



St Helen's Church

Faith, Love, Community

Notices for 5th July 2026 Fifth Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT	READINGS
Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.	2 Samuel 2:1-11 & 3:1. Luke 18:31 – 19:10
HYMNS	
AHON 10 All creatures of our God AHON 63 Be still my soul	AHON 702 The church's one foundation Psalm 46 Chant 127

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Monday 6th July

7:30pm No Pilgrim Group
7pm Events and Activities team
(EAT) meeting at the Rectory

Wednesday 8th July

10.30am Holy Communion, Prior Park

Thursday 9th July

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

Friday 10th July

2-4pm Warm hearted space,
Heritage Centre

Saturday 11th July

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

Sunday 12th July

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

St Helen's Events

SUNDAY 5th JULY, 6-8:00PM **SUNDAY SOIRÉE**

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.

SATURDAY 11th JULY, 9.15AM–3.00PM

RE-ENCHANTING 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.

If you're worried about knowing the books, please don't! The day's content will be accessible to all. You don't need to have read the books and there is no prior reading required - though there will be spoilers!

Andy says most people who attend his events have read very little and might only have seen one of the films, so don't be put off for that reason.

If you'd like to attend please sign up on the sheet at the back of church, email the Parish Office at:

(parishoffice@sthelensashby.net)

or contact Andy Smith.

SATURDAY 11th JULY, 6:00PM **CHURCH BARBECUE**

Tickets for sale from Sunday 28th June.

St Helen's Notices

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.

Other Notices

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

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