



St Helen's Church

Loving God, loving others, loving the world

## Notices for 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Friends

Firstly, some news to catch you up on....

◆ Further to my letter last week, we are still awaiting detailed guidance from the Church of England about how we should look to operate following the lifting of mandatory restrictions on 19th July. It's one of the things we'll be talking about at PCC and we will, I know, value your prayers as we take these next steps.

◆ Last week I spent three days at a meeting where the diocese considered the three possible ministry models that had been developed for implementation under the 'Shaped by God Together' process. The meeting decided that a hybrid of Model A (Minster model) and Model B (Mission Areas) would be developed, and that this single model would then be commended to Diocesan Synod in October.

◆ Also last week, the churchwardens and I interviewed candidates to succeed Jill Chapman as parish administrator. We are delighted to say that Carole Nettles has accepted the role. She will begin work in August, with an induction programme.

It continues to be a busy time - as you can see!

Secondly, I wanted to respond to something of a Twitter-storm that blew up last week. It started with a Church of England vicar who is championing the creation of 10,000 new churches. Whatever we might think about that ambition, the storm blew up around one or two other things that he said. One was ill-judged language about clergy, and the other about the role of people in our congregations. There are to be 'no passengers', he said.

I profoundly disagree. There will be seasons where each of us needs to become a passenger for a time, to be carried along by others, to be cared for, nurtured, served, as if a guest on a luxury cruise liner. Yes, there will be seasons when we can't man the decks but when we just need to rest and receive. You need to know that this is absolutely fine; that in our church family there is space here for you just to be when that is what you need. At those times, let the rest of us carry you, cherish you, offer you what you need. There is room for passengers here.

Much love

Mary

## NOTICES & NEWS

### Forthcoming services

#### This Sunday:

◆ 10.30am at St Helen's, a Service of the Word live-streamed to the Flagstaff Family of Churches  
Facebook page

◆ 4.00pm Staunton Harold Holy Communion (BCP)

#### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

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

#### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July:

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

◆ 4.00pm Holy Communion at Breedon

*To attend any of the Sunday services in the buildings, please email [sthelensashby@gmail.com](mailto:sthelensashby@gmail.com) (Wednesdays no longer require booking)*

### Garden opening

On Thursday afternoon we had a wonderful celebration of all the time, talents and sheer hard graft that has gone into transforming our Community Heritage Centre garden into a place of beauty and peace; such a precious resource at a time when we might continue to feel more confident meeting outside. In particular it was a chance for me to thank Andrew Chapman for his tireless leadership of the project, for his winsome persuasion of volunteers and for having the faith to move a mountain (of soil). Also present, as honoured guests, were some of the army of volunteers who worked with Andrew, our contractors, our donors, and the Mayor of Ashby, Rita Manning, who cut the ribbon! A good afternoon!

### Richard III talk on Zoom

This Wednesday at 7.30pm on Zoom we are hosting a talk on the reinterment of Richard III in Leicester Cathedral. The talk, given by the Dean of Leicester, is free of charge and will be engaging and a fascinating perspective on an event of national significance. We would love you to publicise this with any groups you're linked with. Could you share the poster, circulated with this notice sheet and spread the word? Many thanks.

### Other forthcoming heritage events for your diary

◆ **Children's glass fusing workshop**  
14<sup>th</sup> August, 10am

*Watch this space for details on how to book.*

◆ **Music, Makaton and Edward Mammat**

18<sup>th</sup> August, 11am-1.00pm

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

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### **St Helen's PCC - this Tuesday on Zoom**

Please find circulated with this pew sheet a copy of the St Helen's PCC agenda. If you worship at St Helen's, do take a look and talk to a PCC member if you'd like to share your thoughts on it.

### **Mice!**

There are 9 white mice hiding inside the church. A mouse trail is available for mouse-spotters of any age, but perhaps particularly primary school age.

## **Virtual Holiday Club**

◆ Monday 9<sup>th</sup> - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August

Virtual Holiday Club is an online resource featuring dramatized bible stories, crafts, songs, games and competitions. Streamed

[LIVE on YouTube](#)

## **Giving**

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

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

## **PRAYER**

### **Diocesan employees**

Please continue to pray for Diocesan employees who continue to live with uncertainty about their employment. This is extremely stressful for them.

### **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:**

- ◆ Anne Mary Tatton
- ◆ Kathleen Farmer
- ◆ Frederick Charles Farmer
- ◆ Lewis Alfred Sketchley
- ◆ George Barry Robinson
- ◆ William Baker Watson
- ◆ Eileen Mabel Catling
- ◆ Jane Patricia Willis
- ◆ Harry Burnett

### **The sick, disabled or housebound:**

Pray for ...

◆ Val Dawson

◆ David Wileman

...& others known to you

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