



St Helen's Church

Faith, Love, Community

Notices for 22nd February 2026
First Sunday of Lent

COLLECT	READINGS
Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.	Romans 5 vv 12-19 Matthew 4 vv 1-11

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 22nd February

10:30am Holy Communion at St Helen's
with prayer ministry
12.30pm Baptisms at St Helen's

Sunday 1st March

8:30am Holy Communion, Staunton
Harold
10:30am Holy Communion at Breedon
6:00pm Evensong, St Helen's

Tuesday 24th February

7:30pm Heritage Talk (see notice)

Wednesday 25th February

10.30am Holy Communion at St Helen's
7:30pm Lentwise Course, Community
Heritage Centre

Thursday 26th February

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

Friday 27th February

2-4pm Warm hearted space in the
Heritage Centre

Saturday 28th February

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

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.olivetreelincs.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

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/>

