

# St Helen's Magazine

October 2020



St Helen's Church

Ashby-de-la-Zouch



Loving God, loving others, loving the world



Thank you to Joanna Betts for her inner-cover image of a poster wanting us to look after the environment, and to Liz Smith for our outer-cover photo.

## Editor Writes ...

**N**ational Poetry Day takes place each year on the first Thursday of October. In celebration I have broken my own self-inflicted rule of limiting us to just one poem each month, instead including four in this edition of the magazine. They pop up on pages 21, 27, 34 and 36.



I discovered a 'found poem' on the Church of England website recently. A found poem is the literary equivalent of a collage. It can be made from sentences or passages from newspaper articles, speeches, Twitter and, in poet Ezra Pound's case, the letters of presidents and popes! The one I found was in amongst the resources for the Pastoral Principles course:

Together our church communities are called to LOVE:

**Listen** attentively and openly

**Open** your heart and mind without judgmentalism

**Value** everyone's vulnerability and perspective

**Express** concern and empathy.

That is unarguably an acrostic poem isn't it? Read about our Pastoral Principles course, and what is or isn't arguable, on page 20.

If we're including found poems in our poem count in this magazine there are more than just four this month, because surely the 'four questions' we're looking at as a church makes another one? It's on page 6 - see what you think. And the tumble of exuberant words from a sermon preached in 1976 certainly qualify – find them on page 26.

The theme of this year's National Poetry Day is Vision, and the strapline is See It Like a Poet. We have often 'seen it like a poet' at our on-line compline/night prayer services, because they have always included a psalm, have frequently included a song, and often a straightforward (!) poem as well. On page 24 there is an article about Night Prayer as it takes a temporary pause.

Our poet laureate, Simon Armitage, has coined the word Coronacoaster for the ups and downs of this year caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. There are lots of reflections on what going into and coming out of lockdown has meant to us, on pages 13 – 16. Revd Stewart was a month ahead of us with his roller-coaster analogy in September's magazine. This month, on page 11, he's being thankful, so, if he's a month ahead again, maybe that will be our November theme!

*Jill Chapman.*

Three small black circles of varying sizes, arranged in a cluster below the signature.



# Revd Mary Writes ...

**D**ear Friends

October is a red-letter month for me; the month which features my favourite Sunday of the year! Is my favourite the snappily-titled 17th Sunday after Trinity? No. Nor is it the 18th Sunday after Trinity or the 19th Sunday after Trinity (I'm not completely bonkers, although the longer this pandemic goes on, the closer call it gets).

No. My favourite Sunday is the Last Sunday after Trinity, not because it signals the end of complex Lectionary juggling\* but because it's the Sunday when the clocks go back!

\*(For those of you who like a bit of geek-Anglicanism, the readings during Trinity season are governed by Propers - so it may be the 17th Sunday after Trinity but the readings are for Proper 22. Get that wrong and you're in a 'proper' pickle! - if you'll pardon the pun.)

Why is this a matter for celebration? - surely the clock-change heralds only the shortening of the light, the lengthening of the darkness and the cold, grey days of late autumn/ early winter. What's so special about that?

Well, let me tell you. On the eve of fall-back Sunday there is much rejoicing in the Rectory because putting the clocks back means an extra-hour in bed for this sleep-hungry Rector and a mini-lie in awaits me instead of me being, as usual, 'untimely ripped' from my duvet (as Macduff was from his mother's womb).

And although the light might shorten and the dark lengthen, there is something comforting even in that: permission to snuggle down, to light a fire, to hibernate in a nest of throws and quilts like a human-hedgehog.

Most years hibernation is a vain hope in the life of our churches from late October to early January as season trips over season in an embarrassment of liturgical riches: All Souls, All Saints, Remembrance, and then Advent, and Christmas before we have time to take a breath or open even the first windows on our Advent calendars. With much communal



activity impossible, this year will feel quite different: we won't be doing so much 'dashing through the snow' as seeking - and finding - God in the most humble surroundings: in our own homes.

Fall-back Sunday with its ever-encroaching darkness has been our inspiration for our theme for this year's Advent and Christmas - 'light in the darkness'; a reminder that Jesus came - and is coming - to be the light of the world; a reminder that no matter how dark the world gets, physically or existentially, 'the light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it.'

So here's to fall-back Sunday. Here's to an extra hour of dalliance with our duvets. And here's to the renewed darkness showing just how bright the light of Jesus shines.

With love in Christ  
**Revd Mary**

## **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

**27<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm**

**T**he APCM is a yearly meeting required of churches within the Church of England, and anyone on the electoral roll can attend.

Ordinarily the APCM must be held between 1<sup>st</sup> January and 31<sup>st</sup> May. However, this year, across the country, APCMs have had to be postponed due to the Covid-19 'lockdown'.

An APCM is actually two meetings - the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which includes the elections of lay members to our 'executive committee', otherwise known as the PCC (Parochial Church Council) and the approval of the annual report etc, and a 'Meeting of Parishioners' when churchwardens are elected.

This year's St Helen's Church APCM will be held both in the church building and, simultaneously, online via Zoom, in order to maximise the number of people who will feel able to attend.

Please let Jill Chapman know ([sthelensashby@gmail.com](mailto:sthelensashby@gmail.com) or 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.)

The Diocesan Registrar has issued guidance outlining how voting can be legally conducted in-building and online. In-building, to reduce the risk of infection spreading via ballot papers, voting will be preferably by a show of hands. Online, Zoom has a polling function which will be explained at the meeting.



# An Evening to ask 4 Questions

19<sup>th</sup> October, 7.00-9.00pm, via Zoom

As we consider 'life after lock-down', and a time when we will all be in more normal circulation again, we are holding a meeting to ask ourselves Four Questions:

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?

The first 30 minutes will be a social time to enable us to catch up with one another after so long apart. We will then explore these four questions. The outcome of these discussions will then be fed into our APCM.

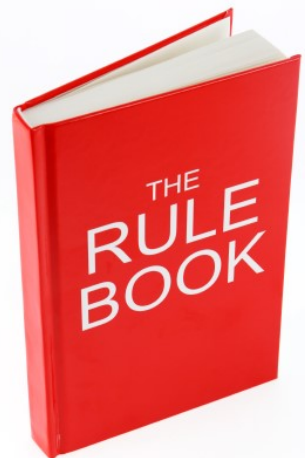
If you haven't already done so, please let Revd Mary know if you would like to come along so that she can send you the Zoom link, and also find someone to help you if you are not confident with using Zoom.

## Electoral Roll

Every Church of England parish church has an electoral roll on which the names of lay persons are entered. The roll of a parish must be revised annually, and every 6 years a new roll is prepared.

Notice of the proposed annual revision must be given, displayed on or near the principal door of the church, in a location readily visible to members of the congregation. And in this year when everything is different, therein lies the problem. So, although our electoral roll officer, Eileen Coombs, has duly and efficiently put up the notice in church, it is not as accessible to everyone as it would be ordinarily. Therefore, a copy of the notice can be found here in the magazine on page 9. It's not the most exciting poster we've ever included.

On pages 7/8 is an application form for anyone to complete who isn't already on the electoral roll but wishes to be. Or, if you prefer, Eileen can post a copy out to you. Completed forms can be returned directly to Eileen, or via the Parish Office.



## APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Full name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred title (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Full address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

**1: I declare that (please tick only one box from options A or B)**

1A ☐ I am baptised, am a lay person, and am aged 16 or over

1B ☐ I am baptised, am a lay person, and become 16\* on \_\_\_\_\_

\*Those who become 16 in the next twelve months may complete the form and become eligible to be entered on the roll on their sixteenth birthday.

**2: I declare that (please tick only one box from options A, B or C)**

2A ☐ I am a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) and am a resident in the parish.

2B ☐ I am a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with the Church of England, am not resident in the parish, [but have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months] [and would have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months but was prevented from doing so because \_\_\_\_\_].

2C ☐ I am a member in good standing of a Church which is not in communion with the Church of England but subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, am also a member of the Church of England [and have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months] [and would have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months but was prevented from doing so because \_\_\_\_\_].

\*If you tick 2B or 2C in circumstances where a new Roll is being prepared, you must delete either the first set of words in square brackets or the second set. If you delete the first set, you must complete the second set by filling in the space at the end: see Note 3 for further information.

**I declare that the above answers are true and I apply for inclusion on the church electoral roll of the parish.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Notes

### General matters

- 1 The only Churches at present in communion with the Church of England are other Anglican Churches and certain foreign Churches, as listed in the Supplementary Material to the Canons (but note [Rule 83\(3\)](#) of the Church Representation Rules, which provides for any question as to whether a particular Church is in communion with the Church of England to be decided by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York acting jointly).
- 2 Membership of the electoral roll is also open to members in good standing of a Church not in communion with the Church of England which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity where those members are also prepared to declare themselves to be members of the Church of England.
- 3 Every six years a new roll is prepared and those on the previous roll are informed so that they can reapply. If you are not resident in the parish but were on the roll as a habitual worshipper and have been prevented by illness or other sufficient cause from worshipping for the past six months, you should complete declaration 2B or 2C as follows –
  - (a) delete the first set of words in square brackets and
  - (b) at the end of the second set of words in square brackets, briefly state the reason for not having worshipped as mentioned.
- 4 If you have any problems with this Form, please approach the clergy or lay people responsible for the parish, who will be pleased to help you.
- 5 In this Form 'parish' means ecclesiastical parish.

### Use of email addresses and other personal data

- 6 You do not have to provide an email address on this Form. If you do provide one, the Parochial Church Council and the electoral roll officer are entitled to use that email address to communicate with you in connection with the maintenance or revision of the Roll or the preparation of a new Roll or with elections to or membership of the Council.
- 7 The Church Representation Rules impose certain requirements for your name and address to be given to a third party, such as the diocesan electoral registration officer, in connection with elections to or membership of a deanery synod, diocesan synod or the House of Laity of the General Synod. If you provide an email address on this Form, it will be given to the third party along with your postal address.
- 8 A third party to whom your name and address have been given under the Church Representation Rules is in certain cases required by the Rules to pass them on to another person, such as the presiding officer in a synodical election. If you provide an email address on this Form, that email address will be given to the other person along with your postal address.
- 9 Any person to whom your email address or other personal data is given under the Church Representation Rules is required by those Rules to hold the data securely. Furthermore, if you do provide an email address on this Form, that does not give anybody the right to use it for any purpose other than those permitted by the Rules; so it cannot, for example, be used for social matters or fund-raising.
- 10 The roll is published after each annual revision and after the preparation of a new roll. The published roll will include your name (as well as the name of every other person on the roll) but none of your other personal data (as defined by the Data Protection Act 2018) will be made public as a result of your inclusion on the roll.



## REVISION OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

### Notice is hereby given

that the Church Electoral Roll of the above parish will be revised by the Parochial Church Council\*, beginning on Tuesday the twenty-ninth day of September 2020, and ending on Tuesday the thirteenth day of October 2020.

\* The revision must be completed at least 15 days, but no more than 28 days, before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

After the revision, a copy of the Roll will be published by the Parochial Church Council [*method of publication to be specified here*] for at least 14 days and a copy of the Roll will be available for inspection on a reasonable request being made to the Council.

Under the Church Representation Rules any lay persons are entitled to have their names entered on the roll if the person is—

- (a) is baptised,
- (b) is aged 16 or over, and
- (c) has made one of the following three declarations and duly applied for enrolment.

The first declaration is that the person is a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with it and is resident in the parish.

The second declaration is that the person is a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with it, is not resident in the parish, but has habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months.

The third declaration is that the person is a member in good standing of a Church which is not in communion with the Church of England but subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and is also a member of the Church of England and has habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months.

Application Forms for enrolment can be obtained from the Church Electoral Roll Officer. In order for a person to be entitled to attend the annual parochial church meeting and to take part in its proceedings, an Application Form for enrolment must be returned by the date shown above for the ending of the revision of the Church Electoral Roll by the Parochial Church Council.

Any error discovered in the Roll should at once be reported to the Church Electoral Roll Officer.

At least 14 days notice must be given.

Dated this twenty-ninth day of September 2020

Signed Eileen Coombs Address c/o St Helen's  
Church Electoral Roll Officer

# ***Green Grass***

Landscaping and garden maintenance

## **ALL YEAR-ROUND SERVICE**

### **30+ YEARS EXPERIENCE**

Hard & Soft Landscaping  
Grass Cutting: mower & ride-on  
Strimming & Lawn Edging  
Overgrown Site Clearance  
Waste Removal & Disposal  
Excavation & Rotovation  
Patios, Paving & Drives  
Turfing & Seeding  
Hedge & Shrub Cutting  
Pruning  
Planting & Plant Removal  
Ponds & Water Features  
Leaf & Snow Clearance  
Stump Grinding  
Weeding  
Fence Painting  
Pressure Washing

Plus more, and we are pleased to discuss your requirements

**FOR A FREE NO-OBLIGATION QUOTATION, PLEASE CALL  
CRAIG & SHARON**

Mobile: 07970627509

Office: 01530 830032

Let US build your dream garden or maintain it

## An Intentional Sense of Thankfulness

**W**ell, it seems not that long ago that we were celebrating Easter and the calendar has moved onto October!!!

The serious pace of this turbulent year seems relentless, although I suspect for some there may be a sense of this year lingering by. Either way this is when we would ordinarily be thinking about singing 'We plough the fields and scatter' and other harvest hymns.

Harvest brings back many memories for me, farming was a big part of my Dad's parent's life and work. I remember as a small boy being taken for walks with my grandfather and being shown the combine harvester steadily chomping their way through the fields, and tractors and trailers scurrying around collecting the grains from the spout of these colossal machines. Then the trailers would be exchanged for the bailers and the straw was bundled into neat bails, collected and stored.

Of course harvest goes beyond grain, there are many different harvests from apples and fruit, potatoes and other vegetables and various plants that are harvested to make oils.



The diversity of harvest demonstrates its importance. The diversity of the crops are then magnified by the possible use for the produce which form a plethora of tasty options for people to enjoy.

At harvest festivals we tend to approach the services with a sense of thanksgiving to God with an awareness that there are many in this world who have to go without.

Thankfulness is often something that is overlooked, we are so well supplied, through supermarkets, restaurants and even our own gardens that the wonderful diversity of our cupboards can be to some extent taken for granted.

If we were to adopt an intentional sense of thankfulness we would be open to the provision that we all enjoy throughout the year, thankfulness would therefore extend beyond 'harvest time'.

God has given us much to be thankful for, even in this pandemic there have been moments when thankfulness on a national level has broken through. God is a generous giver and we do have much to give him thanks for.

Best wishes

**Stewart**

# Gathering Stories, Generating Insights

**W**e have been invited by the diocese to share our own stories of church, faith and the experience of following Jesus, in the last six months during this 'turbulent time of Covid, lockdown, and significant disruption':



*Dear St Helen's,*

*Today as part of the Shaped by God Together Process, our Bishops Martyn & Guli issue a Call for Prayer, as we discern together how God is reshaping his church in these days, and as we plan for the future. Your role in this is vital and alongside praying we want to invite you to share your own stories of church, faith and the experience of following Jesus, in the last 6 months during this turbulent time of Covid, lockdown(s) and significant disruption.*

*The 'Gathering Stories, Generating Insights' process uses a storytelling inquiry model. We are gathering stories across the diocese so that we can reflect and discern our future direction. We had originally intended to carry out this process over a much longer timescale, but Covid-19, the associated impacts of the lockdown(s) on our society and economy have caused us to move faster than anticipated. Thus, we are focussing on our experience of being members of a community of faith throughout the lockdown(s) imposed as a result of Covid-19 and seeking to discover how we can carry our learning and experiences forward into the future, whilst honouring all that has gone before.*

*You can contribute very easily on-line, sharing a story, anecdote or example in response to one of 3 simple questions. It will take you about 10 minutes. You don't need to tell a long or complex story – in fact the shorter and simpler contributions work best in this process – imagine being at a social or a family event and you are sharing an experience.*

*We are very keen to hear from as wide a range of people as possible. We are particularly keen to hear from young people (11-18), young adults (18-24), people of BAME heritage and those from more deprived communities - but there is really no restriction - we want to hear from as many people as possible – and you can tell more than one story.*

*With thanks and prayers*

***Rev Canon Dr Stuart Burns***

*Director of Mission and Ministry*

If anyone wants to share their story, but doesn't have access to the internet they can contact Josh CrickdeBoom, the Bishop's Research Assistant, on 0116 270 8985 and he can arrange for someone to phone and collect the story. Or, ask me when I'm in Parish admin role and I can print a form and post it out to you.



# Gathering Our Thoughts

After the Flagstaff church buildings began reopening a couple of people who had attended contacted me with their response to the experience. Following on from Bishops Martyn and Guli's invitation (opposite) it made me realise we will all have Lockdown experiences or stories or reflections to share. I sent out an invitation to write a sentence or a paragraph or more on what we have been through, perhaps about those times when we were locked down, perhaps about what it felt like to gather together only on-line or via a telephone; or about the anticipation of going back into a church building, what it has felt like actually attending a service again, or some thoughts on what on-line church still brings.

Here are the responses I've had so far. I do hope there will be some more to share in next month's magazine. And that some will be shared with the bishops too!

Ed.

✦ I was quite moved being there after so many months, seeing people I hadn't seen all that time, and once more feeling the presence of God in the profound way one may when worshipping in face-to-face fellowship

Anonymous

✦ I know for many being in the church building adds a layer of importance, for me I have found the online community to be invaluable. Prayer for the day with its variety of hosts and content has been a real blessing.

Anonymous

✦ Last Sunday morning in church with a beautiful anthem being sung was the best ever experience.

Mary Handford

✦ Thank you to all the churches which have opened for services and private prayer. This has been so significant for many people. However, we are all different, and Zoom and online services have been helpful for some people. No single way of offering services has been all inclusive but our service leaders have strived to accommodate us all over the past few months.

Kathy Hart

✦ For me, "logging in" and watching the church services online, has felt just as much like "attending". It never felt like we weren't actually, literally "gathered" for a service. Not so sure yet about watching it from in church.

Anonymous

✦ I enjoy that on-line church is so easy – you just tune in and watch. You



can even drink your coffee during the service.

Anonymous

✦ I went to solitary prayer on the first Saturday when church was re-opened after five months of lockdown. I was eager to go, to feel “normal” again, yet I was filled with an inexplicable trepidation. To be truthful, everything seemed alien and strange. Masked faces did nothing to show the facial expressions of the person greeting you. Social distancing meant no socialising, and I hardly see others who were actually there the same time as me. YET, I must admit it was much better than I anticipated in so many ways. The familiarity of the church interior, the beautiful stain glass windows, the stunningly lit high altar, and the lighted candles, not to mention the peaceful, tranquil atmosphere very quickly banished all my original anxieties. It was a moving experience for me, a time I genuinely felt I was in the presence of God. It brought tears to my eyes when I sat in the pew, but they were happy tears, an expression of my joy and relief that once again we can be and I am in God’s house.

Attending a communion service in church, not on-line, is just magnificent! To be able to see Mary or Stewart in the flesh presiding is just awesome! To see the choristers in their robes, singing so beautifully from the “restructured” choir stalls is just fantastic!

I am definitely not belittling the on-line services we had in the past five months during lockdown. They were invaluable and essential, keeping us afloat spiritually. However, with a prolonged period of time, onscreen services could become rather tiring to the eyes, increasingly impersonal, and truth be told, we get lazy, telling ourselves we can always fall back on catch-ups. Once we are back to church for services, a routine starts to re-establish itself. At least now, I remember which day of the week it is.

I absolutely love going back to church for worship. It is so uplifting, moving and heart-warming. It is so wonderful to “see” other members from our church after a long absence. It is so amazing, once again, to be able to share fellowship and the Eucharist together in the same place.

Thanks be to God. Thanks to Mary and her marvellous team for their hard work and dedication.

Eileen Coombs

✦ I have missed and grieved for the church walls and the windows and the doors and the wisdom and knowledge they hold. The ancient dust of ages. I have missed singing in this place.

But, that is not enough. I have missed the people that come to the building and sing and pray with me.

Now, again I have a little of all of these things, and I shall cherish this stage while it lasts but I feel ready to embrace whatever comes next.

Elizabeth Smith

# Reflections on Lockdown

Visiting my Mum, who is in a care home, in lockdown is difficult. The first time we were allowed to see her, in the garden 12' apart with masks on, was not the experience I had hoped. I had so longed to see Mum. The home had gone in full lockdown mode even before the rest of us had to. It was a long awaited visit. Being a nearly 2 hour journey away, we were ready for a wee stop, and a drink when we got there! Not easy when everything is locked down! However we eventually got to see her. The flowers and goodies we had taken were whisked off us before we got to Mum waiting in the garden. No niceties of passing Mum a gift, or having a hug, just masked faces trying to give each other a message with our eyes.

Just over the hedge at the edge of the garden were men drilling up the road! Conversation was nearly impossible. Not always easy to catch when Mum

says things at the best of times. Thinking of what to say anyway, in those circumstances, was not easy. So I told mum of the story (which I may retell inaccurately) of two Celtic saints who were good friends and had not seen each other for a very long time. They met up and sat together in silence. When it was time to go, they hugged and went on their way. They felt that it was enough just to be with one another without words.

It was enough to just to be with mum. It would however have been nice to have some silence! I did get a photo of us both 'together' which shows for future generations the part of history we're living through.



I was strangely so exhausted after our visit. I felt a stir of emotions I couldn't quite understand. Later when talking to mum on the phone, we both realised each other had found it just so difficult. But I had SEEN her, for which I was thankful.

Two subsequent visits have gone a bit easier, but they have stopped any visiting again at the minute. In time they hope to have visits in a small area of the building with a perplex panel across between you. So in the mean time, my planned visit next week is cancelled. Thank goodness for technology as at least I can speak to my mum on the phone. Mum did manage to listen to the Easter service via her phone and my iPad which was a special time to remember.

# Looking Back at Locking Down Music, & Its Unlocking

**I**t's been over 7 months now of doing music differently. I'll not think of it as a deprivation - it's just been different. And busy. When we first 'locked down' we started experimenting with 'The Quartet' and choir recordings straight away. Perhaps it was good to plunge straight in.

How wonderful that our choir members have continued to attend Thursday evening choir practices throughout! Okay, they've been virtual choir practices conducted on Zoom, but we've kept it going, there's been lots of fun, and it's meant far-flung choristers can still be there even when they're living in Scotland. Warm ups with the time delay that Zoom builds in is a cacophony sure to bring a smile to the face of any musical director. However, for proper practicing, the mute button has been a key component.

The first experience of returning from lockdown was being allowed access to St Helen's to play/practice the organ. It did wonders for my morale.

And then music-making tentatively and gradually returned to church. Firstly we had individual singers singing 'live' from behind a screen, and violin and viola music thanks to Peter, no screen required. So far so good.

Next 'The Quartet' sang live as a group together, and we had their beautiful sound as we bid farewell to our fellow-chorister and friend, Carole. A very poignant moment in all this.

And now, the repositioned choir stalls & voluminous risk assessments have meant we have a choir at services and choir practices are back in church - HOORAY!

Leading the choir & playing the organ for Sunday morning services in church is joyful. Perhaps I'll never take it for granted again.

Where do we go next in our 'new normal'? Who knows?

**Andrew Chapman**



# Hello Heritage

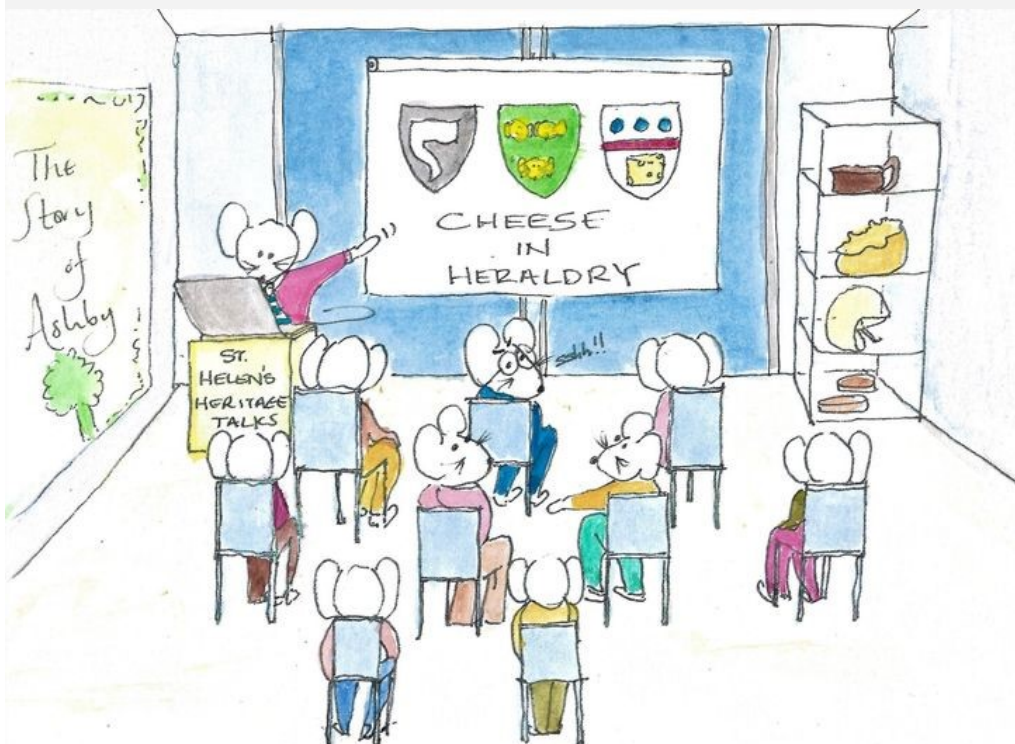
The Heritage pages of the St Helen's Church website are worth a visit, particularly if you'd like some ideas for activities to do with children during half term. Visit their What's On page.

An exciting highlight in September was our participation in Hello Heritage 2020 , which included North West Leicestershire District Council 's project in North West Leicestershire and South Derbyshire, where films were made from various sites across the area, including St Helen's. You can see Julie Starkey explaining the church's unusual orientation and the unique sundial on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w5iwKUGGq0g>

There was also this announcement:

## Cheese in Heraldry

Due to Covid-19 we have had to cancel our wonderful Winter Heritage Talks this year...but!....nice to see someone's making use of the space!



## Hope in Lockdown

With nations in lockdown, widespread uncertainty and loss of life, the coronavirus crisis has had a truly global impact; Tearfund is enabling their partners to respond to the needs of their community knowing that for people living in extreme poverty the impact could be devastating. In this article I have highlighted just a few examples of what they are doing.

From response to two Ebola crises in West Africa, Tearfund saw the vital role faith leaders play in reaching out to their communities. Using their network of local church partners they are promoting the right messages to prevent the spread of the virus, particularly good hygiene and sanitation. Correcting any misinformation about the virus is equally important.

Partners in Columbia have been providing spiritual and emotional support to church leaders – sharing materials to help them lead services and reach out during lockdown.

- Thank God for the role of church leaders during this crisis. Pray for increased opportunities and new ways of connecting with and supporting their communities

'We have been broadcasting on the radio how to avoid Covid-19 and are supporting teams to record songs that will go out that contain prevention messages,' says Hebdavi Muhindo, who heads up Tearfund's work in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

- Pray that vital public health messages will effectively reach communities.

Good hygiene practise is essential to curb the spread of coronavirus, but in many communities the nearest water supply is many miles away. Tearfund partners are working with households to help them build 'tippy taps'. The water container is suspended and can be tipped by depressing the foot control/stick, which is connected by string to the container. This allows water to tip out

- Thank God for this ingenious way to help families keep themselves safe.

'Tippy taps serve as a physical reminder to constantly wash hands – something that can be overlooked, especially in homes and communities with no infrastructure for running water,' says Marc Romry Antoine, who leads Tearfund's work in Haiti. Not only are they doing door-to-door awareness-raising of Covid-19, families receive support to construct their own 'tippy taps'.

- Pray for more families in remote areas to be reached.

The practical response has not only included constructing taps and water



tanks, but also distributing essential hygiene kits and delivering aid to the most vulnerable people and their communities.



Sanaya (not her real name), a 61 year-old widow, lives with her son, a daily paid labourer in Islamabad. Since coronavirus hit he has been unable to earn an income. 'We ate our last meal and were waiting for God's help,' explains Sanaya. 'The next day, Tearfund's partner provided us with a food package.'

- Praise God that he is answering people's prayers.

The giving of Tearfund supporters has made this work possible – by August £2.1m had been

given to Tearfund's emergency appeal.

- Thank God that this has enabled work with those in most need across more than 20 countries.

For more information on their work through partners around the world see [www.tearfund.org](http://www.tearfund.org)

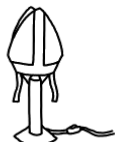
**Mandy McIntosh**

## MITRES

USES DURING A PANDEMIC



MASK



LAMPSHADE



POPCORN  
HOLDER



HANGING  
BASKET



GLOVE



PIPING BAG



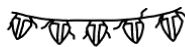
MEASURING  
DEVICE



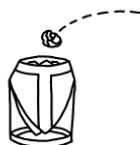
OVEN MITT



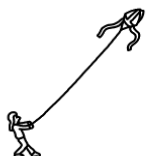
TEA COSY



BUNTING



WASTE PAPER  
BASKET



KITE



PUPPET



BELLOWS



RAINBOW

# Pastoral Principles for Living Well Together

The Church of England has asked all its parishes to ready themselves for conversations about human sexuality. To help they are producing resources called *Living in Love and Faith* which will be available next year.

In the meantime, they have requested parishes engage in a series of conversations called 'Pastoral Principles', designed to help us have good conversations even on challenging topics; conversations where we are open and attentive to others, and alert to our own assumptions, preferences, even prejudices. They invite church communities to examine afresh their life together, seeing our many differences as gifts that can build us up in trust and mutual affection. The materials are designed to help us look at our life together and identify any hidden barriers which might make some feel unwelcome among us.

Here at St Helen's we have been meeting on Wednesday evenings via Zoom. We have looked at how we can acknowledge prejudice, how others are silenced and how we silence ourselves. The remaining sessions are:

- |                      |                                     |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct  | Principle 3: Address ignorance      |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct | Principle 4: Cast our fear          |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct | Principle 5: Admit hypocrisy        |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct | Principle 6: Pay attention to power |

## Darklands

School of Motoring

**Jane Armson, ADI**

*Friendly, professional tuition*

*Intensive courses*

*Full hour lessons*

*Pass Plus*

*Motorway Tuition*

**Telephone**

01332 865293

(Staunton Harold)

07774 924913

(Mobile)

## WENDY'S Courtyard Interiors

Made to measure curtains, valances, pelmets, swags and tails, tie-backs & cushions etc. Velvets, prints and plain fabrics by: ★ Sanderson ★ Harlequin ★ Crowson ★ Blendworth ★ Nouveau ★ Hardys ★ Richard Barry ★ Villa Nova and many more

**Co-ordinate your home with our  
Soft Furnishing Service**

TRACKS ★ POLES ★ ACCESSORIES

Call in and see our huge range of blinds (including Roman) together with our fantastic selection of wallpaper

Free home measuring selection service

**BULLENS COURTYARD,  
MILL LANE MEWS,  
ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH  
TEL. 01530 411078**

It's not too late to join. Ask Jill or Mary for the Zoom link.

**A prayer based on the Pastoral Principles material:**

Heavenly Father

You have called us as the Body of your Son, Jesus Christ  
to continue his work of reconciliation  
and reveal you to the world

Forgive our failure to acknowledge and address our prejudices  
and give us grace to grow in self-awareness  
casting out our fear with your perfect love

Open our hearts and minds to value those with whom we disagree  
and so seek the unity which is your gift and will

Shape our conversations with humility and mutual respect  
and give us courage to speak words that liberate and heal

Lead us into the truth that will set us free

that we may live well together

and rejoice to be disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ

Amen

# Service Pattern

## Sunday worship

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
10.30am All-Age worship, streamed live from home  
4.00pm Holy Communion at Isley Walton \*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
10.30am Holy Communion, streamed live from St Helen's \*  
4.00pm Holy Communion at Worthington \*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 10.30am  
Holy Communion, streamed live from St Helen's \*  
4.00pm Holy Communion at Staunton Harold \*
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
10.30am Holy Communion, streamed live from St Helen's \*  
4.00pm Holy Communion at Breedon on the Hill \*
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
10.30am Flagstaff Family Service of Holy Communion, streamed live from home.

## Wednesday worship

10.00am service of Holy Communion streamed live from St Helen's \*

\* To help ensure that the number of people who come along to the services can be accommodated in the socially-distanced seats available, please 'book' a seat:

Christina Walmsley will take bookings for Worthington's services via [christina@stmatthewsworthington.net](mailto:christina@stmatthewsworthington.net)

Jill Chapman will take bookings for all other services on [sthelensashby@gmail.com](mailto:sthelensashby@gmail.com)

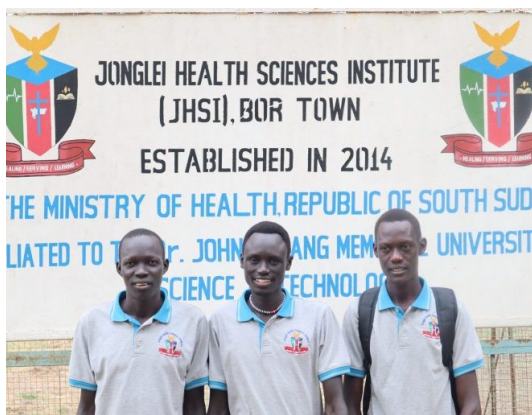
## Daily Prayer

Prayer for the Day is daily except Wednesday and Sunday. It is posted to our churches Facebook pages at around 8am each day.

10:30 Sunday services and 10am Wednesday services are live-streamed to the St Helen's Facebook page. Video recordings of these services, along with service booklets, hymn sheets etc can be found on the St Helen's website under the Church Life tab.

## Jonglei Health Sciences Institute

In July, Sue Brown wrote for us about the catastrophic situation in South Sudan where the number of children under five suffering from acute malnutrition had risen to 1.3 million. Previously our congregation of St Helen's had voted to support a charity at work in South Sudan for our 'mission giving', and now our donation has been made to Anglican International Development (AID) for their project at the Jonglei Health Sciences Institute (JHSI).



A.I.D sent us their sincere thanks for our donation, and added that 'It is indeed timely because the Institute has reopened its doors to students this week following months of lockdown-induced closure!'

They also sent us a link so we can watch the JHSI video now available on YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qaZOLeMRnM>

## NHS Covid-19 app

This app launched on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September, and is designed to help the NHS contact those who have been in close proximity to someone infected with Covid-19. Ideally, anyone who has a smart phone will download the app, and then on entering a shop, pub, cafe, or church, they will scan the NHS QR code to register that they are in that building. Similarly when getting onto a train or a bus. The idea is that if anyone else at that venue at the same date and time subsequently reports a positive Covid-19 test, the app will automatically make contact with advice on any action required.

By the Thursday evening Revd Mary had created QR codes for all of our Flagstaff churches, and for the Heritage Centre. The St Helen's choir, meeting for only their second in person choir practice since March, were the first to try one out.





## Night Prayer/Compline - a pause

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September we had the last in our online services of Compline for the time being. They started as soon as Lockdown began in March, first daily, then on weekdays, and recently just on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This pause from online Compline will last through October and November. We will resume it for Advent.

As gradually we have had fewer Night Prayer Services the invitation has been for each of us to pray compline at home, using one of the three orders of service we have prayed with during lockdown, and perhaps lighting a candle to create a 'sacred space' in the living room or at the kitchen table. Another habit our on-line Compline services have fostered is the inclusion of music to help us to focus, to breathe deeply, to form a point of transition from what has been preoccupying us to a time when we are more conscious of God's presence. And, of course, for many of us 9pm now can only mean one thing - 'compline time.'



To pray compline at home, the lectionary readings for October are:

Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> October:	2 Chronicles 6.1-21 OR Mark 13.14-23
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> October:	2 Chronicles 6.22-end OR Mark 13.24-31
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> October:	2 Chronicles 7 OR Mark 13.32-end
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> October:	Proverbs 2.1-11 OR 1 John 2.1-17
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> October:	2 Chronicles 9.1-12 OR Mark 14.1-11
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> October:	2 Chronicles 10.1—11.4 OR Mark 14.12-25
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> October:	2 Chronicles 12 OR Mark 14.26-42
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> October:	2 Chronicles 13.1 — 14.1 OR Mark 14.43-52
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> October:	2 Chronicles 14.2-end OR Mark 14.53-65
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> October:	2 Chronicles 15.1-15 OR Mark 14.66-end
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> October:	Proverbs 3.1-18 OR 1 John 3.1-15

Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> October:	2 Chronicles 17.1-12 OR Mark 15.1-15
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> October:	2 Chronicles 18.1-27 OR Mark 15.16-32
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> October:	2 Chronicles 18.28—end of 19 OR Mark 15.33-41
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> October:	2 Chronicles 20.1-23 OR Mark 15.42-end
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> October:	2 Chronicles 22.10—end of 23 OR Mark 16.1-8
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> October:	2 Chronicles 24.1-22 OR Mark 16.9-end
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> October:	Proverbs 4.1-18 OR 1 John 3.16—4.6
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> October:	2 Chronicles 26.1-21 OR John 13.1-11
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> October:	2 Chronicles 28 OR John 13.12-20
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> October:	2 Chronicles 29.1-19 OR John 13.21-30
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> October:	2 Chronicles 29.20-end OR John 13.31-end
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> October:	2 Chronicles 30 OR John 14.1-14
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> October:	2 Chronicles 32.1-22 OR John 14.15-end
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> October:	Ecclesiastes 11,12 OR 2 Timothy 2.1-7
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> October:	2 Chronicles 33.1-13 OR John 15.1-11
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> October:	2 Chronicles 34.1-18 OR John 15.12-17
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> October:	Jeremiah 3.11-18 OR Jude 1-4, 17-end
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> October:	2 Chronicles 35.1-19 OR John 16.1-15
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> October:	2 Chronicles 35.20—36.10 OR John 16.16-22
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> October:	Isaiah 40.27-end OR Revelation 19.6-10



Mary, Judith, Andy and Stewart, who have brought us Compline for 7 months

## Do You know Him?

**A**t Night Prayer on bank holiday Monday Mary shared with us an excerpt from a transcript of a famous sermon. The original sermon was an hour long, but it is the final six-and-a-half minute description of Jesus which has become well known. This exuberant tumble of words is sometimes called Seven Way King, sometimes called Amen!, but tends to be known as That's My King. You can find it by that name on YouTube delivered by its author, and I recommend it – you will not be unmoved!

The preacher is S M Lockridge or, to give him his full name, Shadrach Meshach Lockridge. Once, explaining in an interview why he wasn't Shadrach Meshach Abednego Lockridge, he joked that he'd had to stop using Abednego because people thought he was saying, 'A bad negro.'

He was born on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 1913, in Robertson County, Texas, the oldest of eight children and the son of a Baptist minister. When he graduated from college he worked for two years as a high school English teacher. But in 1940 he felt called to preach. This was quite a calling because he went on to become known for his preaching across the United States and around the world, and was still much sought after as a public speaker even after he retired in 1993.

S M Lockridge's equally well-known powerful Easter meditation It's Friday, But Sunday's Coming, is also available on YouTube.

### That's My King

'My king is a sovereign King. No means of measure can define his limitless love. No far-seeing telescope can bring into visibility the coastline of his shoreless supply. No barrier can hinder him from pouring out his blessings. He's enduringly strong. He's entirely sincere. He's eternally steadfast. He's immortally graceful. He's imperially powerful. He's impartially merciful. Do you know him?

He's the greatest phenomenon that ever crossed the horizon of this world. He's God's Son. He's a sinner's Saviour. He's the centrepiece of civilization. He stands in the solitude of Himself. He's awesome. He's unique. He's unparalleled. He's unprecedented. He's the loftiest idea in literature. He's the highest personality in philosophy. He's the supreme problem in higher criticism. He's the fundamental doctrine of true theology. He's the cardinal necessity of spiritual religion. He's the miracle of the age. He's the superlative of everything good that you choose to call Him. He's the only one qualified to be an all sufficient Saviour. I wonder, do you know him?

He supplies strength for the weak. He's available for the tempted and the tried. He sympathizes and He saves. He strengthens and sustains. He guards and he guides. He heals the sick. He cleanses the lepers. He

forgives sinners. He discharges debtors. He delivers captives. He defends the feeble. He blesses the young. He serves the unfortunate. He regards the aged. He rewards the diligent and He beautifies the meek. I wonder, do you know him?

Well, my King He is the King. He's the key of knowledge. He's the wellspring of wisdom. He's the doorway of deliverance. He's the pathway of peace. He's the roadway of righteousness. He's the highway of holiness. He's the gateway of glory. Do you know him?



Well, His office is manifold. His promise is sure. His light is matchless. His goodness is limitless. His mercy is everlasting. His love never changes. His Word is enough. His grace is sufficient. His reign is righteous, and His yoke is easy and His burden is light. I wish I could describe Him to you . . . but He's indescribable. He's incomprehensible, He's invincible. He is irresistible.

Well, you can't get Him out of your mind. You can't get Him off your hands. You can't outlive Him and you can't live without Him. The Pharisees couldn't stand Him, but they found out they couldn't stop Him. Pilate couldn't find any fault in Him. The witnesses couldn't get their testimonies to agree about Him. Herod couldn't kill Him. Death couldn't handle Him and the grave couldn't hold Him. Yes, that's my King. That's my King!

Father, yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever and ever and ever and ever. How long is that? ... And when you get through with all of the forevers, then Amen ... and Amen!

**Jill Chapman**

## **Tomorrow – by Gideon Heugh**

**D**o not worry about tomorrow,  
said the Lord. Love  
drives out fear, said the Lord.  
I think I understand. So today  
I reach into his good earth and I sow  
a little kindness here,  
a little gentleness there,  
and all and everywhere  
grace. And as the soil  
closes over them I know  
that tomorrow will contain  
their sweet, sacred fruit,  
and I worry no more.

# MILL LANE MEWS DRY CLEANERS

On site alterations and repairs  
Same day cleaning  
duvets, curtains and other household items  
suede and leather

Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8.30-5.30  
Wednesday 8.30-3.30 Saturday 8.30-2.30



For news and views in North West Leicestershire read your local newspaper

## Ashby Times

on sale every Thursday at your local newsagent

Telephone:

**01530 813101**

email:

[editor@ashbytimes.com](mailto:editor@ashbytimes.com)  
[advertising@ashbytimes.com](mailto:advertising@ashbytimes.com)



### DV Accountancy Service

Small Business Specialist  
Self-Assessment - Payroll  
VAT - Business Planning  
Evening Appointments Available

**David Howitt**

127, Burton Road, Ashby de la Zouch, Leics. LE65 2LH  
01530 412273

### DC WOODWARD, MRCVS

Veterinary Surgeon

Mon-Fri 8 am–7 pm | Sat 9 am–12 noon | Sun 9.30–10.30 am

*All consultations by appointment*

**24 hr Emergency Service**

Ivanhoe Business Park Smisby Road

**01530 412035**



# Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

## Domestic Abuse Bill

Although the Domestic Abuse Bill has completed its Report Stage and Third Reading and was voted through by the House of Commons in July, there is further work to do, and the MU is still campaigning on this issue, and encouraging its members to write to their MPs.

The Bill addresses a major scourge on our society – statistically, 1 in 3 women worldwide will be affected by domestic abuse. 2020 has seen a significant increase in domestic abuse as a result of the control measures against Covid-19, leading to what the World Council of Churches has referred to as “the second pandemic”.

The two main areas of concern the MU is asking its members to raise with MPs are:

★ Women with insecure immigration status who are suffering violence and abuse are routinely refused access to support of any kind, owing to the government’s ‘No recourse to public funds’ (NRPF) policy. This means they are forced to choose between homelessness or destitution on the one hand and returning to the abuser on the other.

★ The Bill ignores matters of faith, even though religious beliefs can be used as a justification for domestic abuse. The MU believes faith leaders can play a key role in recognising signs of domestic abuse in their communities, and signposting survivors to local services.

Some specific suggestions are:

- Training should be quickly put in place to enable faith leaders to respond well to suspected domestic abuse in their communities
- Faith literacy training should be made available so that those making decisions and offering support in relation to complaints of domestic abuse are more able to respond appropriately;
- The Domestic Abuse Commissioner’s Advisory Group, and the Local Partnership Boards, should both include faith representatives.

## Harvest collection

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

### Link to Hope Shoe Box Appeal

Link to Hope (LTH) do Family and Elderly Shoeboxes. They do not do children's shoeboxes (there are many excellent charities that do) but they believe that everyone deserves a present at Christmas time. People are asked to put similar items in each and every box - see lists opposite. It can be a real challenge, but our box stuffers are always equal to the task! Over the years LTH have found the recipients really appreciate those items which meet their most immediate, and mostly practical, needs.

The Flagstaff Family of Churches sent in the region of 85 shoeboxes last year. We are registered again for 2020, but this year, LTH are giving supporters 3 ways to join in and support the appeal. You can either:

- Fill a shoebox – Shoebox Leaflets are available from me
- LTH fill a shoebox for you – if you don't have time or are unable to do a shoebox, send a donation and they will fill a shoebox for you.
- Donate to the Shoebox Appeal – simply send a donation by visiting <https://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2020/shoebox-registration-2020/shoebox-options/>

If you intend to send a shoebox, they need to be completed and delivered to me before 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

**Ken Garner**

07966257285

kengarnerashby@hotmail.com

**The Bridge** in Loughborough is a charity working with those who are rough sleeping. They would welcome donations of:

- socks, scarves, hats and gloves in dark colours only please
- long-life foods
- face masks
- pet food, in particular cat food



For further information or to make a donation, speak to Elizabeth Smith on 07941 935887

# CONTENTS LIST

1. We want everyone to receive a fun and useful box of **new and unused** gifts so **every** shoebox should contain **all** items in this blue box.

<input type="checkbox"/> Gloves or Scarf or Hat (new or knitted)	<input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush & Toothpaste
<input type="checkbox"/> Sweets or Chocolates (BB June 2021 EU Origin)	<input type="checkbox"/> Candles & Holders*
<input type="checkbox"/> Soap & Flannel	<input type="checkbox"/> Small Games (Travel Size Draughts/Dominoes/ Playing Cards)

\*Holder is for safety and stability

2. Then please **ADD 5 or more items** (at least one of each item) from the **Red Box** for a **Family Shoebox** OR from the **Purple Box** to make a **Unisex Elderly Shoebox**.



## FAMILY

☐ Colouring Pads (A5)  
☐ Crayons/Pencils (with rubber and sharpener)  
☐ Small Toys (yo-yo, skipping rope, toy cars)  
☐ Soft toy/teddy (with CE label)  
☐ Tape Measure/DIY Tool  
☐ Head Scarf (lightweight)  
☐ Shampoo (max 300ml)  
☐ Solar-Powered Calculator  
☐ Safety Razors  
☐ Hairbrush/Comb  
☐ Other Gifts .....  
 .....  
 .....



## ELDERLY (UNISEX)

☐ Reading Glasses/Magnifier  
☐ Mug/Wooden Spoon/Cutlery  
☐ Sensory Item  
(eg Lavender Bag)  
☐ Hot Water Bottle  
☐ Work Gloves  
☐ Pen/Paper  
☐ Socks/Tights (NEW)  
☐ Wind-Up Radio/Torch  
☐ Shampoo (max 300ml)  
☐ Scissors/Nail Clippers  
☐ Safety Razors  
☐ Other Gifts .....  
 .....  
 .....

OR

**PLEASE TRY TO REDUCE THE PACKAGING YOU PUT IN YOUR SHOEBOX**

## Historical Parallels

Well, the strange autumn of 2020, a very strange year all round has seen the cancelling of the Statutes Fair among many other things. Has such a thing ever happened before? Well, yes.

When war broke out in 1914, the Statutes carried on as usual. A meeting of the Ashby Urban Council recommended that Mr Pat Collins should be granted permission to hold the fair in the main street on the same terms and conditions as usual. There was a complaint, however, that in 1913 the stalls and entertainments had not been as good as usual and a letter was sent to Mr Collins informing him that better was expected this year.

On 24<sup>th</sup> September 1915, again the Statutes took place, when it was said in the Leicester Chronicle that the “main street was filled with all the paraphernalia of a modern pleasure fair.”

Afterwards, however, there was a complaint from lady Mary Stewart of Cliftonthorpe who wrote to the Council in October expressing her “astonishment and disapproval of the holding of the Statutes Fair in Ashby a few weeks ago. She thought that considering the country was at war, and in view of the serious situation, the people should not have been encouraged to spend money on amusements and it showed a want of feeling and callousness with regard to which, soldiers at the front had given expression to their feelings very strongly.”

The Council expressed their sympathy for Lady Mary, whose two sons had both been killed at the front, but explained that as they had agreed in January to let the street to Mr Collins, they would have been liable for damages if they had cancelled the fair. Councillor Parsons went further, however, and said that he thought Lady Mary’s letter was in bad taste. “It was not right that the Council should be held up to opprobrium as they were by that letter. The fair was a harmless affair, gave a great deal of pleasure to many who at this time were suffering largely from the war. Why should they all be sad? Why not endeavour to keep a bright face and show a courageous front to the enemy?”

On 16<sup>th</sup> August 1916, The Leicester Daily Post reported that the Highways Committee in Ashby had recommended that the ground for the statutes be let to Mr. P. Collins on the same terms as year, although Councillor Canner thought the police would not allow any lights. I could find no mention in later editions as to whether the Statutes actually went ahead that year, but in September 1919, several newspapers reported that the Ashby Statutes had taken place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1919 for the first time after the first known break in its history during the latter part of the war.

When the Second World War broke out, the authorities felt no hesitation in cancelling the Statutes straight away. The Leicester Daily Mercury on 28<sup>th</sup>

September 1939 bemoaned the resulting loss of £150 in revenue to the town caused by the cancellation.

In October 1939, the Leicester Chronicle also recorded that the Statutes had not taken place due to the Black-out orders and placed the blame squarely on Adolf Hitler personally. It also gave an interesting account of what the Statutes would have been like if they had taken place:

“That king of perifaltic showmen, Mr Pat Collins had paid his deposit to the Urban Council for the right to parcel out market Street, where all varieties of merry go round would have made circles from the gathering evening shadows until midnight. All sorts of vendors would have displayed their coloured wares; coconuts must have provided tempting targets; pugilists would have tried the ‘knock out’ in the ring; miniature multi-coloured balloons might have taken aerial flight; showmen would have presented giants or dwarfs and perhaps lightly clad ladies in gymnastics. But sad to say, the king of mirth has had his money back.

The cause of this refusal to go gay was the Black-Out order and Adolf is behind it all. What a fellow he is. Ashby loses about £150; for something like that represents the cash paid to the town treasury by the Walsall firm for the right to yearly convert the town’s main street into an amusement park and the £150 is equivalent to a penny rate.”

On the 7<sup>th</sup> September 1940, the same newspaper again announced the cancellation of the Statutes, writing:

“Thousands usually take part in the frolic, but there are to be no revels, for the black-out makes a street display out of the question. We are to be almost as silent as owls! What times! What manners! But we are quite happy, so no one is worrying for giving the Statutes a perhaps needed break.”

After a brief announcement of the cancellation in September 1941, nothing more is heard until June 1945 when the Evening Dispatch announced that the Statutes would take place in the coming September for the first time since before the war. It was probably quite a notable event after such a long break but, unfortunately, I could find no further reference to it in the press.



This year's Statutes Fair's had 1 ride

**Wendy Freer**

# Epitaph

by Merrit Malloy

When I die  
Give what's left of me away  
To children  
And old men that wait to die.

And if you need to cry,  
Cry for your brother  
Walking the street beside you.  
And when you need me,  
Put your arms  
Around anyone  
And give them  
What you need to give to me.

I want to leave you something,  
Something better  
Than words  
Or sounds.

Look for me  
In the people I've known  
Or loved,  
And if you cannot give me away,  
At least let me live on in your eyes  
And not your mind.

You can love me most  
By letting  
Hands touch hands,  
By letting bodies touch bodies,  
And by letting go  
Of children  
That need to be free.

Love doesn't die,  
People do.  
So, when all that's left of me  
Is love,  
Give me away.





## Celebrating Ashby in October

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October Ashby's Fabulous returns. The businesses in Ashby will be celebrating our town and all the people who contribute to making it the fabulous place it is. This year fair2all's live models will be our team of unsung heroes of Ashby's night time economy the Street Pastors. Come and give them a wave, they will be in our window between 11am and 3pm. We are all looking forward to putting a smile on peoples' faces, but being very mindful of social distancing.

Fiver Fest starts a week later on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October. A great event which runs until 24<sup>th</sup> October; businesses all over Ashby offer their customers the opportunity to purchase their special promotional items for £5 as a thank you for shopping locally. Previously, customers commented they rediscovered their love of Ashby and the huge variety of independents here.

Please encourage friends and neighbours to come and shop in Ashby, particularly those who may be new to the area, or those working from home who haven't had a chance to discover the wide range of shops Ashby has.



As for fair2all our range of fair trade wooden toys, including the wooden figures above, has been re-stocked with some new additions. Any Lanka Kade toys not in stock can be ordered.

Following customer requests both Tearfund and Traidcraft (supporting Traidcraft Exchange, CAFOD, SCIAF and Christian Aid) Christmas cards are now in stock. Again if we don't have the quantities you need please ask and I can order them for you.

Meaningful Advent Calendars and Advent Candles, and some Advent Calendars with a bible reference behind each door are coming soon. If you require more than a few of any of these items please let me know and I can order them for you.

Thank you for your support,

**Mandy McIntosh**

fair2all 17 Bath Street Ashby 01530 417286

# Homeward Bound

Included by Revd Stewart in one of his Prayers for the Day -

**T**here's help for a sorrow, or grief or a fear,  
There's comfort for heartache and balm for each tear,  
A song of thanksgiving makes gladsome the way,  
To the rest which is mine at the end of the day.  
I love the road homeward, I love the road home,  
No longings to wander, no wishes to roam,  
The friendship of Jesus makes gladsome the way,  
I love the road home at the end of the day.

**Chris Lewis**

Counsellor / Psychotherapist

## Chris's Therapeutic Counselling

[chriscounselling@mail.com](mailto:chriscounselling@mail.com)

07828 463368

[www.chrispersoncentred.co.uk](http://www.chrispersoncentred.co.uk)

30 Moira Road

Ashby de la Zouch LE65 2GA

Also in Nottingham & Loughborough

# villair

## Independent Travel Consultants

*Specialist in*

- Personalised itineraries •
- Over 20,000 computerised low cost airfares •
  - We search and book low cost airlines •
  - Accommodation or tours only if required •
- Very competitive annual and family insurance •
- Well travelled staff have visited Europe, Mediterranean •
  - USA, Canada, Caribbean, Bermuda •
  - Dubai, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand •
  - Far East, Fiji, Hawaii, Mexico, Mauritius, etc. •

*Pop in and see us at*

1 Bath Street Corner, Ashby de la Zouch, LE65 2FH

**Tel 01530 413055** e mail: [enquiries@villair.com](mailto:enquiries@villair.com)

# Quotes for the Month

'People of faith should be here because they are people of faith. That is, they believe they can make a difference of some kind and that that difference is worth making.'

*Former Archbishop of Canterbury Dr Rowan Williams, Extinction Rebellion protest, Sept 1<sup>st</sup>*

'The most infectious virus in the world is love; love that is relentless, love that is courageous, love that stands against injustice, love that gives itself away in self-forgetful service of others.'

*Revd Steve Chalke, Twitter, September 5<sup>th</sup>*

'I am thrilled that the choir is coming back into action ... The building is part of the sound you make. As soon as you put our choir back in the building where they belong, the whole sound comes together, like putting a duvet round your shoulders.'

*Dr David Flood, organist & master of choristers, Canterbury Cathedral, Sept 6<sup>th</sup>*

'Jesus is the fifth most popular choice among well-known people to be chosen as a dream car passenger.'

*The Christian News, September 6<sup>th</sup>*

'Lord of the Rings, Lord Vader, Lord Voldemort ... 'Lord' has negative connotations and should be removed from modern versions of the Bible.'

*John T. Bainbridge, Premier Christianity Magazine, Sept 8<sup>th</sup>*

'There is no change to guidance on places of worship. Worship is the work of God - not a social gathering - and gives the strength to love and serve.'

*Archbishop of Canterbury @JustinWelby, Twitter, September 9<sup>th</sup>*

'A drowning man prayed for help. God sent a floating tiki bar filled with priests.'

*Catholic News Agency, September 9<sup>th</sup>*

'Pleasure arrives directly from God. It is neither Catholic nor Christian nor anything else; it is simply divine ...'

*Pope Francis, interviewed by Carlo Petrini, New York Post, September 10<sup>th</sup>*

'I can't imagine that the God of the universe is limited to our ideas of God ... In a way I need a God who is bigger & more nimble & mysterious than what I could understand & contrive [or] it can feel like I am worshipping nothing more than my own ability to understand the divine.'

*Nadia Bolz-Weber, September 10<sup>th</sup>*

'Is there so much love in the world that we can discriminate against any kind of love?'

*Father Mychal Judge OFM, known as the 'Saint of 9/11', Kissing Fish, Facebook, Sept 12<sup>th</sup>*

'Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. Comes into us at midnight very clean. It's perfect when it arrives and it puts itself in our hands. It hopes we've learned something from yesterday.' - John Wayne.

*Melton Mowbray Team Parish website, Quote of the Day, September 14<sup>th</sup>*

'Well, if we're talking of Paul, I think of him as a kind of depth charge, deep beneath the foundations of the classical world.' - historian Tom Holland

*Erik Strandness, Why a historian changed his mind about Christianity? Patheos blog, Sept 17<sup>th</sup>*

'A miracle of all things! There is nothing that a poor parish priest dreads more than a miracle, nothing that so disturbs and annoys his superiors, nothing more likely to bring suspicion and disapprobation on himself.'

*Children's Hour, an unpublished story by Edith Wharton, Times Literary Supplement, Sept 18<sup>th</sup>*

'You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. That's how prayer works.' - Pope Francis

*Mark Sandlin's Facebook page, September 23<sup>rd</sup>*

'We have learned that love transcends boundaries and can easily jump two metres.'

*Most Revd Stephen Cottrell, speaking to Synod, September 24<sup>th</sup>*

'"I think you're on mute" has almost become a liturgical greeting.'

*Most Revd Justin Welby, speaking to Synod, September 24<sup>th</sup>*



Ashby  
**YOUTH  
FOR CHRIST**

Ashby Youth For Christ Registered Charity No: 1058434

## **Pray God's Will only**

**W**e are so thankful for **your** prayers. Whilst we are not running lunchtime clubs at the moment, we're making positive headway with our 121 connection at Ivanhoe. Please pray that we will be right where God wants us, right when he wants us to be there. Pray that God's presence Through us will bless and encourage the pupils and staff.

In this time of uncertainty, we are certain of the continuous outpouring of our darling Holy Spirit. May we have courage that shows itself in gentleness and wisdom that shows itself in simplicity.

Thank you once again, in Spirit and Truth we cry out to God on behalf of our Young people and our community.

God bless your lovely hearts,

**Kate**

## **Sk8ers**

"Then Jesus was led by the spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil"  
Matt 4:1

I wonder, while we have been apart in lockdown, have we felt alone in an isolated wilderness at times? In this account in Matthew, Jesus was LED into the wilderness, he didn't go alone! Somehow I never knew that. And the knowledge has given me great comfort these past months.

Sadly for our Sk8ers young people, they do not know or recognise the Holy Spirit when he has, no doubt, come to them. I wonder, where have they been led during lockdown? Please pray for all of our young people in Ashby, that they have not been led astray during this lockdown, but have maybe come to know the Holy Spirit's leading instead.

Pray that we can launch very soon.

Finally, could you pray for our team. Some cannot meet with us yet due to shielding. Some may be being cautious for other reasons, and some of us are meeting young people and their families already - Lord wash us in the blood of the lamb, keep us all safe from harm. Amen

God bless,

**Katie & The Sk8ers Team**

## **Football**

Professional footballers might get to play in empty stadia to canned crowd noises, but we don't. Please pray with me that the virus forecast will improve so that behaviour requirements will relax and we will be allowed to resume our game on the astroturf. Meanwhile please pray that I will be responsive to His prompting and patient in waiting, on Him and the young men involved, as well as for the season to change.

Thanks  
**Vernon**

## **Rock Solid**

We continue to meet outside. Although we miss the warmth and comfort of being inside we are enjoying the freedom and simplicity of being outside. We are following the advice we receive from our professional governing body (The National Youth Agency) - in terms of anti Covid-19 behaviour. Meeting inside whilst following their guidelines would greatly restrict our activities, increase the expectations we put on the young people and their behaviour, and increase our workload. We are continually reviewing this as advice changes and as the autumn arrives.

Please thank God for dry Friday evenings and ask him for more of the same. Pray we will be wise, bold, imaginative and sensitive in our decision making.

We tend to be a small group. This has the advantage of keeping us below the radar of onlookers who won't know that, thanks to the dispensation granted to essential youth provision by the government, we are allowed to gather in (socially distanced) groups of more than 6 (up to 15).

When the weather has not been supportive of our intention to go for a walk, we have made other plans – such as market research and activity development around Tesco (I was only slightly injured by a tin of cockles) or leaving some edifying artistic work on the pavements around Ashby. One week we did a photographic treasure hunt. The team was asked to find and take a picture of treasure / subject that they drew 'from a hat'. They took pictures of 'somewhere people get their hair treasured', 'Gold' and lots more. The final picture was 'Jesus died so that God could be with this forever' and, in the darkness we talked about the Pearl of Great Price and how precious we are to God.

Please pray that this word will grow in them and that God, by his Spirit will convict them of the reality of his feelings for them.

Please pray new members will be welcomed in a way that convicts them of the presence of our gracious, loins girded, running to greet us, Saviour and Lover. Pray that they'll be reassured of his goodness and dare to welcome his presence.

Thanks,  
**Vernon**



76b  
Market  
Street  
  
01530  
411510

## Sweet Feet



I offer a friendly professional service in the privacy and comfort of your own home. I am a fully qualified Foot Health Practitioner DipCFHP, MPSPract, and a member of the accredited register of foot health practitioners.

Treatments include:

- Routine foot care
- Nail trimming
- Corn removal and callous/hard skin reduction
- Fungal nails
- Reduction of thickened nails
- Verrucae
- Cracked heels
- Foot health advice and diabetic foot care
- Ingrown toenails

MOBILE FOOT CLINIC

Please call Wendy on 07938 750840 to arrange an appointment



## BUILDING REPAIRS

**No job too small**

Telephone Keith:

01530 412404  
07747194021

Looking  
for the  
right  
advice?



Property Law

Business Law

Wills & Probate

Family Law

Litigation

## Choose Crane and Walton for everything legal...

We provide quality services in a friendly yet professional way on a range of legal matters, including:

- Property Law and Conveyancing
- Litigation
- Court of Protection Applications
- Family Law
- Wills and Probate
- Business Law
- Inheritance Tax Planning
- Lasting Powers of Attorney
- Trusts



### CRANE AND WALTON LLP

SOLICITORS

**Ashby Office**  
30 South Street Ashby de la Zouch  
Leicestershire LE65 1BT  
Tel: 01530 414111  
Fax: 01530 417022

**Coalville Office**  
21-25 London Road Coalville  
Leicestershire LE67 3JB  
Tel: 01530 834466  
Fax: 01530 810886

**Leicester Office**  
113-117 London Road  
Leicester LE2 0RG  
Tel: 0116 2551901  
Fax: 0116 2555864

**Melbourne Office**  
William's Yard  
Derby Road, Melbourne  
Derbyshire DE73 8JR  
Tel: 01332 863810

**Lexcel**  
The Quality Standard for  
Legal Services

[www.craneandwalton.com](http://www.craneandwalton.com)



# The World's Biggest Coffee Morning



Ordinarily as we head into Autumn the charity Macmillan stages its biggest fundraising event of the year when people all over the UK host their own Coffee Mornings. Every penny raised helps Macmillan to be there for people living with cancer and provide the support they need.

This year has proved more challenging with, as in so many areas of our lives, a need for innovative and new ways of doing the old things. The innovators at Macmillan's have come up with some great ideas for alternatives to regular coffee mornings, such as Socially Distanced Coffee Mornings, Doorstep Delivered Coffee Mornings, or even Virtual Coffee Mornings.

They also had plenty of suggestions for adding fun and fundraising to these events. Their Socially Distanced Coffee Morning fundraising ideas included:

- BYOT. That's Bring-Your-Own-Thermos Coffee Morning walks.
- Coffee Morning cake away with a takeaway donation service.
- Have a cuppa with your neighbours and donate a few pence over the fence.
- Set up a Coffee Morning stall for guests to pass by and pick up a cake.

And for on-line events they thought you might make money with:

- A bake-themed quiz over Coffee
- An online-bake off
- Set each other challenges and donate if you forfeit.
- A recipe swap
- Give a £1 fine every time someone talks on mute!

But Macmillan realise that, despite all these bright ideas, some supporters will not be able to host a Coffee Morning this year, so they're offering another way to contribute - via the 'Raise-a-Mug Wall of Support' on their website <https://raiseamug.macmillan.org.uk>. Here you can upload a selfie to the wall, make a donation and, if you wish to, you can leave a message of support for a loved one who has been affected by cancer or someone who has helped you or your family. You can share your image on the wall with friends and family on social media or by email.



# Parish Directory

(The dialling code for these numbers is 01530 except where stated)

ASHBY YOUTH FOR CHRIST	AYFC Office	560940
BELL RINGERS	Michael Davidson	DAVIDSON29029@aol.com
BUILDINGS' TEAM		sthelensbuildings@gmail.com
CHURCHWARDENS	Helen Smith	563352
	Val Bowron	467571
HERITAGE CENTRE LETTINGS	Elaine Shaw	07392 409745
		sthelenslettings@gmail.com
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC	Andrew Chapman	07792 461782
ELECTORAL ROLL	Eileen Coombs	417883
FLOWER ROTA	Margaret Lawrence	416370
FOODBANK CONTACT	Alan Sedgman	07576 838129
HERITAGE	Sharn Stinson	07435 564236
		sthelensheritage@gmail.com
LANTERNS children's group	Clare Crawford & Lynne Munro	564772 & 563389
MAGAZINE ADVERTISING	Sue Evans	461808
MAGAZINE EDITOR	Jill Chapman	01827 830748
		jill.chapman12@btopenworld.com
MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTION	Margaret Worrall	413665
MINISTERS - Rector	Mary Gregory	564372
		revmarygregory@aol.co.uk
- Curate	Stewart Betts	563762
		07919 890094
		stewart@flagstaff.org.uk
MOTHERS' UNION	Margaret Worrall	413665
PCC SECRETARY	John Dennis	416124
PCC TREASURER	John Backman	01283 761385
READERS	Sue Brown	417313
	Carol Eyley	412334
	Judith Lewis	564204
	Andy Smith	563352
SAFEGUARDING	Elizabeth Smith	07941 935887
SERVERS	Eileen Barradel	416370
SOUND SYSTEM	Simon Starkey	415718
STREET PASTORS CONTACT	Chris Lewis	07828 463368

## St Helen's Church contact details:

- Parish office: ♦ sthelensashby@gmail.com  
 ♦ 07725 519453  
 ♦ Community Heritage Building, 4 Church Yard, South St, LE65 1AA
- ♦ Facebook pages: St Helen's Ashby de la Zouch  
 St Helen's Heritage Ashby de la Zouch
- ♦ Twitter: @sthelensashby
- ♦ Website: sthelensashby.net
- ♦ Flagstaff Team: www.flagstaff.org.uk

St Helen's Church, Ashby de la Zouch is part of the **Flagstaff Family of Churches**

Team Rector:	<b>Revd. Canon Mary Gregory</b>	01530 564372
Team Vicar:	<b>Revd. Tim Phillips</b>	01530 412339
Curate:	<b>Revd. Stewart Betts</b>	01530 563762


& part of the **Ashby Churches**

Alliance Church	Revd. Mike Baraniak	07753 679147
Ashby Baptist Church	Revd. Graham Heath	01530 413721
Ashby Congregational	Revd. Catherine Booton	01530 563301
Ashby Methodist Church	Revd. Jacky Goaten	01530 412298
Our Lady of Lourdes	Father Peter Wade	01530 412237

 **petdeli**   
Free Local Delivery  
*Your local pet food specialist*  
5a Brook Street, Ashby de la Zouch  
Leicestershire, LE65 1HA  
Telephone : 01530 417484  
See our latest offers on our  
website, Facebook & Twitter pages!



   [www.petdeliashby.com](http://www.petdeliashby.com)

**A.E. Grice**   
**Funeral Service**

Offering a sympathetic  
24 hour service in your  
time of need.

**4 Derby Road,  
Ashby de la Zouch**

**01530  
412229**

## THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY SHOP



THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

**94 Market Street**

Ashby de la Zouch

*Serving the community since 1987  
Quality nearly-new bargains for everyone  
Gifts of donated goods always needed  
Volunteer helpers welcome*  
Telephone **01530 417096**



**JP SPRINGTHORPE & C<sup>o</sup>**

**Funeral Directors**

**Castle Lodge  
South Street  
Ashby de la Zouch  
Leicestershire  
LE65 1BR**

As the only privately owned, family run, Funeral Directors in  
Ashby de la Zouch, we are able to offer an extremely personal,  
yet professional service, and at a reasonable cost,  
both in Leicestershire and Derbyshire

**Under the personal supervision of John Springthorpe**

*Quotations given*

**Telephone: 01530 417310 anytime**