



## St Helen's Church

Faith, Love, Community

### Notices for 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026 Fourth Sunday of Easter

COLLECT	READINGS
Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.	1 Peter 2 v19-end John 10 vv 1-10
HYMNS	
407 Jesus where'er thy people meet 686 Take my hands, Lord	5 Come people of the risen King 340 I will sing the wondrous story

### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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

#### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April

7:30pm Pilgrim Group \*

#### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April

10.30am Holy Communion, St Helen's

#### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April

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

#### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May

2-4pm Warm hearted space in the Heritage Centre

#### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

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

10:00am "Made by Me" exhibition

#### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

8:30am Holy Communion, Staunton Harold

10:30am Holy Communion, Breedon

1:00pm "Made by Me" exhibition

6.00pm Sunday Soirée – Choral Evensong followed by organ recital given by the Director of Music, Leicester Cathedral

\* For location information, please contact the Parish Office.

## St Helen's Events

**SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

### **ANNUAL MEETING 2026**

I am delighted to inform you that we now have two churchwardens – Julian Boardman-Weston and Caroline Fraser. Please do pray for them as they take on

this important leadership role amongst us. We also have a new member of the PCC – Annabel Fraser and are delighted that she has offered to take up this role.

We are still without a **minutes secretary** for PCC meetings and **two Deanery Synod reps**. Please speak to Sue if you might be interested in any of these roles.

**2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> May 10am – 4pm

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1pm – 6pm

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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**.

**SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 7:00PM**

### **Save the date – "Connections - Midsummer Quiet Evening"**

As part of our Connections programme, there will be a quiet evening on Saturday 20th June, beginning at 7.00 p.m. in the Heritage Centre, led by Andy Smith, followed by a simple service of Holy

Communion in the Garden. We'll finish by 9.30 p.m. at the latest.

On this evening of longest light, there will be space to pause and reflect on God's goodness in creation and in Christ. In sharing the Lord's Supper, we receive again the gift of his life—the true light that never fades.

Further details will be shared nearer the time, but you may like to mark the date in your diary.

## **URGENT NEED FOR YOUR CLOCK STORIES.**

The BBC television programme The Repair Shop On The Road, is looking for objects at the heart of UK communities. I am endeavouring to put together a short bid for the church clock, which hasn't worked for a long time but has historic interest, but I urgently need your help.

If you – or any of your local friends and relatives – have a story to tell which involves the clock, or value a working clock visible from the churchyard as you walk past, please contact me as soon as possible [anne.heaton@ntlworld.com](mailto:anne.heaton@ntlworld.com) or 07927658852. I'll be at the back of church after the service on Sunday morning too. Prayers and crossed fingers would be helpful too!

## **Other Notices**

### **SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2:00PM**

#### **Laity Meeting**

The North West Leicestershire Deanery Laity Meeting will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May from 2:00pm to 3:30pm at Holy Rood Church, Packington. This will be an informal gathering of fellowship and to chat about what is happening in our churches.

### **SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MAY, 10-11:30AM**

#### **Café Church at Breedon**

We are starting a Café Church at Breedon which will happen every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 10am. It will be a coffee morning with a short 'thought for the day' at 11am.

### **SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2:00PM**

#### **AYFC Afternoon Tea**

Ashby Youth for Christ will be hosting an Afternoon Tea in the St Helen's Heritage Centre. Tickets are £10 for adults or £5 for children (up to age 11). Please purchase your tickets at the following link:

<https://ashby-youth-for-christ.sumupstore.com/product/ayfc-afternoon-tea>

## 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](http://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