



## St Helen's Church

Loving God, loving others, loving the world

### Notices for 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent [Mothering Sunday]

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

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

8:30am Morning Prayer at Staunton Harold

10:30am Morning Worship at St Helen's

10:30am Holy Communion at Breedon

##### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March

2pm Team Talk at 26 Uppingham Drive

7:30pm Team Talk at St Helen's Community Heritage Centre

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

10:30am No service this week

##### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March

9:30 am Prayer in Hastings Chapel

##### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March

10:30am Holy Communion at St Helen's

3:30pm Messy Church at Viscount Beaumont School, Coleorton

#### BISHOP MARTYN'S LENT

##### PILGRIMAGE:

Bishop Martyn will be walking through our Benefice this Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> March. After prayer, he will be leaving St Mary's, Coleorton around 1:45pm and will then walk to St Matthew's, Worthington, pausing at intervals for prayer and hoping to arrive around 3:30pm for refreshments, following which there will be a short service of Evening Prayer at 4pm. Everyone is most welcome to join Bishop Martyn en route and for the service.

#### Readings for Mothering Sunday

Isiah 43 vs1-7

Matthew 7 vs24-27

#### Collect for Mothering Sunday

God of love,  
passionate and strong,  
tender and careful:  
watch over us and hold us  
all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### LOOKING AHEAD: HOLY WEEK, ST HELEN'S SERVICES:

##### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April [Palm Sunday]:

8:30am Holy Communion, 3:30pm All Age Service, 6pm Choral Evensong

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April:** 10:30am Holy Communion and Stations of the Cross

##### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April [Maundy Thursday]:

7:30pm Holy Communion

##### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April [Good Friday]:

7:30pm "Watch by the Cross" service of music and reflection.

##### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April [Easter Sunday]:

10:30am Easter Communion and Dedication of baby Caleb Wright

#### 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

Only 2 more Team Talk sessions, so if concern for our environment is important to you, why not come along? Everyone is extremely welcome, whether you have been before or not.

Afternoon groups start at 2pm and meet at 26 Uppingham Drive.

Evening groups start at 7:30pm.  
21<sup>st</sup> March – St Helen's Heritage Centre  
28<sup>th</sup> March – Holy Trinity Church.

## 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

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

### 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.

## SEW IT, DON'T THROW IT

Following the successful launch event our Sew It Don't Throw it textile repair, reuse and recycle project is now underway and the first workshop takes place soon. The workshops are free but places are limited so you need to book via the St Helen's website – you can attend one or many depending on what interests you. There are fliers available listing the programme through to July with more to follow.

The ones that are live to book now are: Introduction to a sewing machine on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March; Make a carrier bag dispenser on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April; and Mending and repair on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April** – do book and tell your friends. Full details are on the booking page of the website. You can also book by scanning this QR code:



Thank you, Helen

## ST HELEN'S WARM SPACE

### Launch date: Friday April 14th 2023

As part of the Eco Initiative of our church, we are creating a Warm Space EVERY Friday from 1-4pm in the Hastings Hall, Heritage Community Centre. We aim to provide a warm, safe environment where EVERYONE is welcome, to come for tea, coffee, and homemade cakes, befriend others, play board games or just be there to enjoy ...

Volunteers are needed to get this off the ground and to keep it running through the year. If you feel able to give up a few hours of your time once in a while to be part of this invaluable ministry to our community, please let me know. I promise the more volunteers we have, the fewer hours you will have to be on duty.

Eileen Coombs (Co-ordinator)

## ECO-TIP OF THE WEEK

Have the recent difficulties in obtaining some imported vegetables and salad ingredients motivated you to try to eat more seasonally? There are plenty of local/home-grown options – not just turnips!

**FOR PRAYER:**

This week, you are invited to give thanks for the dedicated group of people who open and close our church building every day, in order that it can remain open for private prayer and visitors generally. Many people drop in to pray – please pray that they will find our building a place where they feel welcome and have a sense of God's love and presence.

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:

Ethel Williams  
Gordon Henry Hackett  
Edward Austin Jervis  
Vera Mary Gilkes  
Arthur Garratt  
Kay Frances Waring

**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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