



St Helen's Church

Loving God, loving others, loving the world

29th March, 2020

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The bereaved:

◆ Please pray for the family and friends of Brian Robertson, and 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:

◆ Sheila Yates

◆ John Reid Gibson

◆ Elizabeth Katherine Williscroft

◆ Mary Marlow

◆ Ernest Robert Eggington

◆ Colin John Fraser Scott

◆ Dennis King

◆ Thomas Arthur Sidney Forster

◆ Frederick Henry Chick

◆ John Lindon Hamlet

◆ Mary Georgina Harris

◆ Hilda Gilbert

◆ Gladys May Watson

◆ St Helen's Prayer Chain requests:

Judith Lewis on 01530 564204

or email jchjcl@gmail.com

◆ Notice Sheet Prayer requests:

To Jill Chapman at the virtual parish office on 07725 519453

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My dear Friends

I write today with a thankful heart for each of you.

Thank you for your sense of humour - special award to the Sedgmans for their alternative exercise films - keeping one another smiling at such a time as this.

Thank you for keeping in touch with one another by phone or through living room windows.

Thank you to our musical maestros who are battling with technology to sing together although miles apart.

Thank you to our communications team (Jill Chapman, our administrator, and Helen Starkey and David Darlington our website team) who are keeping us up to date.

Thank you to our worship leaders for their spiritual leadership at this time.

Thank you to all of you who, unseen, are praying to our heavenly Father at this time of immense challenge.

Over the door at Staunton Harold church is this inscription in honour of Earl Ferrers who built it. His 'singular praise', the inscription reads, 'is to have done the best things in the worst times and hoped them in the most calamitous'.

That also applies to you, and I couldn't be more proud of you.

Much love

Mary

Obituary - Brian Robertson

It is with sadness we announce the death of Brian, suddenly at home on March 11th. He had retired from St Helen's knowing he had developed motor neurone disease, a particularly cruel - and progressively degenerative - condition.

Prior to entering the ministry, Brian had studied molecular sciences at university, but never used it as a career.

With his wife, Viv, he led a Christian support group for students in this country, and then in India, where their second child, David was born.

On returning to this country their lives centred on Holy Trinity in Leicester, where gradually Brian did more and more. Encouraged by the rector, Brian then trained for a full-time career in the Church of England, ultimately coming to us at St Helen's.

Our sympathy goes to Viv, Rachel and David.

DEO GRATIS

Betty Cawte

NOTICES

Keeping in touch

We now have a team of volunteers who are keeping in touch with everyone who has given consent for their telephone numbers to be shared. Please do let Revd Mary know if you become unwell so that she and others can pray especially for you.

Practical help

We have another team who is only too happy to do shopping or pick up medication for anyone who can't or shouldn't go out. If you would like their help, please don't hesitate to ring Revd Mary and she will get a volunteer to help you. All the volunteers are trusted members of our church family.

Telephone Support Team for town

Dear St Helen's

I am writing to let you know about a new initiative.

I hope that this will be the first of a range of volunteering initiatives for this season.

Having spoken to Dr John Addison, the senior partner at Castle Medical Group, we are offering Phone Support to people who are self-isolating.

Initially, those who want support will be referred by the Castle Medical Groups Staff. Later, we hope to make this more widely available and for people to self-refer and benefit from a 20 minute phone conversation, each week, with a trusted church member.

If you are interested in volunteering, please go to trinityashby.net/phone-support-team, and see what you think.

I am so grateful to God for your prayers and the ways that you are supporting the people you know, within and beyond the church.

With love in Christ

Tim

Online worship services

On 17th March, the Archbishop of Canterbury announced that all public worship would be suspended for the time being, due to the Covid-19 outbreak. We have been working hard to find how we can still worship together, but remotely. We have set up the following pattern of worship:

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

For all these services you need to like the 'St Helen's Church Ashby de la Zouch' Facebook page.

I have orders of service for each of these acts of worship that I can send to you if you would like. Please email Jill (sthelensashby@gmail.com) with your email address.

God bless you
Revd Mary

Invitation to read at services

We're recruiting readers for our Holy Week services. You just need to be able to record a digital sound file and email it to Rev Mary. Let her know at revmarygregory@aol.co.uk, and she'll send you a reading to record. If you're part of our online congregation, wherever you live, we'd love you to take part!

Our new website is live!

The new St Helen's Church website has gone live. You can find it at www.sthelensashby.net All of the services that have been on Facebook are there, and can be seen on the website without it being necessary to have joined Facebook. Live services will continue to be broadcast on Facebook, but will appear afterwards on the website.

Food Bank

Ashby distribution centre will be open
Monday 9- 10 am
Wednesday 9- 10 am
Friday 2-3 pm.

The Duty Manager will have an overview of social distancing. While our church is closed donations may be left in the porch of Holy Trinity church.

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