Harold Langrish  
Ella Watson  
Frederick Charles Avins  
Bernard Shaw  
Evelyn Coleman  
John Henry Perry

**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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