



St Helen's Church

Faith, Love, Community

Notices for 22nd February 2026
Sunday Next Before Lent

COLLECT	READINGS
Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.	Deuteronomy 11 v 1 and 18-21 Matthew 17 vs 1-9.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 15th February

8:30am Holy Communion at Staunton
Harold

10:30am Morning Worship at St Helen's

10:30am Holy Communion at Coleorton

**Wednesday 18th February – Ash
Wednesday**

10.30am Holy Communion at St Helen's

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

7:30pm Ash Wednesday Holy
Communion at St Helen's

Thursday 19th February

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

Friday 20th February

2-4pm Warm hearted space in the
Heritage Centre

Saturday 21st February

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

Sunday 22nd February

10:30am Holy Communion at St Helen's

*Please contact the Parish Office for
location information

St Helen's Events

TUESDAY 24th FEBRUARY, 7:30PM

Heritage Talk

Our February Heritage Talk will be given by Peter Liddle. He will be talking about 'The Archaeology of Bradgate Park (and was it really Lady Jane Grey's house?)'

Come along on Tuesday 24th February at 7.30pm in the Heritage Centre to hear what Peter has to say about the findings of a five year archaeological project in Bradgate Park. Tickets on the door (£4 including light refreshments - cash or card).

St Helen's Notices

2026 Lent Course – LentWise

It would appear that we're not the only ones choosing to use LentWise by Paula Gooder as a basis for a Lent Course this year, as most online bookshops are currently Out of Stock of the book!

Don't worry – you'll be able to fully participate in the course with or without a copy of the book. If you have a copy of the original 2010 version of Lentwise (this has with a green cover) that will be ok. And, hopefully there may be time in the next couple of weeks to get hold of a copy – at the moment there's a Christian Bookshop in Lincolnshire which is showing some stock, here's the link:

<https://www.olivetreeinlincs.co.uk>

And here's the link to the Church House Publishing site, you can enter your email address and they will notify you when it's back in stock:

<https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/books/9781781405451/lentwise>

And as I said, don't worry if you can't get hold of a copy – we'll make sure you can fully participate in the course. Andy.

SATURDAY 7th MARCH, 7:30PM

Note-Ability Concert

Note-Ability, the popular chamber choir directed by Caroline Essex, is returning to perform at St Helen's on Saturday 7th March at 7.30pm. The programme will contain a mix of music from madrigals and sacred motets to songs by Queen. Tickets are £10 (children free) available online at www.note-ability.co.uk or on the door. Please come if you can and bring a friend or two.

If anyone is able to help with front of house and/or serving refreshments, please speak to Caroline (Essex). Many thanks.

Other Notices

A request for help from Ashby Youth For Christ Trustees

A heartfelt thank you to those of you who donate to AYFC on a regular basis. Without your support, our work serving young people would not be possible, and it would be difficult for us to plan for the future. But we need your help. From the end of February, Lloyds bank will be closing our original bank account due to new government legislation; any donations to this account will not be received and we would hate to lose your generous support. As donations cannot be moved across to our business

account automatically, please could you take the time to update your standing order to the following bank account details:

Account Name: Ashby de la Zouch Youth For Christ

Sort Code: 30-90-89

Number: 36821260

If you have any questions or concerns about this, please contact our Treasurer, Ed Holbrook- treasurer.ayfc@gmail.com

Thanks and blessings,
AYFC Trustees

SATURDAY 14th FEBRUARY, 10:00AM
Ashby JOY (young adults) charity coffee morning

Please come along to a coffee and cake morning at Ashby Baptist Church, from 10am-12pm on Saturday 14th February. This is being run by young adults from across Ashby's churches, with proceeds going to Open Doors' 'Africa Arise' project, which is specifically supporting persecuted Christians in Nigeria at this time. All welcome and please do spread the word!

WEDNESDAY 4th MARCH, 7:00PM
AYFC Annual General Meeting

This year we would like our AGM to be a real celebration of what God has been doing through our youth and schools work in recent months. You are warmly invited to join us on Wednesday 4th March, 7pm at Ashby Baptist Church to hear from staff, trustees and some of the young people we work with about recent updates and good news. We are also hoping to have a time of worship, and prayer for our ongoing ministry.

Refreshments will be served from 6.45pm for a 7pm start. Please do join us to support if you are able.

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/>

