



St Helen's Church

Loving God, loving others, loving the world

Notices for 11th October, 2020

Every season presents us with different things to appreciate. For me the autumn leaf colours are a highlight, so as the leaves start to change to a pallet of yellows and reds etc and the hibernating animals busy themselves gathering food. Of course the liturgical calendar also changes a little, some of our churches have had Harvest services, all be it a little differently. By the time we usually stop singing 'We plough the fields and scatter' throughout the benefice thoughts immediately start to change to towards All Saints remembrance day and then into advent.

Again each season has it's highlights something that I think the composer Vivaldi encapsulates in his composition "The Four Seasons". Music plays an important part in our churches and course as demonstrated by that harvest hymn, the seasons come with their own musical accompaniment and favourites.

We have heard how grateful many of you are of the choir at St Helen's, who we are truly thankful to. We are blessed to have Andrew and the choir at St Helen's and the other musicians throughout the Flagstaff team who work hard to add music to our worship.

We also know how much many have missed music and singing, although not hearing my dulcet tones is by no means a bad thing.

Elsewhere on this news-sheet you will see a piece about an attempt to build on the musical talent that is represented in the team. Which in itself completely builds on the essence of the team because we are looking to share and encourage others through music. It is not the intention to replace anything we have in the moment, rather the intention is indeed to do the opposite by adding to our diversity.

The links between music and mission present us with some tantalising opportunities. The language of music is diverse and speaks to people in different ways, whether your taste is choral evensong or Hillsong the focus should always be on God, which for churches this is the uniqueness of our music.

Yours in Christ
Stewart

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The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse

On Tuesday, the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) published its findings on the Church of England. It concluded that the Church of England failed to protect children from sexual abuse, and created a culture where abusers could hide and would be protected.

Responding to the report the Bishop of Huddersfield, Jonathan Gibbs, the Church of England's safeguarding bishop and Melissa Caslake, the Church's national director of safeguarding, said, 'The report makes shocking reading, and while apologies will never take away the effects of abuse on victims and survivors, we today want to express our shame about the events that have made those apologies necessary. The whole Church must learn lessons from this inquiry.'

It is, indeed, a matter of shame that the Church to which we belong has failed so terribly to protect and prosper the most vulnerable. May God have mercy upon us and may we resolve to respond to the lessons of the report, however challenging they might be.

A new independent helpline, run by Victim Support, has been set up to support anyone affected by the report. The helpline, 'Safe Spaces' can be called on 0300 303 1056, or emailed at safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk

Revd Mary

◆ 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

NOTICES

NEXT WEEK

An Evening to ask 4 Questions

19th 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.

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.

APCM *

On 27th October at 7.30pm the APCM will be held in the church building and, simultaneously, online via Zoom.

Please let Jill C know (07725519453 sthelensashby@gmail.com) if you would like to attend the meeting in the building or if you would like to attend online. **Nominations, for Churchwardens or PCC, should be emailed to Mary with the name of the proposer and the seconder.**

A link to the APCM report is on the What's Coming Up page on website https://www.sthelensashby.net/Groups/335533/Whats_coming_up.asp
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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'

* Further information on the APCM and the harvest collection 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. **This service will be on the Flagstaff Facebook page** – search for **The Flagstaff Family of Churches** and 'like' the page.

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.

Christmas Window Display

Are you artistic or creative? Are you ready and willing to try something new

and different? If so, do read on. We are planning to invite households across town to decorate a downstairs/upstairs window visible from their drives or safely from the road, depicting a Christian Christmas Carol or song. A leaflet will be published in due course on line with a trail to follow the windows from 18th -23rd December between 4-7pm. Children are encouraged to work out with their parents which carol/song each window is depicting and can enter a competition. If you are interested or want more Information, please contact Eileen @ 07711286486.

The Flagstaff Collective

Music is an important part of church culture and in the Flagstaff Family there is great diversity of music that contributes to our worship. However although the smaller churches in the family get by with one or two musicians and CDs we are aware that music offers a great opportunity for Mission. So, we are looking to start a Flagstaff band where people can commit to as much as they can at different events e.g; occasional 5th Sunday in smaller churches, Christmas / Easter events inside or outside and other opportunities. In no way are we looking to create competition within our existing music groups, rather collaboration an opportunity to explore new things. If anyone is interested in being a part of this exciting project then please contact: Pete Hyland petyhyland@mail.com 07970652148.

Ashby Foodbank

October Shopping List

- Tinned vegetables, especially carrots and sweetcorn
- Sponge puddings – longlife
- Longlife juice
- Jam
- Chocolate treats – such as Penguins, KitKats etc
- Toilet rolls
- Washing up liquid
- Shower gel
- Nappies, size 5 & 6

Items can be left in the boxes in the porches of Holy Trinity Church and the Congregational Church or in the boxes in the Co-ops around Ashby

Pastoral Principles for Living Well Together

Principles still to come -

14th Oct Cast out fear

21st Oct Admit hypocrisy

28th Oct Pay attention to power

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

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:

- ◆ Rosemary Emilia Tillotson-Roberts
- ◆ Margaret Winifred Mary 'Peggie' Pemberton
- ◆ William John Flint

- ◆ Thomas Lord Yates
- ◆ Herbert Hammond
- ◆ William Russell Flint
- ◆ Derek James Edward Evans
- ◆ Colin Arthur Morton
- ◆ John Alfred Harrison
- ◆ Janet Grace Elliott

Worship

Sunday

◆ 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

Wednesday

10am Holy Communion at St Helen's

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

Lectionary readings for next week are:

◆ Sun 11th October: Proverbs 3.1-18

OR 1 John 3.1-15

◆ Mon 12th October: 2 Chronicles 17.1

12 OR Mark 15.1-15

◆ Tues 13th October: 2 Chronicles

18.1- 27 OR Mark 15.16-32

◆ Wed 14th October: 2 Chronicles

18.28—end of 19 OR Mark 15.33-41

◆ Thurs 15th October: 2 Chronicles

20.1-23 OR Mark 15.42-end

◆ Fri 16th October:

2 Chronicles 22.10—end of 23 OR

Mark 16.1-8

◆ Sat 17th October: 2 Chronicles

24.1-22 OR Mark 16.9-end