St Helen's Church

Faith, Love, Community

Notices for 19th April 2026
Third Sunday of Easter

COLLECT	READINGS
Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.	Psalm 126 Luke 24 vv 13-35
HYMNS	
623 Praise my soul Sheet: Praise unbroken	329 Lord of the Dance 471 Lord of creation

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 19th April

8:30am Holy Communion, Staunton Harold

10:30am Civic Service, St Helen's

10:30am Holy Communion, Coleorton

Monday 20th April

7:30pm Pilgrim Group *

Tuesday 21st April

7pm Annual Meetings at the Heritage Centre – see notice below

Wednesday 22nd April

10.30am Holy Communion, St Helen's

Thursday 23rd April

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

Friday 24th April

2-4pm Warm hearted space in the Heritage Centre

Saturday 25th April

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

Sunday 26th April

10:30am Holy Communion, St Helen's followed by bring and share lunch. Please do come as we learn more about Hoveraid.

7.30pm Compline at St Helen's

* For location information, please contact the Parish Office.

St Helen's Events

SUNDAY 19th APRIL, 10.30AM
Civic Service
We will be welcoming civic guests including our Mayor, Cllr. Damilola Ojuri to give thanks for her year in office. Please do come to worship and to welcome our visitors.

SUNDAY 26th APRIL, 10:30AM
Hoveraid
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 'bring and share' lunch in the Heritage Centre. Please do bring a plate of food to share as we learn more about Hoveraid and see the important work the charity is doing.

SUNDAY 26th APRIL, 7.30pm
Service of Compline
Many people said how much they appreciated the 20 minute services of Compline during Holy Week. After discussion with the Ministry Team, we would like to offer a service of Compline on the 4th Sunday of each month at 7.30pm in the Chancel at church. This will include a time of silence in which you may like to offer to God the coming week.

SUNDAY 3rd MAY at 6pm
Sunday Soirée
After Choral Evensong sung by the choir, we will have refreshments then an organ recital by Christopher Ouvry-Johns, Director of Music at Leicester Cathedral. Entrance is free but donations are welcome to cover costs, with any excess going to the fund to renovate the organ.

St Helen's Notices

TUESDAY 21st April, 7:00PM
St Helen's Annual Meetings
Our Annual meetings will take place this year on Tuesday 21 April 2026 at 7pm. **We are looking for one new PCC member and two new Deanery Synod members**. 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.

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

2nd – 4th MAY
'MADE BY ME' – by the We're in Stitches Group
There will be an exhibition of work by the We're in Stitches group in church from Saturday 2 May to Monday 4 May. Opening times will be:

Saturday 2nd May	10am – 4pm
Sunday 3rd May	1pm – 6pm
Monday 4th May	10am – 12.30pm

Posters and fliers will be available in church from 12 April. We also need stewards from church and people to help serve refreshments. Please sign the list in church if you are able to help. This is a great opportunity to welcome people into our beautiful church. Entrance to the weekend is free but donations will be to the church.

There will be a Soirée on the Sunday (3 May) – see previous notice and the weekend will end with a recital by our very own Anna Haines (soprano) and

Andrew Chapman (piano) on **Monday 4 May at 12.30pm.**

Other Notices

SATURDAY 25th APRIL, 9:00AM
Christian Women of Ashby – Worship Gathering
You are warmly invited to join us for a relaxed and welcoming morning together. We'll open the doors at from 9:00am for fellowship, croissants, fruit, and drinks. Our more structured time together will begin at 9:30am. This month, Rachael Kozman will be sharing something God has placed on my heart:

In the noise and busyness of modern life, listening for God can feel challenging. We'll be taking time to pause, reflect, and listen together. Alongside this, there will be:

- Sung worship
- Opportunities for prayer
- Space to connect with and meet other women from across the area

Doors will open from 9:00am at Ashby Baptist Church in the Coffee Lounge. Whether you come regularly or this is your first time, everyone is so welcome, we'd love to see you there.

SATURDAY 9th MAY, 10-11:30AM
Café Church at Breedon
We are starting a Café Church at Breedon which will happen every 2nd Saturday of the month at 10am. It will be a coffee morning with a short 'thought for the day' at 11am.

WITNESSES TO THE PASSION
Many of us appreciated the dramatic Walk of Witness we held this year. All of the scenes were repeated with music at Ashby Baptist Church on Good Friday evening. You might like to watch this. It is available here:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FbWEq9lWqiM

Thanks to Nigel Roberts from Ashby Baptist Church for arranging all of this.

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

Giving online

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/

Parish Giving Scheme

You can also pay in through BACS:

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