St Helen's Church

Faith, Love, Community

Notices for 1st November 2026
All Saints Day

COLLECT	READINGS
God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.	Micah 6 vv 1-8 James 2 vv 1-13
HYMNS	
AHON 563 How great thou art AHON 587 The old rugged cross	AHON 422 Lead us heavenly Father AHON 273 Great is thy faithfulness

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 1st November

8:30am Holy Communion, Staunton Harold
10:30am Holy Communion, Breedon
3:30pm Justice Service, St Helen's
Note – no service at 6:00pm

Monday 2nd November

7:30pm Pilgrim Group*

Wednesday 4th November

10.30am Holy Communion, St Helen's
2:00pm We're in stitches, Heritage Centre

Thursday 5th November

10:00am Café Church, St Matthew's

Friday 6th November

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

Saturday 7th November

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

Sunday 8th November

9:30am Service for Remembrance Sunday, St Helen's
6:00pm Holy Communion, Isley Walton

* For location, please contact the Parish Office

St Helen's Events

SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER, 3:30PM
Justice Service
We will be hosting this annual service for the High Sheriff of Leicestershire.
Please note that car parking will not be available at Crane and Walton that day as this is reserved for disabled parking.

SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER, 9:30AM
Service for Remembrance Sunday
Please note the earlier time of this service which will be followed by the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in town. Bishop Saju will be preaching at St Helen's and at the War Memorial.

SATURDAY 28th NOVEMBER
Quiet Day for Advent
As the days and weeks turn, Advent will soon be upon us. And as Advent begins, come join us as we prepare to wait, and contemplate the coming of Christ and anticipate his return. This quiet day will include Scripture and reflection, silence and prayer, time for personal reflection and a simple time of worship to round the day off.

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. To maintain a calm, peaceful environment places are limited to about 20, so book early …

Refreshments will be provided, but please bring your own lunch.
If you'd like to come, a sign-up sheet will be by the visitors' book at the back of church from Sunday 1st November - or contact Tim, in the Parish Office.

St Helen's Notices

FRIDAY 6th NOVEMBER, 4.30pm onwards
We are hosting three candlelit concerts by the organisation LUMOS and we urgently need some stewards for this. Please could you sign the list in church if you are able to help.
There are three concerts and we need stewards for all three.

SATURDAY 7th NOVEMBER, 2:00PM
Castle Tour
I am leading another combined tour of Ashby Castle and St Helens for about an hour on Saturday 7th November, starting at the castle at 2pm. It will focus specifically on the historic links between the two sites, particularly the people. English Heritage members are free, others need to pay for entrance to the castle, but you can use your ticket all day.
Anne Heaton

TUESDAY 24th NOVEMBER, 7:30PM
Heritage Talk
On Tuesday 24th November, Dr Rachel Askew will be talking about Mercian Sculpture and Breedon Priory Church.

Breedon Priory Church has one of the largest collections of Anglo-Saxon sculpture in the country. Why was a priory built in such an unlikely location? How was sculpture used in the building? What happened to the carvings after the Reformation? Join Rachel to find out the answers to these questions and more.

£4 (cash or card) on the door, includes light refreshments.

Hearing Loop Gets Upgrade

For the last couple of years the hearing loop has either been out of action or intermittently faulty, so a lot of people with hearing aids may have given up trying to utilise this facility.

We have now acquired a previously used amplifier in good working order. This has completely transformed the performance of the loop system and Martin Vaughan was able to hear everything that was said for the first time in ages.

So… if you have hearing aids with a "loop" setting then it may be well worth you trying this and seeing how much better it can be than just relying on the sound from the loudspeakers.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We have an active Facebook page which has quite a few followers. If you have a church activity that you would like advertising on Facebook, please email Tim in the office with a poster or other information.

If you are on Facebook yourself, please do follow us and share church posts with your friends.

OFFICE EMAILS

As you will be aware, we have had a problem with the office email address during the week. We think it is now sorted but if you do receive anything that looks suspicious, please let Sue or Julian know and, most importantly, do not click on any links in the email

Other Notices

SATURDAY 31st OCTOBER, 4-5.30PM
Pumpkin Heroes, Ashby Baptist Church

Join us for a pumpkin themed light party. Aimed at primary school children (with parents) but all are welcome. Dressing up in bright or positive costumes is optional, but please no witches or scary costumes.

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

Giving online

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/

Parish Giving Scheme

You can also pay in through BACS:

- Account Name: St Helen's PCC
- Account Number: 00018329
- Sort Code: 40-52-40