



St Helen's Church

Faith, Love, Community

Notices for 28th June 2026 Fourth Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT	READINGS
Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ.	Psalm 10 Matthew 10 vs 40-42
HYMNS	
AHON 628 Praise to the Lord the almighty AHON 196 For the days when you feel near	AHON 67 Beauty for brokenness AHON 777 To God be the glory

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 28th June

10:30am Holy Communion, St Helen's
12.30pm Baptism, St. Helen's
7:30pm Compline, St Helen's

Monday 29th June

7:30pm Pilgrim Group**

Wednesday 1st July

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

Thursday 2nd July

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

Friday 3rd July

2-4pm Warm hearted space,
Heritage Centre
4.15pm Messy Church, Heritage
-5.30pm Centre

Saturday 4th July

9:30 am Morning Prayer, Hastings
Chapel, St Helen's
11:00am Ashby Open Gardens

Sunday 5th July

8:30am Holy Communion, Staunton
Harold
10:30am Holy Communion, Breedon
11:00am Ashby Open Gardens
6:00pm Soiree, St Helen's

** Please contact Parish Office for
location

St Helen's Events

SUNDAY SOIRÉE – 5 July 6pm-8pm

This will follow our usual format of Choral Evensong followed by refreshments and then a recital. This month, the recital will be given by members of St Helen's so please come along and support us – and invite your friends and family. Retiring collection to support the refurbishment of the organ.

RE-ENCHANTING OUR WORLD: A CS LEWIS AND TOLKIEN QUIET DAY. SATURDAY 11TH JULY – 9.15 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

We'll explore how we can be inspired by the stories and other writings of CS Lewis and JRR Tolkien, alongside Scripture, to recover wonder and beauty, mystery and longing in these increasingly technological and materialistic times. There will be plenty of opportunity for prayer, and time to attend to those glimpses of eternity that are given to us, both indoors and out.

The day will be led by Andy Swinford. Andy is the author of 'The Practice of Joy: insights from the stories of C S Lewis' and co-author of 'The Christian Tradition in English Literature'. He delivers multimedia presentations and online classes about C S Lewis, as well as leading retreats on the spiritual enrichment to be gained from the writings of the two friends Lewis and Tolkien.

Again, places are limited to about 20, if you'd like to attend please sign up on the sheet at the back of church, email the Parish Office (see below) or contact Andy Smith.

CHURCH BARBECUE – 11 July at 6pm Tickets for sale from Sunday 28 June.

St Helen's Notices

A cheeky request from the Rector!!

As you will see below, I have decided to open the Rectory garden for the Ashby Open Gardens as a welcome to the community on Saturday 4th July. If anyone could help with a spot of gardening beforehand, I would be really grateful! If you could manage any of the following times, please let me know.

Thursday 2nd July

- 2pm-4pm

Friday 3rd July

- 10.30am – 12.30pm

- 2pm – 4pm

Refreshments will be provided.

8th, 11th and 20th July 2026 Festival of Archaeology at St Helen's Church & Heritage Centre

Guided Tour of the Church on Wednesday 8th July at 2 pm.

Guided Tour of the Churchyard on Saturday 11th July at 2 pm.

Children's workshop, "Churchyard Detectives" - KS1 & KS2 but pre-schoolers also welcome) on Monday 20th July from 10 am - 1 pm.

All events are free but donations are welcome. Refreshments also available on 20th July. See our website for more information: www.sthelensashby.net. Look for 'what's coming up' and 'Festival of Archaeology.'

WEDNESDAY 12th AUGUST, 10:00AM Holiday Bible Club

The holiday bible club will be returning this summer. Attendees must be 5-11 years old, although 4 year olds who have completed their Reception year but not yet turned 5 will also be welcome. This

will be £3 per child. Further details to follow.

Changing to sustainable church flowers

You may have heard in the news is that churches and cathedrals are being encouraged to stop using floral foam – a single use plastic which releases huge numbers of microplastics into the environment – and to explore more traditional and less environmentally harmful ways of arranging flowers in church. The Sustainable Church Flower Movement is also asking us to use seasonal locally grown flowers and foliage in our displays as commercially grown flowers have a high carbon footprint.

So, your flower arranging team are both excited and a little nervous at finding different ways to 'do the flowers'. You will notice some changes in the style of arrangements and greater use of home-grown foliage and flowers, but we hope that our arrangements will still glorify God and provide a welcome for all who enter the church, as well as being kinder to the planet. Please encourage us as we experiment with new ways of doing things.

St Helen's Flower Team

Other Notices

ASHBY OPEN GARDENS - 4th and 5th July, 11:00AM – 6:00PM on both days
Passports (£5 per adult, accompanied under 16s free) are available from Woodlander on Bath Street and Ashby Toolbox on Market Street 2 weeks before the event or from any open garden during the weekend of the event. 22 gardens to

visit over the weekend. Some gardens also offering refreshments or plant sales. Interactive map available from the Ashby Open Gardens website:

ashbyopengardens.co.uk/map

Alison Cross's garden on Willesley Road and Jenny Hedges' garden are open both Saturday and Sunday, the Rectory garden is open (Saturday only), and our garden on Leicester Road is open on Sunday only. All proceeds to be shared between 2 charities. Julie Starkey

INEQE SAFEGUARDING SURVEY

This is to inform you that the INEQE safeguarding surveys are now live and will remain open until **5th August 11:30pm**.

The surveys form an important part of the independent safeguarding audit, and we need as many responses as possible. The more people who take part, the clearer the picture will be of what's working well and what we could do to improve safeguarding in the diocese. You can complete the survey at - <https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/leicester/>

HYMN BOOKS – we have been given a generous donation to buy some more hymn books. If you would find a large print version more helpful, please let Sue know by the end of June so that we can gauge how many to order. Thank you.

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