



St Helen's Church

Faith, Love, Community

Notices for 16th November 2025 Second Sunday Before Advent

COLLECT	READINGS
Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.	1 Corinthians 13 John 15 vv 9-17

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 16th November

10:30am Holy Communion and
Diamond Wedding Celebration
at St Helen's
10:30am Holy Communion at Coleorton

Sunday 23rd November

10:30am Holy Communion at St Helen's
12 noon Thanksgiving for the gift of a
child
12.30pm Baptism

Monday 17th November

7:30pm Pilgrim Group *

Wednesday 19th November

10.30am Morning Prayer at St Helen's
2:00pm 'We're in Stitches' at the
Community Heritage Centre

* Please contact the Parish Office for
location

Thursday 20th November

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

Friday 21st November

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

Saturday 22nd November

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

St Helen's Notices

SUNDAY 16th NOVEMBER, 10.30AM

Because there will be no service of Holy Communion at St Helen's on Remembrance Sunday (though there is one at Isley Walton that evening), the service on 16th November will be a service of Holy Communion and will include a celebration of 60 years of marriage for Peter and Sally Longhurst.

SATURDAY 22nd NOVEMBER

Heritage Centre kitchen reorganisation

A group of us will be sorting out and cleaning the Heritage Centre kitchen on the morning of Saturday 22nd November – if you can come and help us that would be great. We have a plan of things we want to change or improve but if you are a regular kitchen user please do let us have your ideas before 22nd via the parish office or by speaking to Helen Smith. Thank you.

TUESDAY 25th NOVEMBER, 7:30PM

Heritage Talk

Moir Ackers will be with us at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 25th November to talk about 'Henry Grey's Bradgate Monument (c1614): Why at all and why thus?' Sir Henry Grey was the cousin of Lady Jane Grey. He worked hard to re establish his family on the ancestral Leicestershire estates and regain their status. The recently conserved monument is a celebration of his success. £4 entry. Cash or card. Includes light refreshments.

TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER at 7pm

Minster Community meeting

There will be a gathering at St Helen's for anyone in the Flagstaff churches to meet together to be updated on where we are in the process of forming a Minster Community and to explore options for the way ahead. This is in preparation for an open meeting with Bishop Martyn on **Monday 12 January at 7pm** at Holy Trinity, Ashby. Please do put both dates in your diaries and come along.

Eco Initiative Group

Over the next few weeks, the Group will be sharing some ideas which we hope will give some tips for a more eco-friendly Christmas -

- Try to buy Fairtrade products: you'll be helping Fairtrade farmers earn a decent living, and encouraging a more sustainable and ecological way of farming.
- Organic produce means fewer chemicals which benefits the environment and helps wildlife.

Volunteers for Christingle

Coffee servers needed. We currently need volunteers to serve coffee/refreshments after the Christingle service on 7th December. This is a really important opportunity to offer hospitality to those who may not make it to church at other times of the year. Please let Tim in the office know if you can help: parishoffice@sthelensashby.net

Messy Church Volunteers

Our Messy church is looking for people of any age to join our team of volunteers and helper. There is a place for

everyone whatever your gifts and talents. Messy church meets on the first Friday of every month from 4.15-5.30pm in the Heritage Centre. Please come and join us. To find out more, please contact talk to Liz Smith.

Vision Sermons

You may have heard our recent sermon series supporting our new St Helen's vision statement. If you would like an opportunity to read through these again, or if you missed the sermons and would like to hear more, copies are now available on request from the Parish Office.

Christmas gifts for asylum seeker children please!

This year, we are again asking for donated gifts for children who are housed in Loughborough while their parents' claim for asylum is being processed.

Gifts to the value of no more than £10 would be much appreciated. This year, we would like new items only please and they do NOT need to be wrapped. A collection box will be provided in church. Your generosity last year was SO MUCH appreciated!!

Asylum seekers' children are housed and adequately fed, but parents are then allocated £9.95 per week per child to cover all other essentials including shoes and clothes, so that doesn't allow much for 'treats'!

The breakdown of ages and genders is as follows:

Newborns: 11 (Male 5, Female 6)

Ages 1–6: 18 (M- 8, F- 10)

Ages 7–12: 6 (M- 3 , F- 3)

Ages 13–17: 10 (M-6 , F- 4)

SOCIAL COMMITTEE - SAVE THE DATES

A CHRISTMAS CRACKER - Tuesday 16th December, 7.30pm in church.

Join us for an Evening of secular Christmas readings with mince pies and mulled wine. Tickets on sale soon.

BURNS NIGHT SUPPER - Saturday 24th January, 7pm at the Heritage Centre.

Our annual Burns Night celebration. If you are able to assist in the making of food for the evening please speak to Shan Dyer or Alison Andrews. Tickets will be available in December.

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/>

