



St Helen's Church

Loving God, loving others, loving the world

Notices for 27th April 2025

2nd Sunday of Easter

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| Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. | Acts 5:27-32 John 20: 19-31 |

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 27th April

10:30am Holy Communion at St Helen's
12.30pm Baptism at St Helen's
3:30pm Messy Church at the Heritage
Centre

Monday 28th April

7:30pm Pilgrim Group*

Wednesday 30th April

10.30am Holy Communion at St Helen's

Thursday 1st May

Note – No Café Church today

Friday 2nd May

2-4pm Warm Hearted Space in the
Community Heritage Centre
**6:30pm Embroidery Exhibition Preview

Saturday 3rd May

9:30am Morning Prayers in Hastings
Chapel
10am-4pm Embroidery Exhibition
**10.30am Creative Workshop

Sunday 4th May

8:30am Holy Communion at Staunton
Harold
10:30am Holy Communion at Breedon
3:30pm All Age Worship at St Helen's
6:00pm Sunday Soirée – Choral
Evensong followed by recital
10am-3pm – Embroidery Exhibition

Monday 5th May

10am-2:30pm – Embroidery Exhibition
**10:00am Discussion tour with the
artist
1:00pm Lunchtime concert, St Helen's

For full details of the Embroidery
Exhibition, please go to the St Helen's
website.

* For location, please contact the Parish
Office.

** pre booking required

PLEASE NOTE - The office will reopen
on **28th April**.

SATURDAY 3rd TO MONDAY 5th May

Embroidery Exhibition – Crying in the Silicon Wilderness

We're excited that Romola Parish's embroidery exhibition will be on in church at the beginning of May, coming to us direct from St Albans Cathedral. Please help us to publicise this event – there are fliers at the back of church and Tim has posters if you are able to display one anywhere. Bookings are now open on the website for a creative workshop with the artist on Saturday and an artist tour of the exhibition on Monday morning – places are limited so book early at the following link:

https://sthelens.churchinsight.com/Groups/439476/Crying_in_the.aspx

We'll also have our normal Soirée on Sunday evening and piano duets by Rev. Canon Sue Field and Andrew Chapman on Monday at 1pm so it should be a great weekend which we hope you can be part of.

FRIDAY 2nd MAY, 6:30PM

Embroidery exhibition preview evening invitation

There will be an exhibition preview evening with drinks and canapes on Friday 2nd May from 6.30 to 8pm. Everyone is welcome but if you'd like to attend please can you let Helen Smith know for catering purposes on:

andhelbexz@talktalk.net

Textile Exhibition Refreshments

The Social Committee would be grateful for donations of Homemade CAKES AND BISCUITS which will be served over the Exhibition weekend. Please sign our Form if you can help. A member of the Committee will be available after

each Sunday morning service. Thank you.

Volunteers to Serve Refreshments – Textile Exhibition

The Social Committee are serving Refreshments to visitors who come to see the Textile Exhibition, on Saturday 3rd and Monday 5th May. We would very much welcome some assistance with serving these refreshments. If you can help, please email Alison Andrews (alisonmandrews63@gmail.com) to agree which 2 hour slot you would be available.

SUNDAY 4th MAY, 6:00PM

Sunday Soirée Choral Evensong followed by refreshments then a recital by the Capriccio Ensemble – Clare Pitchford, Richard Roper, John Bean, Jeremy Kimber. They will perform Brahms Piano Quartet no 1 and excerpts from Mendelssohn's Piano Trio. No charge but a retiring collection to cover costs.

Volunteers needed for the Soirées

Our Soirée evenings have become an important part of our welcome to the local community and beyond. Part of that welcome has been our serving of refreshments but we only have a few volunteers for this and they are currently not getting a break. If you normally come to these and could offer to help set up, serve refreshments and clear up, for one or two a season, we would appreciate it. Please contact Eileen Coombs. Thank you.

THURSDAY 8th MAY, 9.15pm

VE Day - Ashby Town Council is hosting a service outside the West Door of St Helen's followed by a lighting of the beacon at 9.30pm

SATURDAY 10th MAY, 8:00AM

Ashby Men's Breakfast

You and partners/friends are very welcome to our next Ashby Men's Breakfast at 8:00am on Saturday 10th May at Wetherspoons for breakfast followed by a talk to be given in the Methodist Church Hall by Rev. Graham Heath on "More Adventures on a Harley Davidson". This should prove to be another interesting talk by Graham.

Our June talk will be show about problems encountered during the filming of a Top Gear episode where Jeremy Clarkson attempts to outrun a train comprising several converted caravans pulled by a modified road car on the GCR railway.

THURSDAY 1st AND 8th MAY

Café Church, St Matthews, Worthington

Please note that there will be no Café Church on Thursday 1st May due to local elections.

On Thursday 8th May from 10.00am the weekly Cafe Church will assemble for coffee etc. From 10:55 a.m. we shall hold a short service observing 2 Minutes Silence at 11.00am to mark the 80th Anniversary of VE Day, followed by a time of remembrance until 11.15am.

SUNDAY 10th MAY, 10:30AM-2:00PM

VE Day Picnic, St Matthew's Worthington

On Sunday 10th May from 10.30am the morning service 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. will also reflect on the 80th Anniversary of VE Day followed by a picnic lunch 12:00 noon till 2:00 p.m. All visitors are welcome to these special events or if passing.

Extra Stitches

Mary Tuckey is running some sewing workshops in the Heritage Centre in May, June and July. They are called 'Extra Stitches' and will offer tuition in embroidery, patchwork and smocking. All the information is on the website. Link below:

[https://www.sthelensashby.net/Groups/441183/Were In Stitches.aspx](https://www.sthelensashby.net/Groups/441183/Were%20In%20Stitches.aspx)

Do you have a notice that you would like including in the notice sheet?

If you would like to include a notice in the weekly notice sheet, please email the content for the notice, and the dates that you would like it to be included for, by **10pm each Tuesday** evening to:

noticesheet@sthelensashby.net

Thank you.

GIVING

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

You can make donations to St Helen's

- through the Collectin card reader at the back of church
- via the open plate at the back of church after our Sunday services
- via the wall safe at the back of church
- online:
<https://givealittle.co/c/3jJkom6wKIVdf6uPLphrcw>



In addition, regular donations can be made through the Parish Giving Scheme: www.parishgiving.org.uk.

You can set up a Direct Debit to give regularly or increase your contributions:

- via paper 'Gift Form' – Contact Cornelia for the form, complete and post to PGS
- via telephone on 0333 002 1271, Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm
- online:
<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/ashby-de-la-zouch-st-helen-leicester/>

