



St Helen's Church

Faith, Love, Community

Notices for 5th October 2025 Harvest Festival

COLLECT	READINGS
Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own wellbeing; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.	Deuteronomy 8 vv 7-18 Luke 17 vv 11-19

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 5th October

- 8:30am Holy Communion at Staunton Harold
- 10:30am Holy Communion, Harvest Festival and Baptism at Breedon
- 3:30pm All Age Worship and Harvest Festival at St Helen's
- 6:00pm Sunday Soiree at St Helen's

Tuesday 7th October

- 2:30pm Friends, Fellowship and Faith*

Wednesday 8th October

- 10.30am Holy Communion at Prior Park

Thursday 9th October

- 10:00am Café Church at St Matthew's, Worthington

Friday 10th October

- 2-4pm Warm Hearted Space in the Community Heritage Centre

Saturday 11th October

- 9:30 am Morning Prayer in Hastings Chapel, St Helen's

Sunday 12th October

- 10:30am Holy Communion at St Helen's
- 6:00pm Holy Communion at Isley Walton

* For location, please contact the parish office.

SUNDAY 5th OCTOBER, 3:30PM

St Helen's All Age Harvest Festival

Please join us at St Helen's for our Harvest Festival "Wellies for Harvest". Please bring along your wellies, bring your gifts in wellies and decorate wellies" Further information can be found on the attached poster.

All donations will go to Ashby Food Bank, who have kindly provided a list of the items that they most need – please see the attached leaflet for information.

SUNDAY 5th OCTOBER, 6:00PM

Sunday Soirée

The final Soiree of 2025 is on Sunday 5 October at 6pm. Choral Evensong will be sung by the St Helen's Choir and be followed by a performance by Loca, a wind quintet, who will play works by Mozart, Arnold, Bizet, Lennon and McCartney and others.

FRIDAY 10th OCTOBER, 12:00PM

Celebration of the Life of Michael Davidson

A celebration of the life of Michael Davidson (previous captain of the bell tower) will take place on 10th October at 12 pm at St Helen's church followed by a reception in the Heritage Centre.

SATURDAY 11th OCTOBER, 8:00AM

Men's Breakfast Club

The next Ashby Men's Breakfast will be held at 8:00am on Saturday 11th October at Wetherspoons for breakfast, to be followed by a talk to be given by Edmund (Mike) Jones titled "A Life with Music". Mike will illustrate his talk with his Violin and Viola. The following talk is

scheduled for Saturday 8th November and our speaker is Mat Sheffield, Minister of Ashby Baptist Church.

FRIDAY 24th OCTOBER, 7:00PM

Pub Quiz

Ashby Pastors invites you to join them for a pub quiz in St Helen's Heritage Centre from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Tickets are £3 per person and include hot dogs (veggie option).

SATURDAY 25th OCTOBER, 10:00AM - 3:00PM

Pause to Breathe led by Revd. Rhona Knight

As the nights draw in, it can often be a good time to pause and reflect with God. One way of doing this is by using an approach to prayer crystallised by Ignatius of Loyola, The Examen. This way of praying, by looking back over a period of time with God, is well established in the Jesuit tradition. It is also being used more widely through apps like [Pray as you go](#) and [Lectio 365](#). In this quiet day, we'll explore different ways of praying with the Examen. As well as more traditional approaches we will also offer suggestions and opportunities for more creative multi-sensory approaches to prayer.

Cost is £6 per head, to cover the cost of materials. Limited places available, please book with Andy Smith on andy.xrn@outlook.com

SATURDAY 8th NOVEMBER, 7:00PM

Sing Along Quiz and Dessert Night

There will be a sing along quiz and dessert night to raise money for

Christians Against Poverty. This will be held in the St Helen's Heritage Centre – see the poster in church for more details.

SUNDAY 26th OCTOBER at 3.30pm

Time to Remember

This is our annual service to remember those who have died and is an opportunity to care for those who have been bereaved. There will be the opportunity for names to be read out and for candles to be lit in memory of our loved ones. Please do make this service known to family, friends, neighbours and anyone who might appreciate coming. The service will be followed by tea and cake in the Heritage Centre.

URGENT CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

I have been concerned for a while that, at St Helen's, some people have many jobs meaning that they are 'on duty' most Sundays, often doing more than one job. We have some very willing and valued volunteers but I am concerned that they are overstretched. Some of those tasks are not onerous in and of themselves (eg. cash steward - counting any cash donations after services) but, combined with other things, could become too much. Offering a welcome is really important and we all enjoy our coffee after services but we will not be able to do this after every service without more volunteers.

Please give this your consideration and let me know if you would be prepared to help with this on a rota basis. Sue Field

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/>

