



St Helen's Church

Faith, Love, Community

Notices for 3rd May 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter

COLLECT	READINGS
Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.	Ezekiel 37 vv 1-12 John 5 vv 19-29
HYMNS	
19 All my hope on God is founded 87 Breathe on me breath of God	704 The day thou gavest Psalm 147 vv 1 – 12

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 3rd 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

Monday 4th May

- 10am 'Made by Me' exhibition open
- 12.30pm Lunchtime song and piano recital
- 7:30pm No Pilgrim Group

Wednesday 6th May

- 10.30am Holy Communion at St Helen's
- 2:00pm 'We're in Stitches' at the Community Heritage Centre

Thursday 7th May

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

Friday 8th May

- 2-4pm Warm hearted space in the Heritage Centre
- 4.15pm Messy Church in the Heritage Centre

Saturday 9th May

- 9:30 am Morning Prayer, Hastings Chapel, St Helen's
- 10am Café Church at Breedon

Sunday 10th May

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

St Helen's Events

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.

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.**

SATURDAY 9th MAY, 10:00AM

Gardening Working Party

It is planned to hold a working party on Saturday 9th May between 10am - 12 noon, to weed and tidy the Heritage Centre garden; any help would be much

appreciated. If you are able to assist, please let us know. Many thanks, Rob and Caroline Millward

THURSDAY 14th MAY, 7:30PM

Ascension Day Communion Service

Please join us for our communion service to celebrate Ascension Day. This will be held at St Helen's at 7:30pm.

SATURDAY 20th 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.

Other Notices

TUESDAY 5th MAY, 2:00PM

Laity Meeting

The North West Leicestershire Deanery Laity Meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th 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.

WEDNESDAY 6th MAY, 7:00PM

Bereavement Journey

The next Bereavement Journey course will begin at Holy Trinity on Wednesday 6th May. The Bereavement Journey® is a place to talk - 7 Sessions of films and discussion for anyone, whether grieving a death now, or wanting to explore a previous bereavement that may be unresolved. This course is for bereaved adults to do their own grief work. It is supported by a Participant Manual and facilitated by volunteers.

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.

SATURDAY 13th 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>

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