St Helen's Church

Faith, Love, Community

Notices for 22nd November 2026
Christ the King

COLLECT	READINGS
God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.	Ephesians 1.15-23 Matthew 25.31-46
HYMNS	
AHON 14 All hail the power AHON 382 Jesus Christ is waiting	AHON 205 From heaven you came AHON 425 Let all the world in every corner sing

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 22nd November
10:30am Holy Communion, St Helen's
7:30pm Compline, St Helen's

Monday 23rd November
7:30pm Pilgrim Group*

Tuesday 24th November
7:30pm Heritage Talk

Wednesday 25th November
10.30am Holy Communion, St Helen's

Thursday 26th November
10:00am Café Church, St Matthew's

Friday 27th November
2-4pm Warm hearted space, Heritage Centre

Saturday 28th November
9:15am Quiet Day for Advent
9:30 am Morning Prayer, Hastings Chapel, St Helen's

Sunday 29th November
10:30am Team Holy Communion. Holy Trinity
6:30pm Advent Carol Service, St Helen's

* For location, please contact the Parish Office

St Helen's Events

SUNDAY 22nd NOVEMBER at 10.30am
Prayers for healing
Every fourth Sunday (apart from 27 December), we offer a simple ministry of prayers for healing after communion. It may be that you have an issue you would like to share briefly and receive prayer or you may be concerned about someone else. There will be a team initially in the Hastings Chapel and they will move to the Lady Chapel where they will remain until after the service. You will just be listened to and a simple prayer said. There will also be the opportunity to be anointed if you would like that.

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. The quiet day will take place in St. Helen's Community Heritage Centre, and will be led by **Revd Canon David Newman**, former Archdeacon of Loughborough and very well known to us here at St Helen's. We'll gather between 9.15 & 9.30, and there will be two sessions in the morning: "A time of disturbance and hope" & "A time of waiting and preparation". Lunch will follow midday prayer (at about 12.50!). A further session in the afternoon "A time to say yes to God" will follow lunch and include an informal service of communion. The sessions will combine input and time for quiet, personal reflection. Please bring bibles and a notebook. 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 is at the back of church - or please contact the Parish Office.

SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER, 10.30AM
Team Service at Holy Trinity, Ashby
Please do come along to worship as part of the Flagstaff Family of Churches.

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

SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER, 3.30pm
Christingle Service
Please do make this service known especially to any young families who live near you.

St Helen's Notices

GOOD NEWS FOR ST HELEN'S!
We are delighted to announce that St Helen's has been awarded a grant of £64,320 from The National Lottery Heritage Fund for our project "St. Helen's for the Future: Viability and Development Options." Thanks to National Lottery players this means we can now explore options for essential repairs and conservation, while also developing ideas for how St Helen's might better serve our wider community in the future. It's an exciting and important step forward, although there is still much work to do before any major building work can begin. There will be lots of ways to get involved between now and October next year, so please watch this space!

PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR
As part of the above project, we will need to appoint an administrator. A role description is attached or can be obtained from the Parish Office.

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.

Thank You
On behalf of everyone at Ashby Foodbank, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to you and your congregation for your generous contribution to this year's Harvest collection. We are delighted to acknowledge that your Harvest donations amounted to 55.8kg of food which will help us to continue supporting individuals and families experiencing hardship within our local community.
Harvest is an important time of year for Ashby Foodbank and the generosity and kindness shown by our local churches make a significant difference to those who rely on our support.

We are extremely grateful to everyone who contributed as well as those who gave their time to organise and coordinate the collection. Please pass on our heartfelt thanks to everyone involved. Your continued support and commitment to helping others within our community are very much appreciated.

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.

SUNDAY 13th DECEMBER at 7pm
Ashby String Orchestra concert with St. Helen's Choir
Admission £10 on the door, children free. Music for organ (soloist Jeremy Kimber) and strings including Albinoni's famous Adagio, Handel's Cuckoo and the Nightingale Organ Concerto as well as music for strings by Bach and Boyce. Traditional carols led by St Helen's choir.

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