St Helen's Church

Faith, Love, Community

Notices for 8th November 2026
Remembrance Sunday

COLLECT	READINGS
Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.	Isaiah 2 vv 2-4 John 15 vv 9-17
HYMNS	
AHON 574 O praise ye the Lord AHON 269 Grant us the courage AHON 91 Brother, sister	AHON 547 O God our help in ages past AHON 491 Love Divine

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 8th November

9:30am Service for Remembrance Sunday, St Helen's

6:00pm Holy Communion, Isley Walton

Monday 9th November

7:30pm Pilgrim Group*

Wednesday 11th November

10.30am Holy Communion, Prior Park

Thursday 12th November

10:00am Café Church, St Matthew's

Friday 13th November

2-4pm Warm hearted space, Heritage Centre

Saturday 14th November

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

10am Breedon Café Church, Breedon Parish Hall – please note change of venue

Sunday 15th November

8:30am Note – no Staunton Harold Service

10:30am Holy Communion, St Helen's

10:30am Holy Communion, Coleorton

* For location, please contact the Parish Office

St Helen's Events

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.

SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER, 6.30PM
Advent Carol Service
We will have our usual service of music from the choir, congregational hymns and readings. If you would like to volunteer to read, please contact Sue. The service will be followed by refreshments

St Helen's Notices

THANK YOU –to all those who helped us to host the Justice Service for the High Sheriff last weekend. I was really grateful for all those who took part in the service, stewarded and served refreshments. It was a great occasion! Sue

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.

Other Notices

SATURDAY 5th DECEMBER, 1000AM
Cracketeria

Please join Ashby Youth for Christ for drinks, cakes, soup and snacks to support Moldova Youth for Christ.

SATURDAY 6th FEBRUARY
Filming Opportunity

Wendy Freer has booked Saturday afternoon, Feb 6th, in the church to film Helen Bralesford's play, 'The Pilgrim'. Some of you may remember seeing this performed in church at the end of the Heritage Project in 2018. Wendy needs to recruit some non-speaking extras to be a tour group. If you - or you and a small group of friends - would like to be in the play, please contact Wendy at: puddingbagproductions@gmail.com

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