



St Helen's Church

Loving God, loving others, loving the world

Notices for 30th August, 2020

Dear Friends

Each of our PCCs has now agreed that we should move to Phase 2 of our plan to return to worship in our buildings. Phase 2 looks like this:

Sunday worship

◆ 1st Sunday – 10.30am All-Age worship, streamed live from home; 4.00pm Holy Communion at Isley Walton

◆ 2nd Sunday – 10.30am Holy Communion, streamed live from St Helen's; 4.00pm Holy Communion at Worthington.

◆ 3rd Sunday – 10.30am Holy Communion, streamed live from St Helen's; 4.00pm Holy Communion at Staunton Harold.

◆ 4th Sunday – 10.30am Holy Communion, streamed live from St Helen's; 4.00pm Holy Communion at Breedon on the Hill

◆ 5th Sunday – 10.30am Flagstaff Family Service of Holy Communion, streamed live from home.

Jill Chapman will be taking bookings for all of these services and can be emailed at sthelensashby@gmail.com

This phase will have a slightly staggered start, due to particular staffing challenges, and the different preparedness of our buildings. From October, the plan will run as outlined above, but for September, the services are as follows:

6th September

10.30am All-Age worship, streamed live from home

4.00pm Holy Communion at Isley Walton

13th September

10.30am Holy Communion streamed from home

4.00pm Evening Prayer at St Helen's, live-streamed

20th September

10.30am Holy Communion at St Helen's, live-streamed

4.00pm Holy Communion at Staunton Harold

27th September

10.30am Holy Communion at St Helen's, live-streamed

4.00pm Holy Communion at Breedon

Wednesday worship

The 10.00am service of Holy Communion will be streamed live from St Helen's from **Wednesday 23rd September**.

Daily Prayer

◆ Prayer for the Day will continue Monday-Friday. It is posted to our churches Facebook pages at around 8am each day.

◆ Compline will be live-streamed to the St Helen's Facebook page at 9.00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays only during September. We will not have Compline during October and November, but will pick it up again for the season of Advent In December. This will be one of the ways in which we will seek to make Advent distinctive in a year when our traditional ways of marking it might not be open to us.

I recognise that Phase 2 represents another change for us in patterns that, over the last five months, have become familiar to us.

In deciding to move to Phase 2, we have kept everyone's safety at the heart of our thinking, drawing on the experience we have gained in offering the 4pm services at St Helen's over the last five weeks. Over 70 different people have come to those services, and their feedback has, without exception, been that they feel safe in coming to church. One worshipper even gave us an A* for our procedures!

We have been mindful, too, of the well-being of those Flagstaff Family members who have been passionate about expressing their need to return to worship with other in one of our buildings, whilst balancing this with the needs of those who must continue to shield by ensuring we live-stream our services wherever possible.

We have been mindful too, of the fact that, before the pandemic, and since New Testament times, the gathering together of Christian people for worship and fellowship has been what we have aspired to; what we have recognised as good for us to learn together, pray together, serve one another and support one another. Nonetheless, we recognise that online worship has been a real revelation for some and, when resources allow, we will consider whether we can create a bespoke online worshipping community.

I hope and pray that you will receive this news with openness for the next phase of our life together. Whatever you will feel able to do personally in terms of worshipping in our buildings,

I know that you will pray for those who are in a different position to you; that you will pray for those eager to return, and for those unable to do so yet. We will remember that, wherever we worship, we are members together of the Body of Christ, sisters and brothers to one another.

May God bless you.

Mary

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PRAYER

The bereaved

Please pray for the family of Carole Youles, including especially 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 the family and friends of Graham Marston, especially his wife Kathleen, part of our Flagstaff Family.

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

- ◆ Margaret Stalker

...& others known to you

Please pray for the couples whose weddings are taking place at St Helen's Church in September:

- ◆ Maisie & Fred on 19th
- ◆ Sally & Lee on 26th

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 Joyce
- ◆ Eileen Callaghan

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

- ◆ Alistair John Bale
- ◆ Verena Drabble
- ◆ Monica Mary Staples
- ◆ Clive James Glover
- ◆ Alice Sarah May Anderson
- ◆ Phyllis Mary Bell
- ◆ Vera Maud Garratt
- ◆ Harry Durant
- ◆ Bernard James Glover

◆ St Helen's Prayer Chain requests:

Judith Lewis on 01530 564204
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◆ Notice Sheet Prayer requests:

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Pastoral Principles for Living Well Together

The Church of England has asked each parish to have conversations around six Pastoral Principles which it commends to us as foundations for living well together. These Principles are to: acknowledge prejudice; speak into silence; address ignorance; cast out fear; admit hypocrisy and pay attention to power.

These Principles are important for every aspect of our life together but they come into especially sharp focus when we consider our welcome of members of the LGBTi community who often feel met with prejudice, silence and ignorance in church communities. Exploring these Principles together, then, will be important preparatory work for more direct discussions on human sexuality, using the *Living in Love and Faith* resources which the Church of England has commissioned and which we'll be asked to engage with next year. The Pastoral Principles, it is hoped, will be carried into these discussions, making them safer, and more loving for people of every perspective.

If you'd like to find out more, click on this link

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2019-02/PAG-PP-website.pdf>

The evenings set aside to explore the Pastoral Principles are 16, 23, 30 September and 14, 21, 28 October from 7.30-9.00pm over Zoom.

These sessions are open to anyone from the Flagstaff Family, from any perspective, who is open to learning more about themselves and about one another. I do hope that you will

feel able to be part of this important opportunity in the life of our churches. If you'd like to be involved please email me

at revmarygregory@aol.co.uk.

Revd Mary

Hello Heritage 2020

As part of the Hello Heritage and Heritage Open Days this year we will be having a Hidden Nature event, accessible via the website, Instagram, or Facebook 5th to 20th September. See attached flier.

The Heritage Winter Lecture Series

will still take place on the first Monday evening of each month, October to March, as has been the regular pattern of previous years, but it will be on line. More info to follow.

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.

Worship this Sunday

The service on Sunday 30th August will be for the whole Flagstaff Family of churches, via Facebook at 10.3am. There will be no 4pm Evening Prayer.

Readings for Compline/Night Prayer this weekend:

- 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

September's magazine will be available under the What's On tab on our website <https://sthelensashby.net/> on Tuesday 1st September.