



St Helen's Church

Loving God, loving others, loving the world

Notices for 1st November, 2020

Dear Friends

At Tuesday evening's APCM, as well as taking a glance back at 2019 and a look ahead into what a post-pandemic worshipping community might look like, we conducted the statutory elections for churchwardens and for PCC members.

We elected Valerie Backman and Val Bowron as our churchwardens and I am so grateful, as I know you are, for their willingness to serve in this capacity. Please pray for them as they form a new churchwardens' team, and as Valerie joins Standing Committee for the first time.

Valerie's appointment followed the end of Helen Smith's term of office - a wonderful six and a half years of faithful, skillful, dedicated, hard-working service. Helen's contribution has been so significant in the day-to-day life of running a busy parish and in the delivery of the heritage project that there are hardly words to thank her. On your behalf, I presented her with flowers at the APCM. Helen - thank you so much!

We are also so grateful to PCC members who have served their terms of office and are now standing down: to Emily Darlington, David Darlington, Mary Handford and Pauline Wells. Each have been wise and supportive members of the PCC, bringing their expertise from the whole

of their lives to our discussions. They will be much missed in our PCC meetings, but will continue to be a valued part of our life together.

Newly elected to the PCC are Julian Boardman Weston, Alison Cross, John Dennis (a re-elected member) Shan Dyer and Caroline Essex. We are looking forward to much to all that they will bring to our reflections and decision-making. Please pray for them as they join us at such a challenging time. Also - as far as our current circumstances allow - do try to get to know them better and feed your thoughts into our discussions through them. They will want to know your take on things.

Our first PCC meeting will be on 24th November at 7.30pm on Zoom. In the meantime, the Standing Committee will meet as we begin to form as a new team and look ahead into next year.

Your support and prayers are much appreciated.

With love

Mary

Dear Friends

Well November has arrived, it is a certainly is a time of change, the seasonal switch seems to in motion and the clocks have gone back making daylight a little shorter. Change is always inevitable and often a little scary, some changes we are active in and others we are swept along with. Certainly this last year change has swept all of us along in different ways and provoking different responses.

It is always helpful to reflect on times of change and from a Christian perspective intentionally looking to see where God has been at work. This of course has been a theme of recent meetings and interesting insights and discussions on the 'the four questions'.

The Bishops of Leicester and Loughborough have also been encouraging the diocese to explore what being - 'Shaped like God together' may look like.

I would strongly encourage you to look at the diocese website and engage with the ideas, a link is here - <https://www.leicester.anglican.org/about-us/sbgt/shapedbygodtogether.php>

Of course being shaped by God is one of the core fundamentals of Christian discipleship, we know that we can come to Christ as we are but also realise that God's will is to shape and mold us. This is an ongoing process and one that happens to individual, Christians, Churches and wider bodies. We have in some way already been shaped by God. Although the closing date for submitting stories has passed I have been told that any stories submitted will still be collected by the diocese's Mission and Ministry team.

On a personal note I can confirm that my 3 month placement will be with Whetstone and Cosby Churches. There is of course an anticipation that God will use that time to continue to mold and shape me according to his will. As a family we are so grateful to you all for being a part of the shaping of us during our time with you so far and we look forward to returning around February.

Stewart

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Flagstaff Family Facebook page

A reminder to encourage you to 'like' the Flagstaff Family Facebook page, as we will soon be starting to live-stream our services there.

Our A Time to Remember service (All Souls) is today, Sunday 1st November, online on the Flagstaff Family Facebook page starting just before 6.30pm.

You might like to have a candle to light at home at the same time as we light candles in church.

Remembrance Sunday:

A film for Remembrance Sunday, shot in Ashby, in St Helen's, and in the villages, will be posted to the Flagstaff Family Facebook page, and to the Ashby Town Council Facebook page at around 10.45am on 8th November, so that the film's two-minute silence coincides with 11.00am.

There will be no service at St Helen's that morning. There will be a 4.00pm service of said Communion that afternoon, streamed live to Facebook.

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:

- ◆ Anne Tegwedd Morris
- ◆ Lena Ethel Kemble
- ◆ Jean Mary Randall
- ◆ Catherine Elizabeth Smith
- ◆ Wilfred James Whetton
- ◆ Blodwyn Vann
- ◆ Algernon James Day
- ◆ Pamela Ann Jones
- ◆ Jean Gray
- ◆ Evelyn Marian Roughton
- ◆ Evelyn Worth
- ◆ Marian Gwen King
- ◆ Violet Lilian King
- ◆ Stanley Thomas Hewitt
- ◆ Horace Cox
- ◆ Kathleen Forster

◆ St Helen's Prayer Chain:

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

◆ Notice Sheet Prayer requests:

Jill Chapman on 07725 519453
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Services

◆ Sunday 1st November

- 10.30am
All-Age worship (not in church)
Live on St Helen's Facebook
- 4.00pm
Holy Communion at Isley Walton
- 6.30pm
A Time To Remember (All Souls)
(not in church)
Live on Flagstaff Facebook

◆ Wednesday 4th November

- 10am
Holy Communion at St Helen's
& live on St Helen's Facebook

◆ Sunday 8th November

- 10.45am
Remembrance (not in church)
Pre-recorded film on Flagstaff
Facebook & Town Council
Facebook pages
- 4.00pm
Holy Communion at St Helen's
& live on St Helen's Facebook

Jill Chapman will take bookings for services on
sthelensashby@gmail.com

Night Prayer/Compline

Lectionary readings for next week are:

- Sun 1st: Isaiah 65.17-end
OR Hebrews 11.32 – 12.2
- Mon 2nd: Isaiah 1.1-20
OR Matthew 1.18-end
- Tues 3rd: Isaiah 1.21-end
OR Matthew 2.1-15
- Wed 4th: Isaiah 2.1-11
OR Matthew 2.16-end
- Thurs 5th: Isaiah 2.12-end
OR Matthew 3
- Fri 6th: Isaiah 3.1-15
OR Matthew 4.1-11
- Sat 7th: Isaiah 4.2 – 5.7
OR Matthew 4.12-22