



St Helen's Church

Faith, Love, Community

Notices for 18th January 2026 Second Sunday of Epiphany

COLLECT	READINGS
Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.	Isaiah 49 v1-7 John 1 v29-42

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 18th January

8:30am Holy Communion at Staunton Harold
10:30am Morning Worship at St Helen's
10:30am Holy Communion at Coleorton

Monday 19th January

7:30pm Pilgrim Group*

Wednesday 21st January

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

Thursday 22nd January

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

Friday 23rd January

2-4pm Warm hearted space in the
Heritage Centre

Saturday 24th January

9:30 am Morning Prayer in Hastings
Chapel, St Helen's
10am Craft event in the Heritage
Centre
7pm Burns Night Supper

Sunday 25th January

10:30am Holy Communion at St Helen's
2.30pm Commissioning of Street
Pastors at St Helen's

*Please contact the Parish Office for
location information

St Helen's Events

SATURDAY 24th JANUARY, 10:00AM **Craft the January Blues Away**

Join us at the Community Heritage Centre from 10:00am until 3:00pm for our craft event. Please see the attached poster for further details.

SATURDAY 24th JANUARY, 7:00PM **Burns Night Supper at the Heritage Centre.**

Tickets now available! £18.50pp.

Available from Social Committee Members or email Alison on Alisonmandrews63@gmail.com.

SUNDAY 25th JANUARY, 2:30PM **Street Pastors Service**

You are invited to join Ashby Street Pastors for their annual commissioning service 25th January at 2.30pm which will be held at St Helens Church. The service will be followed by refreshments in the Community Heritage Centre as well as our AGM. Everyone will be welcomed.

TUESDAY 27th JANUARY, 7:30PM **Heritage Talk**

Julie Starkey will be talking about 'Churchyard Stories: St Helen's churchyard and its people.' This talk has been developed from our popular churchyard tour, answering such questions as: how long has our churchyard been in use? How has it evolved over time? Who are the people who rest here? And who stole the body ...? This will take place on Tuesday 27th January at 7.30 pm in the Heritage Centre. £4 entry (cash or card) including light refreshments.

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THURSDAY 22nd JANUARY, 7:00PM **Ashby JOY Prayer Meeting**

Ashby joint young adults group (JOY) are hosting a prayer evening on Thursday 22nd January, 7-8pm, at Ashby Baptist Church. This will be part of the international Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year the theme of the week is Ephesians 4:1-13 (*'There is one body and one spirit, just as you were called to one hope' etc*) so there will be some guided prayer activities centred on this and the opportunity to pray for our shared witness in the Ashby area. We would love to invite people of all ages, from all the churches, to join us to pray and to stay for tea and coffee afterwards.

LENT COURSE – SAVE THE DATES

We're pleased to be running a Lent Course for the Flagstaff Family this year, the course will run on Wednesday evenings 25th February to Wednesday 25th March in the Community Heritage Centre.

More details to follow next week, but please make a note of the dates in your diary, and if you're interested, please let Andy Smith know on:

andy.xrn@outlook.com

Other Notices

SATURDAY 31st JANUARY, 9:00am Worship Gathering

You are warmly invited to join us for a relaxed and welcoming morning together on Saturday 31st January at Ashby Baptist Church. Doors will be open from 9:00am for fellowship, croissants, fruit, and drinks. Our more structured time together will begin at 9:30am. The theme of the day will be "Hearing God's Voice". In the noise and busyness of modern life, listening for God can feel challenging — we'll be taking time to pause, reflect, and listen together. Alongside this, there will be:

- Sung worship
- Opportunities for prayer
- Space to connect with and meet other women from across the area

Whether you come regularly or this is your first time, everyone is so welcome.

THE BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY

Holy Trinity, Ashby will be running a 7-week course called The Bereavement Journey starting on Sunday 25 January at 2pm. Cost £35 to cover materials.

If you know of anyone who may benefit from this, please do let them know. They can sign up online at

<http://trinityashby.net/tbj>

For more information and queries, please email Helen Heath at

tbj@trinityashby.net

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

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/>

