



St Helen's Church

Loving God, loving others, loving the world

Notices for 16th May 2021

Dear Friends

Many of you will be aware that the Diocese of Leicester, together with many other dioceses, is going through a process of re-organisation. In the Diocese of Leicester this is called, 'Shaped by God Together'.

The Diocese are exploring re-organising the way we deploy ministers - both those who are unpaid, and those who offer their service on a voluntary basis - and how we use our buildings. This re-organisation is likely to be radical, prompted as it is by a rapid fall in income.

The Diocese have generated three potential models of how ministry might be deployed under this re-organisation. This has been presented to PCCs in an online evening with Bishop Martyn. Having received this presentation, we are now being asked to give our feedback.

It is absolutely crucial that we do this. This is our opportunity to make our voices heard.

To support this, the Flagstaff Family are having an evening on Zoom on **Tuesday 1st June at 7.30pm.**

At this evening, we will present our best understanding of each of the three models in turn, and then discuss those models in church breakout rooms as our responses may differ

depending on our context. (We will have one breakout room per church, unless there are insufficient numbers from any one church.) Each breakout room will complete a simple feedback form which we will then send to the diocese.

I hope, if you possibly can, that you will attend this meeting. The Zoom link is here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87985550086?pwd=b3VlQmZWZEZkL1lpRkZLejdlcUxadz09>

Meeting ID: 879 8555 0086

Passcode: 130615

Please do get back to me, to Tim or to Stewart if you have any questions about this process.

Best wishes

Mary

NOTICES & NEWS

Open Church at St Helen's

In line with the next phase in the Government's road-map which will begin on 17th May, the St Helen's PCC have agreed to re-open the church building on a daily basis, also starting from this coming Monday. Church will be unlocked by 8.30am and will be locked up at around 4pm. We will put up signage asking anyone going into church to sanitise their hands as they arrive, and to maintain social distancing inside the building. I think that this opening will be welcomed by members of our congregations and by local people alike.
Revd Mary

APCM: this Tuesday

The St Helen's annual meetings are at 7.30pm this coming Tuesday. The meeting will be held on Zoom, except for those who don't have access to Zoom. To apply to attend the meeting in the Heritage Centre please email sthelensashby@gmail.com. Otherwise, please join the meeting using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83756641257?pwd=bUFYVG9JSDRZd2tOSjI3QjlrU0lvQT09>

Meeting ID: 837 5664 1257
Passcode: 399350

Saturday morning prayers

On Zoom on Saturday morning from 9.30am for about an hour: Bible reading, prayers and supporting one another. The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81719457635?pwd=RnlzZjNMa1JHYzRTU29KaWVUaFd5UT09>

Meeting ID: 817 1945 7635
Passcode: 779612

Worship this week

◆ Sunday 16th -10.30am

Holy Communion at St Helen's, Ashby, and live-streamed

◆ Sunday 16th -4.00pm

Although Staunton Harold's building work is progressing well, sadly it will not be ready to host this service as originally planned.

◆ Wednesday 19th -10.00am

Holy Communion at St Helen's Ashby and live-streamed

To book for Sunday services

email sthelensashby@gmail.com

Booking for Wednesday services is no longer required.

Isolation Creation: An exhibition

The Events and Activities Team (EAT) are looking forward to hosting an exhibition called 'Isolation Creation'; an exhibition of the things people sewed, carved, photographed, painted, wrote, wove, moulded, papier-maché, knitted and crocheted (other crafts are also welcome!) during lock-down. The hope is that this exhibition will be a way of celebrating the flourishing of creativity in the darkest and most difficult months of recent memory. Watch this space - and our website and social media pages - for information about how you can apply to submit items for display.

Giving

You can make donations to the work of St Helen's via our website - <https://www.sthelensashby.net/Groups/327469/Giving.aspx>

Christian Aid Week May 2021

A reminder you can donate via our St Helen's e-envelope <https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/sthelensashby.net>

Thy Kingdom Come: Ascension Day to Pentecost eve

For the last few years, the Church of England has held a season of prayer called 'Thy Kingdom Come' on the ten days between Ascension and Pentecost.

This year we would like to invite you to pray as follows:

◆ Ascension Day

For the Flagstaff Family of Churches and those who minister within it; for our Pastoral Assistants Kathy Hart and Steph Whiten; for our Readers Sue Brown, Steve Clowes, Carol Eyley, Judith Lewis and Andy Smith; for our retired clergy Stephen Brook, Paul Harris and Margaret Jacques; for clergy with permission to officiate, for Julie-Ann Heath; for our stipendiary clergy Stewart Betts, Mary Gregory and Tim Phillips

◆ 14th May

For St Helen's and Holy Trinity, Ashby de la Zouch as they prepare for their APCMs and to welcome new members to their Standing Committees.

◆ 15th May

For St Mary and St Hardulph, Breedon on the Hill, with Holy Trinity, Staunton Harold; for Rachel Askew, Breedon's newly appointed Heritage Officer, that her work might help the church make new connections with those who live in the village; for the congregation at Staunton, looking forward to their return to worship in the building after a lengthy period being unable to do so because of building works.

◆ 16th May

For St Mary's, Coleorton, praying God's blessing on the relaunch of the Messy Church hosted there; for new people to feel called to help run that special community, and for new families to be drawn to joining it.

◆ 17th May

For All Saints, Isley Walton, giving thanks for the completion of the tower restoration project, and praying for its financial stability following two years of not receiving a sizable grant from the Download festival

◆ 18th May

For St Matthew's, Worthington, giving thanks for the hospitality they can offer in their building to their community, and praying that the church building can once again form a focus for village life

◆ 19th May

For the Deanery of North-West Leicestershire; for Gill Pinnington, our Area Dean, and Tim Phillips Assistant to the Area Dean; for the vacant parishes at Broom Leys, Whitwick, Swannington and Thringstone, Blackfordby and Woodville, Hugglescote, Ellistown and Snibston

◆ 20th May

For the Diocese of Leicester, for the Shaped by God Together process, that this re-organisation might be life-giving and kingdom-advancing.

◆ 21st May

For Martyn, our Bishop; for Claire and Richard, our Archdeacons; for David, Dean of our cathedral.

◆ 22nd May

For our mission to share the good news of Jesus Christ; that nothing would divert us from the task of sharing the gospel, and that we would be renewed daily in faith and hope and love for those around us; and that, at Pentecost, we would be filled anew with God's Holy Spirit for all that he has for us to do.

PRAYER

Our treasurer and vergers vacancies

Please pray for the right person to be identified for each of these roles.

The sick, disabled or housebound:

Pray for ...

◆ Peggy Adams

...& others known to you

The bereaved

Pray especially for anyone known to you who is recently bereaved.

Pray for all families for whom the funerals of their loved ones have taken place during the pandemic.

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

◆ David Benson

◆ Rosslyn Richard Parkin

◆ Rosemary Burnett

◆ Maurice Watson Capewell

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