



## St Helen's Church

Loving God, loving others, loving the world

# Notices for 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2020

Dear Friends

I hope you've been enjoying the dancing - the 'in-out, in-out, shake it all about' of worshipping in our buildings during this pandemic!

Now, take your partners, please, because in the twists and turns of the dance, we're about to go in again, whilst remaining also, ever, online for those who are staying at home just now. From 2<sup>nd</sup> December, whichever tier we are in - and we'll find out more about that later today (as I write on Thursday) - we will be able to reopen our buildings for worship, with all the very careful, tried and tested measures firmly in place. Our first service back in church will be at Isley Walton on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm, and then our Wednesday, Sunday, rhythm will resume as follows:

- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> 10.00am at St Helen's
- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 10.30am at St Helens, 4.00pm at Worthington
- Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 10.30am at St Helens, 6.30pm Flagstaff Family online carol service
- Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Flagstaff Family service online only

To book seats at Isley Walton or St Helen's please email [sthelensashby@gmail.com](mailto:sthelensashby@gmail.com).

We will have services in-building on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, too. Because the numbers we can have in church will be restricted by

social distancing measures, it is vital that you book for these services. They are:

- Christmas Eve, 11.30pm Holy Communion at St Helen's
- Christmas Eve, 11.15pm Holy Communion at Holy Trinity
- Christmas Day, 8.30am Holy Communion at St Helen's
- Christmas Day, 9.00am Holy Communion at Breedon
- Christmas Day, 10.30am Holy Communion at St Helen's

The Christmas Eve 11.30pm and the Christmas Day 10.30am services will be streamed live to the Flagstaff Family Facebook page.

Bookings for the Breedon and St Helen's service are via email to [sthelensashby@gmail.com](mailto:sthelensashby@gmail.com)

In the first place, please book for just one of these Christmas Eve/Christmas Day services. If you'd like to go to two services, please express a second preference and Jill will allocate you a seat at that service, too, if there is space once all the first choice people have been seated.

In the light of this simplified season, our decoration in church will be simple, too: a focus on the crib to help us focus on the child born for us.

Welcome to a special season!

With love

Mary

## COMING UP SOON

### **Advent Carol service: this Sunday 6.30pm**

Join us live on the Flagstaff Family of Churches Facebook page at 6.30pm this Sunday for our team's Advent Carol Service. Listen to stories of God's light transforming the darkness, of Jesus born light of the world, of the heavenly city we await which will be pure light. Listen to your own vocation to be a bearer of light. Listen, and be filled with hope and renewed purpose.

### **Prayer for the Day Advent special: begins this Monday at 8.00am**

Join us throughout Advent, as we trace Jesus' family tree and, through it, rediscover why he was born as a baby that first Christmas morning. Hear about his ancestors and how they might inspire us. Follow Jill's online Jesse Tree and create your own at home.

### **Compline returns: this Wednesday at 9.00pm**

As we mark the change of season, we are picking up our practice of praying Compline together. The service, live-streamed to the Flagstaff Family Facebook page, will be held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, and then Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>-Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>. The order of service is being circulated with this pew sheet. Do come and join us.

### **DIY Christingle: 13<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00pm**

To keep everyone safe, we're holding our big children's services online this year. The first of these is Christingle in two weeks time. We will be streaming the service online to the Flagstaff Family of Churches at 4.00pm. In the service, we'll each be making our own Christingle. Christingle kits are being

delivered to Breedon, Newbold and Coleorton primary schools. If your child (or you!) doesn't go to one of those schools, **pick up your DIY Christingle kit from St Helen's on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 10.00am-midday**

## COMING UP LATER

- Christmas Windows  
18<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> December at 4pm-7pm
- Bedtime Stories on-line  
18<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> December at 7pm
- Christmas Carol Service on-line  
20<sup>th</sup> Dec at 6.30 pm
- Children's Carol Service on-line  
24<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm

## NOTICES

### **Ashby Foodbank**

◆ Ashby Foodbank would like Christmas items by the **end of November** in order to make up hampers.

The Foodbank is only able to take donations up to **11<sup>th</sup> Dec**, resuming accepting donations in the New Year.

◆ November shopping list: Longlife sponge puddings & fruit juice, jam, tinned hot meat (such as chicken in white sauce or stewing steak), tinned custard, washing up liquid, shampoo, shower gel, Christmas chocolate treats, Christmas puddings, items for Christmas hampers.

At present they do not need baked beans, tinned soup or pasta. Items can be left in the porch of Holy Trinity.

### **Stamps**

Anne Heaton has offered to act as a collection centre for used stamps which she will send to RNIB. Drop them off (before Jan 1<sup>st</sup>) at 19 Rydal Gardens, LE65 1FJ. Foreign stamps need to be separated from UK stamps, and a cm left round each one.

## Christmas Cards & Fairtrade gifts

Although we have sadly not been able to hold our usual November fairtrade stall this year at church, there are many potential gifts as well as Christmas cards now available at the Fair2All online shop:

<http://www.fair2all.net/>. Please could I encourage you to take a look and/or if you can wait until next week, the shop itself on the corner of South Street and Bath Street will be open for business again in line with government guidelines.

Happy shopping and thank you for your support.

Caroline Essex

## 12 Days of Giving

Ecclesiastical Insurance have launched this year's 12 days of giving. During the period 7<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> December they donate £1,000 to 10 eligible charities each weekday totalling £120k to 120 charities over 12 days. To nominate St Helen's, visit [movementforgood.com/12days](http://movementforgood.com/12days) and click 'nominate a charity now'.

Each draw will close at midnight the day before, with all nominations rolled over to the next available draw unless the charity is drawn.

The more nominations a charity gets, the greater its chance of receiving a £1,000 donation, so start spreading the word to your friends and family.

**Nominate today**

## Men's Breakfast

Our next Men's Breakfast Meeting is at 9:00am on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2020 by ZOOM.

This will be a SPECIAL EVENT in the lead up to Christmas.

Hugh Milward has offered to organise a game for us which resembles the TV favourite Pointless. Also, be prepared with jokes, anecdotes or just a clear singing voice

Geoff Richman (Zoom link from [geoff.richman@btinternet.com](mailto:geoff.richman@btinternet.com))

◆Instructions for Hugh's game:

Before the meeting place on a standard size dinner plate 26 objects of your choice corresponding to the letters of the alphabet (eg an apple for A, a button for B, a candle for C and so on). Bring your loaded plate to the meeting. We'll go through the alphabet and if any other member has the same object on their plate, they must be all removed from all plates. The winner is the member who has the most objects left on their plate at the end of the game.

## 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:

- ◆ Muriel Tisdall
- ◆ Bernard Charles Roughton
- ◆ Lionel Sylvester Walford
- ◆ Margaret Hilda Bennett
- ◆ Charles George Edward Slaney
- ◆ Charles Albert 'Bert' Inwood
- ◆ Henry Ernest Lyall Fisher
- ◆ Dorothy Jane Richards
- ◆ Flora Winifred Hamlet
- ◆ Veronica Mildred Farmer
- ◆ Marion Rose Jervis
- ◆ Florence Muriel Holt
- ◆ Walter Miller

#### ◆ St Helen's Prayer Chain:

Judith Lewis on 01530 564204  
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