



St Helen's Church

Faith, Love, Community

Notices for 23rd November 2025 Christ the King

COLLECT	READINGS
God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.	Colossians 1.11–20 Luke 23.33–43

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 23rd November

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

Monday 24th November

7:30pm Pilgrim Group *

Tuesday 25th November

2:30pm Friends, Fellowship and Faith*

Wednesday 26th November

10.30am Holy Communion at St Helen's

Thursday 27th November

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

Friday 28th November

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

Saturday 29th November

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

Sunday 30th November

10:30am Team Service at **Holy Trinity,
Ashby** with a speaker from
Open Doors. PLEASE NOTE-
THERE IS NO SERVICE AT
ST HELENS THIS MORNING.
6.30pm Advent Carol Service at St
Helen's

* Please contact the Parish Office for
location

St Helen's Notices

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.

SUNDAY 23rd NOVEMBER

During our main morning service, we will be baptising Arabella. After the service, we have a Thanksgiving service for the gift of Jorgia followed by the baptism of Ella and Maddison. Please do pray for these four families as they take these important steps.

TUESDAY 25th NOVEMBER, 7:30PM

Heritage Talk

Moiria 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.

SUNDAY 30th NOVEMBER at 6:30pm

Advent Carol Service

The Christmas season starts with our Advent Carol Service at St Helen's. This will be a service of reflections and Choral Music for advent. Refreshments will be served after the service.

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. This week is gifts for Family and Friends:

- Give a 'Gift of Time' voucher, eg: an offer to help with housework or gardening, cooking a meal, or taking a friend out for coffee.
- Give a 'virtual' gift through charities or buy membership to a wildlife or nature-friendly organisation, eg: Woodland Trust, National Forest, Friends of the Earth.

SUNDAY 7th DECEMBER – 3.30pm

Christingle Service. Please do invite any children and families you know to this lovely service.

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/>

