



St Helen's Church

Faith, Love, Community

Notices for 1st March 2026
Second Sunday of Lent

COLLECT	READINGS
Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.	Genesis 12 vs 1-4 John 3 vs 1-17

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 1st March

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

Wednesday 4th March

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

Thursday 5th March

10:00am Café Church at St Matthew's,
Worthington
7:00pm AYFC Annual General
Meeting, Ashby Baptist Church

Friday 6th March

2-4pm Warm hearted space in the
Heritage Centre
4.15pm Messy Church in the Heritage
Centre
-5.30pm Centre

Saturday 7th March

9:30 am Morning Prayer in Hastings
Chapel, St Helen's
10am Wardens and Stewards
meeting in the Heritage Centre
7:30pm Note-ability Concert, St Helen's

Sunday 8th March

10:30am Holy Communion, St Helen's
6:00pm Holy Communion, Isley Walton

St Helen's Events

TEAM SERVICE SUNDAY 22nd MARCH

Bishop Martyn will be leading our 10.30am service at St Helen's and it will be a Team Service with activities for children.

The service will be followed by lunch so please sign the list in church or email the office if you intend to stay for lunch. This will be provided and we will invite donations.

There will be the opportunity before and over lunch to engage with the Bishop more informally.

TUESDAY 24th MARCH, 7:30PM

Heritage Talk

Our final winter Heritage talk will be by Wendy Freer, from Pudding Bag Productions, who will be showing 3 period dramas telling fascinating stories from the 17th century plus a hilarious bonus short film about a WI cake baking competition.

Tickets are £4, including light refreshments. You are able to pay on the door (cash or card) on the night,

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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

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.

SUNDAY 8th MARCH at 4pm

ROOTED prayer at Castle Donington

As many of you know, we are continuing to work on Minster Communities and one of the parishes we may join with is Castle Donington. They have invited us to join them for the following event.

'Rooted is a time for us to worship and pray together, and is suitable for the whole family. Our prayers will be focused on waiting and listening to hear what God may be saying to us individually and as a church, and as a proposed Minster Community. Everyone is very welcome.

Our next gathering will be Sunday 8th March at 4.00pm, in St Edward's church hall, Castle Donington, and will last no longer than 40 minutes followed by time for cake, coffee and a chat.

Psalm 52:9 says "I will always praise you in the presence of your faithful people. And I will hope in your name, for your name is good."

SATURDAY 14th MARCH, 7:00PM

The Silver Spade Concert

On Saturday 14th March, Councillor Damilola Ojuri, Mayor of Ashby de la Zouch is hosting a charity event at Holy Trinity Church, Ashby de la Zouch, in aid of her two chosen charities, Rotary Club of Ashby de la Zouch Castle and Inspire Youth Collective.

In collaboration with Calling Time and Roots Community Singers, '**The Silver Spade**' will tell the story of the industrial history of Ashby de la Zouch. This musical event promises to be both an informative and entertaining evening.

If you would like to attend, tickets can be purchased from TicketSource (QR code on attached poster). Refreshments, included in the ticket price, will be served during the interval.

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

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/>

