



St Helen's Church

Faith, Love, Community

Notices for 8th March 2026
Third Sunday of Lent

COLLECT	READINGS
Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.	1 Chronicles 29 vv 10-13 John 4 vv 5-42

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 8th March

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

Wednesday 11th March

10.30am Holy Communion, Prior Park

Thursday 12th March

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

Friday 13th March

2-4pm Warm hearted space in the
Heritage Centre

Saturday 14th March

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

Sunday 15th March

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

St Helen's Events

SUNDAY 22nd MARCH, 10:30AM

Team Service

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.

SUNDAY 29th MARCH 10.30am

In our morning communion service, we hope to do our usual reading of the Passion story using several different voices. Please email Sue if you would like to be part of that.

SUNDAY 29th MARCH, 6:00PM

Sunday Soirée

Our Sunday Soirées return on Sunday 29th March. This will take a rather

different format from usual. Refreshments will be served from 5.30pm and the Soirée will be based on Haydn's 'Seven Last words of the Cross' with movements of this work being played by members of Ashby Strings Orchestra, interspersed by anthems from our choir and readings. We will finish by 7.30pm. Please do come along and bring friends.

Other Notices

SUNDAY 8th MARCH, 4:00PM

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

Ashby Men's Breakfast

I am inviting you to our next Breakfast meeting to be held at 8:00am on Saturday 14th March at Ashby Wetherspoons followed by a talk to be given by Frank Taylor titled "ADVentures on the Stage" in the Methodist Church Hall. The capitalisation in the title will become clear during the presentation. Partners and friends welcome to hear this presentation.

There will not be a meeting the following month as the second Saturday falls within the Easter weekend. However, we will be meeting again on Saturday 9th May.

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/>

