



St Helen's Church

Faith, Love, Community

Notices for 16th August 2026 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT	READINGS
God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.	1 Samuel 2:1-10 Luke 1: 46-55
HYMNS	
Tell out, my soul	

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 16th August

8:30am Holy Communion, Staunton
Harold

10:30am Morning Worship, St Helen's

10:30am Holy Communion, Coleorton

Monday 17th August

9:30am Little Fishes summer event

Wednesday 19th August

10.30am Morning Prayer, St Helen's

2:00pm We're in Stitches, Heritage
Centre

Thursday 20th August

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

11.30am Judy Hunt's funeral, St
Helen's.

Friday 21st August

2-4pm Warm hearted space, Heritage
Centre

Saturday 22nd August

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

Sunday 23rd August

10:30am Holy Communion, St Helen's

7:30pm Compline, St Helen's

St Helen's Events

SUNDAY 17th AUGUST, 10:30AM

Morning Worship

Mary's *Magnificat* is one of the best-known passages in the Bible – but what happens when we slow down and really listen to the words? This Sunday we'll explore Mary's song alongside Hannah's, discovering something about joy, humility, faithfulness and the God they both trusted.

With our choir taking a well-deserved summer break, we'll have a little more space than usual to listen, reflect and hear these familiar words afresh. And we'll end by singing the much-loved hymn *Tell Out, My Soul*.

THURSDAY 20th AUGUST, 11:30AM

Judy Hunt

Following the sad news of Judy's death, her funeral service will be on Thursday 20 August at 11.30am at St Helen's. Judy's request was that people wear bright colours and no black.

SUNDAY 6th SEPTEMBER, 6-8PM

SUNDAY SOIRÉE

We follow the usual pattern of Choral Evensong followed by refreshments and then a recital. This will be another two piano recital by Jeremy Kimber and Sue Field featuring a mixture of works originally for two pianos and some arrangements of popular works by Handel, Brahms, Bach, Liszt, Arthur Benjamin and Irving Berlin. Retiring collection to cover costs.

SATURDAY 12th SEPTEMBER, 10-3

Heritage Open Day AND RIDE AND STRIDE

We are holding a special book-related day, with a bookbinder demonstrating her art:

"A rare chance to see ..."

Display of 17th and 18th century bibles and our 19th century bell ringers' peal book in church, with interpretation. There will also be a printed 1822 sermon by Rev William McDouall. Book related activities and refreshments in Heritage Centre.

We will need several volunteers to watch over the books, which cannot leave the church, and others to serve refreshments. Even if you can only offer an hour or two!

In addition, it would be lovely to make a display of the **variety of bibles** available to us. Children's bibles, old ones, modern translations, foreign language bibles... I've even seen a graphic novel style bible! So if you are willing to lend your bibles for the day please bring them to church on Friday **September 11th, from 12 to 1pm** or on **Saturday September 12th from 9.30**. Please make sure that your name is in the bible, and collect them preferably from 3 – 4pm on the Saturday. Any left will be locked in the vestry and available after the morning service, about 11.30am.

Please get in touch if you are able to help. The event is being advertised in the Hello Heritage leaflet and on the University of Nottingham Manuscripts and Special Collections website, so we may have visitors from afar. Anne Heaton

Save the Date!

For those who like to plan, please note that on **Saturday 28 November** we'll be holding another **Connections Quiet Day**, from **9.15am–3.00pm**, at the Community Heritage Centre. The day will focus on **Advent**, helping us to prepare for this season of waiting, contemplation, and preparation.

The day will be led by **Revd Canon David Newman**, former Archdeacon of Loughborough and very well known to us here at St Helen's.

St Helen's Notices

Morning Light

In September, the Morning Light Bible Study group will begin meeting again. We meet on Thursday mornings during school term-time, 8.45–9.30am, in the Hildersham Room at the Community Heritage Centre. Our first meeting of the Autumn/Christmas term will be on Thursday 3 September.

This term, we'll be exploring the underlying story of the Old Testament.

Space is limited by the size of the room, but we have room for another two or three people. You don't need extensive theological or biblical knowledge – just an interest in learning more about the Bible through discussion with like-minded (and occasionally differently-minded!) people. If you're interested, please speak to or contact Andy Smith.

Parish Magazine

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the parish magazine over the last year. Submissions for the September magazine would be gratefully received by Tuesday 25th August. Articles should ideally be no longer than 400 words to be accommodated easily.

Other Notices

MONDAY 31st AUGUST, 1-6PM

Packington Village Open Gardens
Please join us for games, afternoon tea and plenty of stalls. There will be a duck race on Mill Street at 6:00pm. Tickets

are £5 and accompanied children are free.

BREEDON WAKES – Saturday 5 September 10am -4pm

Breedon Church are once again holding this event which will include a Medieval Encampment with a chance to experience various medieval crafts and activities. During the day, there will be a tour of the church, a chance to visit the bell tower, a churchyard tour and an organ recital. There will be lots of activities and interest for children and adults alike. There will also be refreshment vans and various other stalls.

Parking will be at the Quarry and a minibus will take people up to church.

If anyone could help to serve tea and coffee in church from 11am until 3.30pm, please contact Sue Field.

SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER, 2:30-5:30PM

Diocesan Centenary Celebration Worship Gathering

Taking place at the Athena in Leicester, this event will celebrate 100 years of the diocese with worship and thanksgiving. Please join us for an afternoon of worship, prayer, music, liturgy, food and drink and more.

Tickets are available on the diocesan website.

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/>



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- Account Number: 00018329
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