



St Helen's Church

Faith, Love, Community

Notices for 22nd March 2026 Passion Sunday

COLLECT	READINGS
Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.	Ezekiel 37 vv 1-14 John 11 vv 1-45

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 22nd March

10:30am Team Communion Service, St Helen's – see notice below

Tuesday 24th March

7.30pm Heritage Talk by Wendy Freer
Community Heritage Centre

Wednesday 25th March

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

Thursday 26th March

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

Friday 27th March

2-4pm Warm hearted space in the
Heritage Centre

Saturday 28th March

9:30 am Morning Prayer, Hastings Chapel, St Helen's
10am Rehearsal for those involved with the reading of the Passion.

Sunday 29th March

10am Donkey Procession around the churchyard
10:30am Holy Communion, St Helen's – including a reading of the Passion. There are also activities for children in the Heritage Centre.
6:00pm Sunday Soirée, St Helen's. Refreshments served from 5.30pm. See notice further on.

St Helen's events

SUNDAY 22nd MARCH, 10:30AM

Team Service at St. Helen's

Bishop Martyn will be leading our 10.30am Team Communion service. There will be activities for children at the back of church.

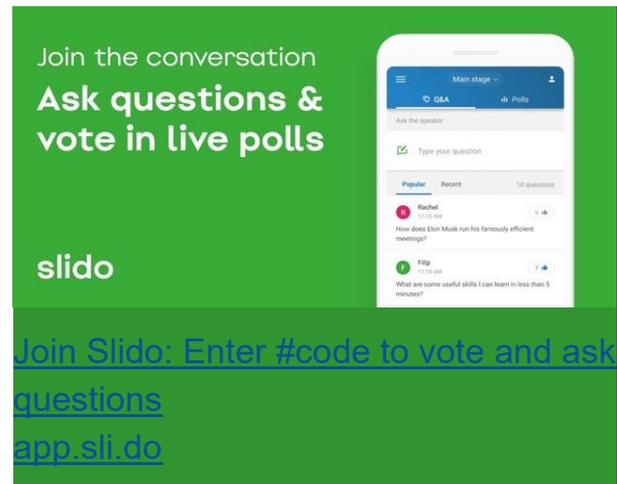
After the service there will be a brief break and Tim and Sue will then interview the Bishop about his life, faith and vocation for about 15 minutes. Following this we will collect our lunch of soup, roll and fruit, (**please remember to sign up for this**) and regather for a Question and Answer session with the Bishop. We aim to finish by 1.15pm.

To facilitate this we will use a tool called Slido which enables you from your mobile phone, to type a question and then vote other people's questions up and down the list! This means that the most 'popular' question is at the top of the list etc. There may be the chance to ask supplementary questions but Slido is a good way of ensuring that quieter voices are heard.

For those who struggle with technology, help will be at hand! Please write your question on a piece of paper or email to Sue (**by Saturday 21 March**) and she will ensure the questions are entered into Slido.

Please do not submit questions if you are not intending to be at the event. We want this to be a genuine conversation with the people in the room! Slido is simply a means of enabling that which we use now at clergy gatherings.

You can reach Slido using trinityashby.net/slido, using the link below or the QR code.



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 PALM SUNDAY

We will begin with a donkey procession around the churchyard starting at **10am**. Our Communion Service at **10.30am** will include the reading of the Passion Narrative by several different voices. There will be children's activities in the Heritage Centre.

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.

HOLY WEEK EVENTS

Please see the attached flyers for details of our Holy Week events and services.

St Helen's Notices

THANK YOU

Thank you to the team of posy-makers who created posies for distribution by our children at last Sunday's Mothering Sunday Service. Thank you for the love and care that you put into making them.

ELECTORAL ROLL 2026

Between 22nd March and 5th April we will be updating the Electoral Roll (ER) for St Helen's. The ER is a register of people who are able to elect other people in the church and to vote on many relevant

issues at the annual parochial church meeting (APCM) and stand for election to the Parochial Church Council (PCC).

From March 22nd, applications for enrolment on the ER can be obtained from the church office or at the Welcome Desk and completed forms returned to the office letter box or by email to parishoffice@sthelensashby.net

ST HELEN'S ANNUAL MEETINGS – 21st APRIL at 7pm

Our Annual meetings will take place this year on Tuesday 21 April 2026 at 7pm. We are looking for one new PCC member and one new Deanery Synod member. Please speak to Sue if you would like to find out more about what either role entails. We would love to have a full PCC!

Attendance at the Annual Parochial Meeting is for those on the Electoral Roll so please do sign up if you are not a member already.

As well as the acceptance of the Trustees Annual Report for 2025, we will also be updating you on our building issues and looking at our fairly new Vision Statement.

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' – complete the form 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/>



You can also pay in through BACS:

- Account Name: St Helen's PCC
- Account Number: 00018329
- Sort Code: 40-52-40