



St Helen's Church

Loving God, loving others, loving the world

Notices for 4th October, 2020

Dear Friends,

It has been another eventful week in the parish.

On Tuesday many people socially distanced gathered to pay our respects to our friend and ministry colleague David Watson at his funeral. The poignancy of the liturgical introduction for me, completely encapsulated the purpose of the moment: To remember, Give thanks, Commend and to Comfort one another. Something which I would say was embodied throughout the service. The process of comforting is of course ongoing for all who are experiencing loss and grief.

David's funeral took place on a warm early autumn day, again it was apt; representing the warmth of David's character, the radiance of the gospel which shone from his life and the brightness of his wardrobe!!

Yours in Christ
Stewart

NOTICES

NHS Covid-19 app

All of our churches - and the Heritage Centre - have QR codes for you to scan as you come in. Please do consider downloading the app and making use of this opportunity to protect the NHS. Revd Mary

Church heating and Covid-19

At its meeting on Tuesday evening, the PCC discussed whether we are in a position to put the heating on in St Helen's church when the weather becomes colder, given the stipulation in our risk assessment that the building needs to be properly ventilated as per HSE and Church of England guidelines in making our building Covid-secure.

The use of heating per se is not advised against, but given that our risk assessment says we currently need to keep both the north and south door open, having the heating on in these circumstances would both be expensive and ineffective.

As recommended by CIBSE, the PCC has agreed to purchase a non-dispersive infrared CO2 sensor as a way of testing whether ventilation is adequate (a) with the doors open and (b) with the doors closed.

If results indicate that we can safely keep the doors shut, then we can put the heating on.

If results indicate that we must keep the doors open, then we will be unable to put the heating on.

In the meantime, we will not turn the heating on, except during unoccupied periods, to care for the fabric of the building, and we will leave the doors open.

In light of all this **please come to church well-wrapped up. It is absolutely fine to wear a hat and**

scarf in church, and to bring a blanket and even a hot water bottle. I do this regularly at Staunton Harold!

We will also try to seat those most susceptible to cold further forward in the building away from the worst of the draught.

Revd Mary

Harvest collection *

This year, we are inviting donation of goods to one of two charities catering for those in need:

- ◆ 'The Bridge' in Leicester OR
- ◆ 'Link to Hope Shoe Box Appeal'

An Evening to ask 4 Questions *

19th October, 7.00-9.00pm, via Zoom

1. What did we do *before* lock-down that we want to begin again?
2. What did we do *before* lock-down that we don't want to begin again?
3. What have we done *during* lock-down that we want to continue?
4. What have we done *during* lock-down that we don't want to continue?

APCM *

27th October 7.30pm

The meeting will be held both in the church building and, simultaneously, online via Zoom. Please let Jill C know (sthelensashby@gmail.com 07725519453) if you would like to attend the meeting in the building (so that we can make sure that we do not exceed our social distancing capacity) or if you would like to attend online (so that we can issue the Zoom link.)

* Further information can be found in October's parish magazine on our website - www.sthelensashby.net

A Time to Remember: our annual memorial service

On the first Sunday in November each year we hold a memorial service, which we call A time to Remember. To it, we invite families to whom we have offered funeral ministry over the past year, and many of us also gather year-on-year to remember our loved ones.

We are still holding A Time to Remember this year, but because of restrictions on socially-distanced numbers in church, this will be held in the building with services leaders and musicians present, but with others invited to join with us via Facebook live. More details to follow.

In the meantime, if you would like to have someone remembered in the service, in the reading of the names of those who have died, please email their name to Jill Chapman at sthelensashby@gmail.com. Of course, this will be a Flagstaff Family service, so anyone from any of our churches, and from our online congregation, are warmly invited to give us names for the service.

Pastoral Principles for Living Well Together

Principles still to come -

7 th Oct	Address ignorance
14 th Oct	Cast out fear
21 st Oct	Admit hypocrisy
28 th Oct	Pay attention to power

Email revmarygregory@aol.co.uk & Revd Mary will send the Zoom link.

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is at 9:00am on Saturday 10th October when Andy Smith will talk on Lord Nelson.

The meeting will be by Zoom. For the link please email Geoff Richman geoff.richman@btinternet.com .

PRAYER

The Sick

Pray for those who are sick, disabled or housebound.

The bereaved

Pray especially for the families and friends of anyone known to you who is recently bereaved, and for all families for whom the funerals of their loved ones have taken place during this difficult time.

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

- ◆ Reginald James Frederick Brooks
- ◆ Harold Eardley Moxon
- ◆ Arthur James Pemberton
- ◆ Ena Bessie Holiday Orme
- ◆ Emily Maud Buck

◆ St Helen's Prayer Chain:

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

◆ Notice Sheet Prayer requests:

Jill Chapman on 07725 519453
or sthelensashby@gmail.com

Worship

Sunday Worship

As our Flagstaff Family's church buildings are re-opening, this is our service pattern for Sundays:

◆ 1st Sunday

10.30am All-Age worship from home

4.00pm HC at Isley Walton

◆ 2nd Sunday

10.30am HC at St Helen's

4.00pm HC at Worthington

◆ 3rd Sunday

10.30am HC at St Helen's

4.00pm HC at Staunton Harold

◆ 4th Sunday

10.30am HC at St Helen's

4.00pm HC at Breedon on the Hill

◆ 5th Sunday

10.30am Flagstaff Family Service HC

Wednesday worship

The 10am service of Holy Communion is held in St Helen's Church (& also live-streamed to Facebook)

Christina Walmsley will take bookings for Worthington's services via

christina@stmatthewsworthington.net

Jill Chapman will take bookings for all other services on

sthelensashby@gmail.com

Night Prayer/Compline

If you would like to continue to pray compline at home, the lectionary readings for next week are:

Sun 4th Oct: Proverbs 2.1-11 OR 1
John 2.1-17

Mon 5th Oct: 2 Chronicles 9.1-12 OR
Mark 14.1-11

Tues 6th Oct: 2 Chronicles 10.1—
11.4 OR Mark 14.12-25

Wed 7th Oct: 2 Chronicles 12 OR
Mark 14.26-42

Thurs 8th Oct: 2 Chronicles 13.1 —
14.1 OR Mark 14.43-52

Fri 9th Oct: 2 Chronicles 14.2-end
OR Mark 14.53-65

Sat 10th Oct: 2 Chronicles 15.1-15
OR Mark 14.66-end

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