



St Helen's Church

Loving God, loving others, loving the world

Notices for 4th July 2021

**** All Age v British weather: seconds out, round two ****

Well, in June we tried to hold our All-Age worship service outside – and it rained. This Sunday at 10.30am we are going to try again! – and, again, there is a bit of rain forecast. Undeterred, let's plan for outside so that we can all sing. If it's just too wet we will go indoors, perhaps into the Heritage Centre so that we can have a hybrid indoors/ outdoors so that we can be together, and those who want to sing can be outside. Brollies at the ready – and here we go!

If you will be joining us online, and have a birthday to celebrate, please let me know by emailing revmarygregory@aol.co.uk

Dear Friends

This Sunday is 'Thank You Day' and that's really appropriate as, at St Helen's, we need to say 'thank you' to someone very special indeed; to Sharn Stinson whose time with us as an employee has come to an end. I write 'as an employee' because I very much hope that our friendship with her will continue, as someone who has brought such life and joy and creativity to our community.

Sharn has been working with us on our heritage activities for some years now, first under Llynda Baugh's leadership and more recently heading up our work with the support of our wonderful volunteers.

It's well worth a look back to remember some of the wonderful projects that Sharn has been instrumental in: the Community Plays, the Angel Festival, the Christmas Windows, Isolation Creation, and the adventures of those lockdown mice! Sharn has also been an integral part of our Community Heritage Centre garden design.

Actually, these are just the highlights for so much of Sharn's work has been very much behind the scenes, plugging away to make the public-facing aspect of our events so wonderful.

But it is not only for the things that Sharn has 'done' that she will be missed. I will especially miss her for who she 'is' – a tenacious, hard-working, imaginative, joyful, loving person; a friend.

If you'd like to contribute to a gift for Sharn, please pop an envelope through my door marked 'Sharn'.

Better still, when you see her, give her all the socially-distanced thanks you can!

With love

Mary

Isolation Creation

Continues this weekend and next and is open 10am-4.00pm on Saturdays, and 12 noon-4.00pm on Sundays.

This is a WONDERFUL exhibition – don't miss it!

Please note that because of the value of these exhibits, church cannot be left unlocked and unattended in the weeks that the exhibition is on.

NOTICES & NEWS

Forthcoming services

Sunday 4th

◆ 10.30am All-Age worship at St Helen's, and live-streamed to the Flagstaff Family of Churches

Facebook page

◆ 4.00pm Holy Communion at Isley Walton

Wednesday 7th

◆ 10.00am Holy Communion at St Helen's. **Note: we are not able to live-stream this service this**

week.and live-streamed to the

Flagstaff Family of Churches

Facebook page

Sunday 11th July:

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

Facebook page

◆ 12.30pm Baptism at St Helen's

◆ 4.00pm Holy Communion at Coleorton

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

email sthelensashby@gmail.com

(Wednesdays no longer require booking)

Diocesan review process

Please pray for Mary as she spends

Tuesday evening and all day

Wednesday and Thursday at an

extended meeting of the Bishop's

Council. This is part of the diocesan

review process called 'Shaped by God Together.'

At this facilitated meeting, the

extended council will decide which of

the three ministry models proposed

should be worked up onto more detail

ready to be put before the Diocesan

Synod in October.

If you have any views that you would

like Mary to consider as she goes to

that meeting, please do email her.

Many thanks.

Revd Canon Vivien Elphick

Vivien, Team Rector of the Woodville Team, has announced her retirement on 11th September. Please give thanks for Vivien's service both as Team Rector and as Area Dean. Please pray for Vivien's parishes as they have been notified that a replacement for Vivien will not be sought until decisions have been made in the Shaped by God Together process. The parishes of Blackfordby with Woodville and Hugglescote, Ellistown and Snibston are in the same position in our deanery.

Diocesan employees

Please continue to pray for Diocesan employees who continue to live with uncertainty about the longevity of their employment. This is extremely stressful for her.

July cycle of meetings

@ St Helen's:

5th July, 2pm – Standing Committee

12th July, 2pm – Mission and Ministry

20th July, 7.30pm- PCC

26th July, 10.00am – EAT

Please pray for those attending these meetings as we look ahead prayerfully into the next chapter of our life together.

Administrator interviews: Tuesday

Please pray for Mary and the

churchwardens as they interview

candidates for the role of Parish

Administrator on Tuesday. Please

pray for the candidates, that they

might be able to give of their best and

for the wisdom and guidance of God's

Holy Spirit.

Men's Breakfast: 10th July 2021

Geoff Richman writes:

I am pleased to announce the next

Men's Breakfast will be at **9:00am on**

Saturday 10th July 2021 and to

invite you to hear our guest Speaker Rev Stewart Betts who will give us a talk "WHO DO I THINK I AM?".

Stewart trained as a curate in the Flagstaff Family of Churches at St Helens, Ashby and was recently placed on secondment to cover a parish in vacancy pending him securing a permanent post. It is an honour that Stewart is able to join us for Men's Breakfast.

The ZOOM link to join the meeting is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88927184672?pwd=Nm1wWTc1QTQvUmlOSFF3TS9lVlpiZz09>

Zoom Room ID: 889 2718 4672

Password: 1840

There will **not** be a meeting in August as I expect many will be on holiday enjoying the freedom we have waited for for such a long time.

However, subject to meeting any social distancing requirements, we should resume Mens Breakfast in September to eat at Wetherspoons and then transfer to the Methodist Church Hall for our talk.

Geoff

Christian Aid 2021

Very many thanks to everyone from St Helen's who helped with the Christian Aid collection this year. A total of £671 was collected with an additional £63 from Gift Aid. At the current time when many worthy charities are calling on people's generosity, this was an excellent result for our church and we are grateful to everyone who donated. Shan Dyer

Giving

You can make donations to the work of St Helen's via our website

<https://www.sthelensashby.net/Groups/327469/Giving.aspx>

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 an opportunity for people to do just that.

◆ 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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Forthcoming heritage events for your diary

21st July, 7.30pm Zoom Lecture – 'History, heritage and faith: Richard III the gift that keeps on giving' by the Very Revd David Monteith

The Very Revd Dr David Monteith is Dean of Leicester. He led the project and oversaw the reinterment of King Richard III in Leicester Cathedral in 2015. David has been Dean since 2013, previously having served as Canon Chancellor with responsibility for learning and public theology. Prior to serving in Leicester he was Team Rector and Area Dean in Wimbledon and Associate Vicar of St Martin in the Fields London. There he led the English speaking congregations, was chaplain to the Homeless and helped to develop the £37million to renew and redevelop St Martins. He now chairs the College of Deans for the Church of England. He grew up in Northern Ireland during the Troubles followed by studies in Durham and Nottingham.

To book please email

sthelensheritage@gmail.com

14th August, 10am Children's glass fusing workshop

Watch this space for details on how to book.

18th August, 11am-1.00pm Music, Makaton and Edward Mammatt

A children's workshop promoting accessibility in church through an introduction to Makaton, and learning about Edward Mammatt, one time organist at St Helen's. A fun, informative session for children and their carers.

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PRAYER

The bereaved

- ◆ Pray 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:

- ◆ Margery Jinks
- ◆ Nellie Scattergood
- ◆ Terry Martin Miller
- ◆ John Edward Bale
- ◆ Gerald Ernest Samuel
- ◆ Donald Henry Cosway
- ◆ Linda Mary Tebay
- ◆ Mary Miller
- ◆ George Hines
- ◆ Gordon Charles Grimley

The sick, disabled or housebound:

Pray for ...

- ◆ Peggy Adams
- ◆ Jill Chapman, recovering from surgery
- ◆ David Wileman
- ...& others known to you

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