



## St Helen's Church

Loving God, loving others, loving the world

# 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2020

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

#### The bereaved:

◆ Please pray for the family and friends of anyone known to you who is bereaved at this time.

#### The sick, disabled or housebound:

Pray for ...

◆ Tia Rose Brownlow

◆ Val Dawson

◆ Margaret Stalker

...& others known to you

#### In love, we remember those whose anniversary of death falls at this time, and pray for their families and friends:

◆ Doris Jeanette Tarleton

◆ Daisy Sarah Beresford Yates

◆ William Evans

◆ Constance Gladys Flint

◆ Roy Smith

◆ Albert Edmund Gilbert

◆ Ruby Wilhemina Smart

Dear All

Usually, at this time of year, we are readying ourselves to make a Holy Week pilgrimage around our villages and town.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evening, we pray in the twilight tranquillity of our village churches. On Maundy Thursday, we feast together in the Heritage Centre, entering into the drama of Jesus' last supper with his friends. On Good Friday, on the streets of Ashby, on the top of Breedon hill, and in the pews and choir stalls of St Helen's, we bear witness to Jesus' suffering; we stay the course with him, as he has stayed the course for us. And then on Easter Sunday - well, then the church is glorious with flowers, the choir hit the high notes and the vicar, bedecked in her best liturgical bling, sprays the congregation with water and hands out party poppers and chocolate for Jesus has risen!

This year, we will go on a different kind of journey; a different journey, a quieter journey, but no less special and perhaps far more important than any we have ever taken.

For this will be a journey taken, not on foot, or in the car, but deep within our souls as we accompany Jesus on his last days and make them a pattern for own living.

Many of us have more time, this Holy Week, than we have ever had. Many of us have fewer distractions than we have ever had. Cherish that time and space. Use it to draw near to God, so

#### ◆ St Helen's Prayer Chain requests:

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#### ◆ Notice Sheet Prayer requests:

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that when we emerge from the sealed spaces of our own confinement we will rise to a more lively faith, a new life, lived, perhaps as never before, in the presence of the resurrected Christ.

With my prayers for a special week,  
and with great love,  
Mary

## NOTICES

### Parish magazine

The April parish magazine, in glorious colour, is on the website - <https://www.sthelensashby.net/>. You'll find it on the What's On tab.

### Online worship services

All services, live and recorded, can be viewed on the 'St Helen's Church Ashby de la Zouch' Facebook page. Recordings are also available on the website, as are orders of service and hymn sheets. These can also be emailed - let Jill know if you'd like them (sthelensashby@gmail.com)

Our regular pattern of services is:

- Every morning - Prayer for the Day posted on Facebook at around 8am.
- Every evening - Night Prayer streamed live at 9pm.
- Every Wednesday - a simple communion service streamed live at 10am
- Every Sunday - a simple communion service live at 10.30am

Our Holy Week services are:

- Maundy Thursday  
Live on Facebook at 7.30pm
- Good Friday  
Live on Facebook at 7.30pm
- Holy Saturday - No services – a day for personal reflection
- Easter Sunday  
He is Risen! Service is live at 10.30am

Children's services for Holy Week:

- Maundy Thursday  
12 noon
- Good Friday  
12 noon
- Easter Sunday  
12 noon

### Easter Egg Hunt

Revd Stewart has requested that, if you are able to, please print out and colour in or decorate the egg shape below. Or create one of your own. Then put it in a front window of your house, as prominently as possible, so that the children can have an Ashby-wide Easter Egg hunt when they're out on a walk.

### Changes to Food Bank opening

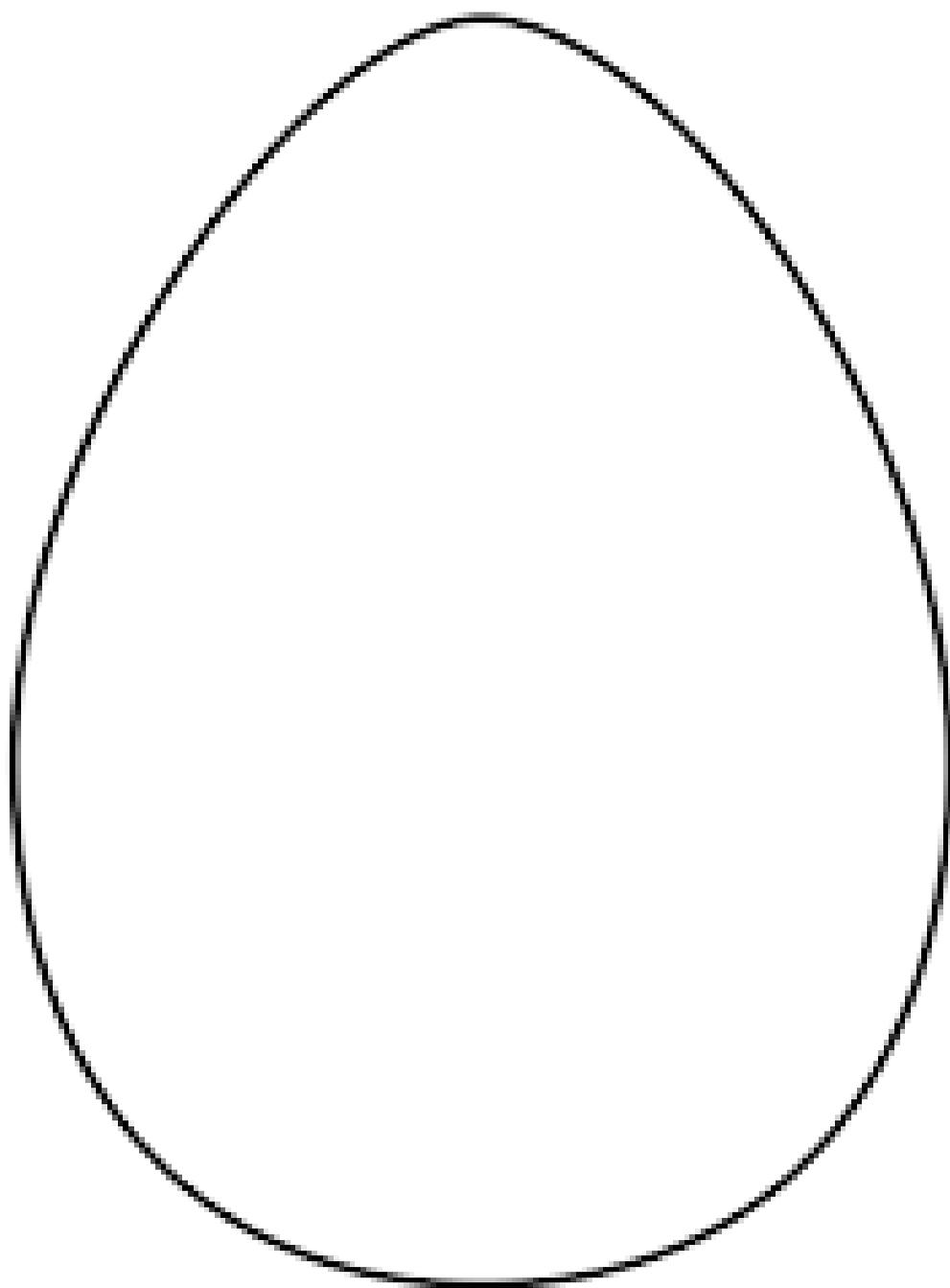
From 6<sup>th</sup> April some opening times will change.

◆ Ashby Foodbank, Kilwardby Street:  
Monday morning session will cease  
Tuesday 9am to 10-30am  
Wednesday 9am to 10-30am  
Thursday closed  
Friday 2pm to 3-30pm

◆ Measham Foodbank (Baptist Church): Fridays 9am to 10am

◆ Woodville satellite Foodbank will remain closed.

Procedures for giving out parcels will continue to safeguard both clients and foodbank staff.



## Contact Details

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