



## St Helen's Church

Faith, Love, Community

### Notices for 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025 Third Sunday of Advent

COLLECT	READINGS
God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.	Isaiah 35 vv 1-10 Matthew 11 vv 2-11

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

##### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

10:30am Holy Communion at St Helen's

**Note - No service at Isley Walton**

##### **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

7.30pm A Christmas Cracker

##### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

10.30am Morning Prayer at St Helen's

2:00pm 'We're in Stitches' at the  
Community Heritage Centre

##### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

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

6.30pm Carol Singing round Breedon

##### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

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

##### **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

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

5:00pm Carol Service at Breedon

##### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

8:30am Holy Communion at Staunton  
Harold

##### **No morning service at St Helen's**

10:30am Holy Communion at Coleorton

3:30pm Carol Service at Coleorton

6:30pm Carol Service at St Helen's

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will not be a  
notice sheet on 28 December. Next  
week's will be the last one of 2025!

## St Helen's Events

### **TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 7:30PM** **A CHRISTMAS CRACKER**

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

### **THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 6.30pm** **Carol Singing round Breedon**

A group of us will be singing carols around Breedon, starting and ending at Pete and Chrissie Hyland's home. We would love a few from St Helen's to join us. Please speak to Pete if you are able to come.

### **SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER**

**Please note there will be no morning service at St Helen's.** Please do come and join in one of the services at our village churches as they would love to see you. There will be 8.30am Communion at Staunton Harold and 10.30am Communion at Coleorton. The Carol Service at St Helen's is that evening.

### **SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER** **Mince Pies for Carol Service**

If anyone is able to donate mince pies for the Christmas Carol service on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December at St Helen's, it would be very much appreciated. If you are able to assist, please leave them in the Heritage Centre.

### **MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER, 2.30pm** Carol Service at Prior Park Community Centre. Do come and join us!

### **SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 7:00PM** **Burns Night Supper**

Our annual Burns Night celebration will be taking place at the Community Heritage Centre. 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.

## Christmas Services

Please see below details of our Christmas services.

### **Carol Services**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, Isley Walton  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>, 5pm, Breedon  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>, 3.30pm, Coleorton  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>, 6.30pm, St Helen's

### **Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services**

#### 24 December

2.30pm, Coleorton, Crib Service  
4.30pm, St Helen's, Crib Service  
11.30pm, St Helen's, Midnight Communion

#### 25 December

10am, St Helen's, All Age communion  
10am, Breedon, Morning Worship

## St Helen's Notices

### **SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 7:00PM** **ASHBY STRINGS CONCERT**

**Tickets available on the door: £10**

A fun concert at St Helen's of Christmas carols and other Christmas music with the St Helen's Choir and conducted by Peter Rose.

## **Eco Initiative Group**

Over the past few weeks, the Group has been sharing some ideas which we hope have given some tips for a more eco-friendly Christmas; here's a final couple of suggestions -

- Shop locally, try to support local independent businesses and farm shops.
- Try vegetarian meal options or cut down on meat and dairy produce.
- Compost your vegetable waste.

## **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 )

## **New Early-Morning Bible Group – All Welcome**

Would you like to start the day with some gentle reflection, conversation, and prayer?

In the New Year, Andy Smith is hoping to start a small early-morning Bible group, meeting in the Heritage Centre, meeting once a week on Thursday mornings. The start time will depend on who is interested, it could be as early as 7.30 a.m. (in time for those heading off to work), or as late as 8.30 a.m. Each session will be approximately 45 minutes.

The aim is for a simple, friendly space where we read a short passage of Scripture together and share our thoughts — no prior knowledge needed, and no one will be put on the spot. This won't be a teaching session, just an opportunity to explore the Bible, listen to one another, and grow in faith.

If you might be interested, can you please let Andy know – in person, or email him on [andy.xrn@outlook.com](mailto:andy.xrn@outlook.com). All are warmly welcome.

## **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](mailto: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](http://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/>

