



St Helen's Church

Loving God, loving others, loving the world

Notices for 16th August, 2020

Dear Friends

I write this letter as a relieved and proud Auntie Mary: my hard-working, bright, principled nephew got the A level grades he needs to go to Birmingham University this autumn; his university of choice. He has done really well - but even with his outstanding results, two of them were downgraded from teacher assessments. He is both relieved and smarting at the injustice. (He has a very strong sense of justice. It is one of the many reasons why I love him.) He is, especially, grieved for his friends whose grades have been downgraded to the extent that they have lost the university places of their choice.

My nephew's generation has had a really tough time through Covid-19: they have been kept at home at a time when they should be enjoying more freedom, not less; they have been kept away from the peers at a time when being with contemporaries helps them understand themselves more; they have had months and months of uncertainty about how their hard work in education would be recognised and some, today, will go to bed feeling that they have not received the recognition they have earned. Their mental health and their self-esteem has suffered as a result. Next week, GCSE students get their results. Today's events will

not have grown their confidence in a good outcome.

I hope that we can remember these young people in our prayers over the coming days; that we can check-in with those young people with whom we have particular connections, and support their parents, too. Let's pray for hard-working teachers for whom today has been a very difficult and disappointing day, especially for those who feel that their professional judgement has been disregarded.

My nephew's generation are just embarking on independent adulthood. I look forward to the day when they will become our leaders because they are passionate, principled, engaged and thoughtful - and how much we, and every generation, need leaders like them!

With love,

Mary

Booking for service in church Sunday 23rd Aug

To book a place for the 4pm Evening Prayer service on Sunday 23rd August please e-mail

revmarygregory@aol.co.uk

by 6pm on Saturday. Please include your 'phone number for 'track & trace'

PRAYER

Carole Youles

Carole Youles, a much loved member of our church and long-standing member of our choir died a few days ago. Please pray for Keith, Andy and Chris, and for her many friends and colleagues who will miss her terribly. Carole's funeral service will be in **St Helen's Church at 11.00am on Wednesday 2nd September.**

Because space in church is strictly limited to 30, the family would welcome any church friends who wish to do so to stand on the grassed area at the west end of the churchyard to pay their respects to Carole. If you would like to join in with this, please maintain a good social distance between yourself and others.

Please pray for anyone else known to you who is bereaved.

Melissa Crombie

After six increasingly gruelling weeks, Melissa has had her last radiotherapy treatment. This has been quite an ordeal for Melissa and for Don, but Melissa is so grateful for the support she has received, and for the prayers that she knows you have made on her behalf. She has felt the strength and comfort of God, and has felt enfolded by our community. Thank you!

Pray for those who are sick, disabled or housebound, including especially

◆ Geoff Marston

◆ Margaret Stalker

...& others known to you

Please pray for those couples whose wedding banns will be read at our 4pm service:

◆ Ria and Ben

◆ Lorraine and Simon

Please pray for all families for whom the funerals of their loved ones have taken place during this difficult time, including:

◆ Sheelagh Judge

◆ Roy Hodges

◆ Mykola Kuzyszyn

◆ Hazel Farmer

◆ David Robert Smith

◆ Dorothy Wragg

◆ Marie Bowman

◆ Bill Woodward

◆ Olive Pointon

◆ Sheila Wood

◆ Henry Tagg

◆ June Stapleton

◆ Judith Graves

◆ Ann Wheatley

◆ Albert Meakin

◆ Christopher McVickers

◆ Dennis Grainger

◆ Graham Howells

◆ Jane Wise

◆ Florence Hannah James

◆ David Garrett

◆ Lindsay Pointon

◆ Joe Shaw

◆ Eileen Hammerton

◆ Bernard Newns

◆ Dora Garner

◆ Doris Joyco

◆ Eileen Callaghan

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

◆ Dorothy Drakeley

◆ Frederick Holmes

◆ Eric John Bradford

◆ Joyce Curtis

◆ Alfred Guy Nield

◆ Sarah Ann Stevenson

◆ Geoffrey Brian Coombs

◆ Dorothea Carter

◆ Brian Cotton

NOTICES

Facemasks in church

Wearing facemasks in church is mandatory. Thanks to Carol Eyley we have a supply for anyone who arrives at the church building without a mask of their own, and which they can take away with them when they leave.

Giving

Monetary giving is possible via our website

<https://www.sthelensashby.net/> The 'Giving' page is on the drop down menu on the 'Church Life' tab.

Readings for Compline/Night Prayer on weekends in August:

- Saturday 15th: Song of Solomon 2.1-7 OR Acts 1.6-14
- Sunday 16th: 2 Kings 4.1-37 OR Acts 16.1-15
- Saturday 22nd: Proverbs 6.1-19 OR Mark 4.35-end
- Sunday 23rd: 2 Kings 6.8-23 OR Acts 17.15-end
- Saturday 29th: Proverbs 12.10-end OR Mark 6.30-44
- Sunday 30th: 2 Kings 6.24-25; 7.3-end OR Acts 18.1-16

◆ St Helen's Prayer Chain requests:

Judith Lewis on 01530 564204
or email jchjcl@gmail.com

◆ Notice Sheet Prayer requests:

To Jill Chapman on 07725 519453
or sthelensashby@gmail.com

Admin Annual Leave

The Parish Office is usually 'open' Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings. It will be closed due to Jill's Annual Leave August 19th to 27th. However, it will be 'open' Friday 28th

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