



## St Helen's Church

Faith, Love, Community

### Notices for 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026 Second Sunday after Trinity

| COLLECT   | READINGS  |
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| Faithful Creator,<br>whose mercy never fails:<br>deepen our faithfulness to you<br>and to your living Word,<br>Jesus Christ our Lord. | Romans 5 vv 1-8<br>Matthew 9 v35 - 10v8   |
| HYMNS   |   |
| AHON 111 City of God how broad and<br>far<br>AHON 16 All I once held dear   | AHON 378 Jesus calls us here to meet him<br>Booklet 14 The Kingdom of God is justice<br>and joy |

### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June

10:30am Holy Communion, St Helen's  
(note No service at Isley Walton due  
to the Download Festival)

#### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June

9:30 am Morning Prayer, Hastings  
Chapel, St Helen's  
7:00pm Longest Night, Lasting Light  
(see notice)

#### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June

7:30pm Note – No Pilgrim Group

#### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June

8:30am Holy Communion, Staunton  
Harold  
10:30am Morning Worship, St Helen's  
10:30am Holy Communion, Coleorton

#### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June

7pm PCC in the Heritage Centre

#### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June

10.30am Morning Worship  
2:00pm "We are in Stitches" Group,  
Heritage Centre

#### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June

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

#### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June

2-4pm Warm hearted space in the  
Heritage Centre

## St Helen's Events

### **SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 10:30AM**

#### **Music Sunday – New Gloria**

Over the past few weeks, the choir have been working hard learning a new setting of the Gloria to sing in services of Holy Communion. We plan to give it its first outing on Music Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> June. We would really like the congregation to join in the singing as usual and so will be offering the opportunity to have a practice at 10.20am that day. Please do join us if you can.

### **SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 10.30AM**

We will welcome a speaker from one of the Charities we support. This will be Steve Moses from the Loughborough Town of Sanctuary. We look forward to hearing more of their work with asylum seekers and refugees.

### **SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 7:00-9:00PM**

#### **Connections – Longest Night, Lasting Light**

As the longest day gives way to evening, come join us as we pause and reflect on the changing seasons of life and the light of Christ that does not fade. This quiet evening will include Scripture and reflection, silence and prayer, time for personal reflection and a simple service of Holy Communion

Whether you are carrying questions, gratitude, weariness or hope, come and spend an evening in a peaceful and prayerful setting. To maintain a calm, peaceful environment places are limited to about 20, but there are some spaces available.

If you'd like to come, there's a sign-up sheet by the visitors' book at the back of church or contact Andy Smith.

### **SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JULY, 9:15 -2:45PM**

#### **Connections - Reenchanting our World: A CS Lewis and Tolkien Quiet Day**

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 email the Parish Office ([parishoffice@sthelensashby.net](mailto:parishoffice@sthelensashby.net)) or contact Andy Smith.

## St Helen's Notices

### **SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 9.30AM - 1PM**

#### **Garden Working Party**

There will be a garden working party taking place on Saturday 13th June, commencing at 9.30am until 1pm, to carry on with the clearing and tidying in the Heritage Centre garden. Willing volunteers would be most welcome. Please don't feel obliged to commit to the whole session - any help would be much appreciated. Please let us know if you

can join in. Many thanks, Caroline & Rob Millward

### **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 4 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.

Friday 26 June 10.30am – 12.30pm  
2pm – 4pm

Thursday 2 July 2pm-4pm

Friday 3 July 10.30am – 12.30pm  
2pm – 4pm

Refreshments 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](http://www.sthelensashby.net).

Look for 'what's coming up' and 'Festival of Archaeology.'

### **WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> 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**

#### **SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 10:00AM**

#### **Café Church, Breedon**

Café church will be meeting again at Breedon Church from 10-11.30am. Come and enjoy coffee and cake in the beautiful surroundings of Breedon Church. There will be a short reflection given by Sue 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>

## **4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> July, 11:00AM – 6:00PM on both days.**

### **Ashby Open Gardens**

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](http://ashbyopengardens.co.uk/map)

*Alison Cross's garden on Willesley Road is 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.*

## **INEQE SAFEGUARDING SURVEY**

This is to inform you that the INEQE safeguarding surveys are now live and will remain open until **5<sup>th</sup> 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/>

## **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](mailto:noticesheet@sthelensashby.net)