



St Helen's Church

Faith, Love, Community

Notices for 29th March 2026 Palm Sunday

COLLECT	READINGS
<p>True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.</p>	<p>Reading of the Passion</p>

THE WEEK AHEAD – HOLY WEEK

Sunday 29th March – Palm Sunday

- 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.

Monday 30th March

- 7.30pm Compline, St Helen's

Tuesday 31st March

- 7.30pm Compline, St Helen's

Wednesday 1st April

- 10.30am Holy Communion, St Helen's
- 2:00pm We are in Stitches, Heritage Centre
- 7.30pm Compline, St Helen's

Thursday 2nd April – Maundy Thursday

- 10:00am Café Church, St Matthew's, Worthington
- 7:30pm Holy Communion, St Helen's

Friday 3rd April – Good Friday

- 11:00am Walk of Witness, starting at Ashby Baptist Church
- 2.00pm An hour at the Cross - Breedon
- 4:00pm Children's Service St Helen's
- 7:30pm At the Foot of the Cross Service, St Helen's

NOTE – No Warm hearted space today

Saturday 4th April

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

Sunday 5th April – Easter Sunday

- 8.30am Holy Communion and Baptism, Staunton Harold
- 10:30am Holy Communion, St Helen's
- 10.30am Holy Communion, Breedon
- 12.30pm Baptisms at St Helen's

St Helen's Events

SUNDAY 29th MARCH, 10:00AM

Palm Sunday Procession and Service

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.

COMPLINE

Please join us for these three half hour services of night prayer held in the Chancel at St Helen's at 7.30pm on 30 March, 31 March and 1 April

Thursday 2nd April, 7:30PM

Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Please join us for a Maundy Thursday service of Holy Communion, accompanied by the St Helen's Choir.

FRIDAY 3rd APRIL, 11:00PM

Walk of Witness

On Good Friday we will be undertaking a walk of witness to listen to six accounts of the Passion of Jesus performed by a professional drama group. We will start

at Ashby Baptist Church at 11:00am, walking to St Helen's and then to Holy Trinity.

FRIDAY 3rd APRIL, 4:00PM

Children's Service

A short activity-based service aimed at young children and families. This will be followed by refreshments and an Easter Egg hunt in the church. All are welcome.

FRIDAY 3rd APRIL, 7:30PM

At the Foot of the Cross

A reflective service of readings, choir anthems and organ music for Good Friday at St Helen's.

SUNDAY 5th APRIL, 10:30AM

Easter Sunday Communion

Please join us for our service of Holy Communion to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

St Helen's Notices

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! Nomination forms are available from the office.

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.

SUNDAY 26th APRIL at 10.30am

At our morning communion service we will be welcoming a speaker from Hoveraid, one of the charities we have supported, to preach and then to lead a presentation about their latest work in Madagascar. This will be over a lunch in the Heritage Centre – more details later but please keep the date!

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