



St Helen's Church

Loving God, loving others, loving the world

Notices for 13th June 2021

Dear Friends

To write the retreat addresses I've been preparing this week, I decided I needed a change of scenery; a different perspective. Other options being somewhat restricted, I created a little writing room upstairs with a table looking out on a view I never normally see; over my hedge onto the unmade road leading down to Prior Park, and into a neighbour's garden. (I promise I have been doing more writing than snooping!)

It's amazing the difference a new outlook has given me. It has told me that I am here for a particular purpose, engaged on a particular task, and has kept my more routine preoccupations downstairs, in my study, out of arm's and mind's reach. I am hoping that being in London at the end of next week will also energise me with new vistas, new perspectives.

I know that some of us have been fortunate enough to get away for a few days, and others have a holiday planned. I hope that you will feel the benefits of a new view, a new daily walk. Even for those of you whose circumstances keep you confined to barracks, I hope that, like me, you can find a new corner to settle in, a new outlook to revive you in your weariness.

Being a person of faith is to have a new perspective; to see things, not just with world-weary eyes, but from the point of view of our life in Jesus Christ. Through the lens of our beliefs, the world is transformed: what has looked like loss, is revealed as gain; what appears as weakness is strength, and we can see that those we had thought last have actually crossed the finishing line first.

And as Christians, we're called to a new way of seeing in our interactions with others, too: to see them, not just as they look or behave or speak, but to see, like Jesus does, with imagination, for all the potential they have, and, with compassion, for all that they might be going through. Before we judge, we are to look from a new angle, adopt a new perspective.

Happy looking! - and *seeing*.

God bless

Revd Mary

NOTICES & NEWS

Collection for the Betts family

We are looking forward to giving the Betts family a gift to mark their time with us in the Flagstaff Family, and to thank them for all they have been amongst us. To contribute to the gift, please post your contribution through the Rectory door marked 'The Betts Family' or bring it to any of our services in the Flagstaff Family to be passed on to Revd Mary. Please can we invite contributions by Sunday 20th June? Many thanks.

Forthcoming services

Sunday 13th:

◆ 10.30am Holy Communion at St Helen's, and live-streamed to the Flagstaff Family of Churches
Facebook page

◆ 4.00pm Holy Communion at St Mary's, Coleorton

Wednesday:

◆ 10.00am Holy Communion at St Helen's, and live-streamed to the Flagstaff Family of Churches
Facebook page

Next Sunday (20th):

◆ 10.30am Holy Communion at St Helen's, and live-streamed to the Flagstaff Family of Churches
Facebook page

◆ 4.00pm Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Staunton Harold

To attend any of the Sunday services in the buildings, please

email sthelensashby@gmail.com

(Wednesdays no longer require booking)

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

Funeral of Suzanne Edwards

This will be held at St Helen's on Friday 25th June at 11.00am.

Details about opportunities to share in this service (online or by gathering in the churchyard) will follow in next week's pew sheet.

Diocesan restructuring: prayers for centrally employed staff

Please remember in your prayers all those employed by the Diocese in central (non-parochial) roles. They have been informed this week that some of them are at risk of redundancy and will know in a few weeks' time whether they will continue in post. Please pray for them in this challenging and unsettling times.

Isolation Creation: An exhibition

On

• June 26th & 27th

• July 3rd & 4th

• July 10th & 11th

10-4 on Saturdays

12-4 on Sundays

There will be an exhibition in church of all sorts of arts, crafts and creativity which helped people through the last 14 months.

Isolation Creation - help needed

Whilst we're hosting the exhibition would you like to help? - especially as one of our 'curators' is heading off for a hip op instead!

Can you help with any of these tasks?

◆ receiving exhibits on 21st June

◆ displaying them on 24th and 25th

◆ stewarding (welcoming people into church) during the exhibition on 26th & 27th June, 3rd, 4th, 10th, & 11th July

If you can help, please contact Revd Mary or Sharn Stinson (on sthelensheritage@gmail.com).

Growing Faith

As we consider the important structural changes in the Diocese we might want to pause and consider the heart of the matter – growing faith. I draw your attention to two opportunities for people to do just that.

◆ Everyday Spirituality – spiritual habits for everyday life

Tuesday 29th June 7-8pm on Zoom
or

Saturday 3rd July 10.00-11.30 at St Peter's Church, Copt Oak, LE67 9QB

I enclose a flyer to pass on to anyone you think might be interested or post on church news sheets

◆ Journey on Faith Course

Starting October

This course continues to be fruitful in growing faith and generating vocations

Details can be found on the website and I can provide additional information

with blessings

Liz Rawlings

Discipleship and Vocations Enabler

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Nature Workshops

Hospice Hope are running a series of (Covid-secure) nature workshops in collaboration with Wild Minds and the National Forest. These are free for anyone living with a health condition in North West Leicestershire. If you aren't sure whether someone might be suitable ring 07591952027. Also being offered is travel cost reimbursement of up to £5.

Workshops will be held at Feanedock near Moira on June 19th, July 17th and August 11th.

PRAYER

The sick, disabled or housebound:

Pray for ...

◆ Peggy Adams

...& others known to you

The bereaved

◆ Pray especially for the family, friends and loved ones of Suzanne Edwards

◆ & 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:

◆ Carrie Louise Harris

◆ Jessie Evans

◆ Leonard Henry Matthews

◆ Albert 'Sam' Whitlock

◆ Richard Anthony Marlow

◆ Agnes Lilian Hall

◆ Ethel Anne Watson

◆ Percy Johnson

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