



St Helen's Church

Loving God, loving others, loving the world

Notices for 8th November, 2020

Dear Friends

The phrase 'British Bulldog spirit', meaning unrelenting courage, had evolved during the 19th century, plucky Bulldogs soon became a regular fixture in World War I propaganda posters.

But perhaps the most symbolism came when Winston Churchill became Prime Minister.

His jowly face, broad body, and steadfast determination to overcome some powerful adversaries in World War II made him an almost living embodiment of the heroic pooch.

Churchill's great speeches often oozed a deep sense of determination. There is evidence of a speech that was written for Harrow that contains the words: never give in, never give in, never, never, never-in nothing, great or small, large or petty – never give in except to convictions of honour and good sense. Never yield to force; never yield to the apparently overwhelming might of the enemy.

It seems quite fitting to use that sentiment, not just because today is Remembrance day, but the latest battle in the war against Covid-19 we are again left a little with our backs to the walls, our lives, liberty, businesses, jobs and churches are once again having to adapt to tighter restrictions.

Yet, history is testament to great stories of those those who overcame the odds, those who dug deep and came through hard times. One of our great strengths as the church is that we can look to God , we can come before God in prayer to lament, to cry out and carry one another.

The great strength therefore is that we are never alone, and that we have one another. Last week we celebrated All Saints and we thought about some of the groups of saints at work in our churches, we remembered that everyone who trusts in God is a saint and that saints bring the light of Christ into the darkness.

We have seen and heard stories of different things people have done to help others in these times, even little things that have gone a long way. So please let us once again, dig deep, pull together and carry one another through this latest battle as we remember to look to God for strength. We may be locked down but we are never out!!

God bless and take care

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Remembrance Sunday TODAY:

For Remembrance Sunday, a pre-recorded act of worship for the whole team, filmed in Ashby, in St Helen's, and in the villages, will be shown on the Flagstaff Family Facebook page at 10.45am. (Breedon is recording a separate service.) Please pass this information on to your congregations.

There will be an online service of Holy Communion at 4pm, also streamed to the Flagstaff Family Facebook page.

On-line Worship

After Remembrance Sunday, we will revert to our pattern of live-streamed 10.30am worship for the whole Flagstaff Family streamed to the **Flagstaff Family page on Facebook**. (Go to the page and 'like' it to watch all our services.)

This will be until the beginning of December, when we will review our plans in the light of the Government guidance current at that time.

This means that these 4pm services will not now take place: 8th Nov at Worthington, 15th Nov Staunton Harold, & 22nd Nov at Breedon

Garden Help Offer

Alison & Alan Cross have volunteered their help with tidying gardens over the winter months, with such tasks as clearing dead plants, pruning perennials, removing weeds, and clearing dead leaves.

For more information on their offer, and a description, with photos, of their own beautiful garden, see the November St Helen's magazine on the website at www.sthelensashby.net under the 'What's On' tab

Alison and Alan's contact details are:

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Makaton Taster Session On Zoom

Our regular final song at our All-Age service is Peace To You, and we saw it accompanied by signing in Makaton by Alison Cross at our on-line service on August 2nd. (You can see it, and any other service you missed or might like to watch again at the St Helen's website www.sthelensashby.net under the Church Life tab.)

Makaton is a Language Programme that uses Signs together with Speech and Symbols, to enable people to communicate.

Alison has for many years taught within the Special Needs sector of Education, and is a Licensed Makaton Tutor. She runs various courses covering all levels of Makaton to all age groups including babies, teachers, children and parents etc. She is offering any of us who are interested in finding out about Makaton the opportunity of some short 'taster' sessions. These will give a general introduction into what Makaton is and who uses it, with the opportunity to learn a few signs and symbols too. Participants will receive hand-outs covering the vocabulary they have learned and general information regarding further Makaton training and Makaton resources.

Duration

Usually about 1 hour 30 minutes.

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Men's Breakfast

The next event (via Zoom) is at 9:00am on Saturday 14th November and is open to all (partners, friends family etc).

Email Geoff Richman for the link details geoff.richman@btinternet.com

PRAYER

The Sick

Pray for those who are sick, disabled or housebound.

The bereaved

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

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

- ◆ Vera Hunt
- ◆ Frederick Holt
- ◆ Nora Annie Whitlock
- ◆ John Hill
- ◆ Harry Baker

◆ 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 8th November

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

◆ Sunday 15th November

- 10.30am Holy Communion, streamed live on Flagstaff Facebook page

◆ Sunday 22nd November

- 10.30am Holy Communion, streamed live on Flagstaff Facebook page

◆ Sunday 29th November

- 10.30am Holy Communion, streamed live on Flagstaff Facebook page

Night Prayer/Compline

Lectionary readings for next week are:

- Sun 8th November:
Judges 7.2-22 OR John 15.9-17
- Mon 9th November:
Isaiah 5.8-24 OR Matthew 4.23—5.12
- Tues 10th November:
Isaiah 5.25-end OR Matthew 5.13-20
- Wed 11th November:
Isaiah 6 OR Matthew 5.21-37
- Thurs 12th November:
Isaiah 7.1-17 OR Matthew 5.38-end
- Fri 13th November:
Isaiah 8.1-15 OR Matthew 6.1-18
- Sat 14th November:
Isaiah 8.16—9.7 OR Matthew 6.19-end

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