



St Helen's Church

Loving God, loving others, loving the world

Notices for 1st August 2021

Dear Friends

Among the athletes, coaches and officials at Tokyo 2020 (how used we are getting to time-travelling these days!) is a whole army of volunteers; those who signpost to venues and clean them down after events, who marshal the crowds watching the road races and who offer chaplaincy services. One of their number is my friend, Brian, a physiotherapist from my old parish in Doncaster, who many years ago trained as a drug-tester, and who has volunteered at successive Olympic Games. Brian isn't paid for his work - he just gets board and lodgings - *and* the opportunity every four (or five!) years to be part of the most spectacular world-wide sporting event.

As you know every bit as well as I do, our churches, too, rely on an army of volunteers. We have very few paid (or stipended) posts - *everyone* else, who makes our life together so rich, is a volunteer.

First of all - thank you! I know that what you offer to church you offer alongside busy working and family lives. I know that many of you make huge sacrifices of time to do what you do. I know, because you have told me, that sometimes what you offer goes unnoticed - and that is hard (even though you don't do it to be noticed, being appreciated is

important - I know). I know that you see your service as part of your worship of our Servant King. This is wonderful. Again: thank you!

Secondly, as we begin to open up further - pandemic permitting - we need to understand which of us feels able to serve again - as a reader, an intercessor, a sound operator, a welcomer, a steward, a cleaner, a flower arranger, a coffee maker, a children's worker (and so on). We understand that each of us will be ready to resume a fuller life at our own individual pace - that is absolutely fine. We understand that some who previously served so faithfully may need to take a step back for a time - that is absolutely fine. We understand that others might feel ready to take up an area of service in the life of the church. That is wonderful!

You would really help us if you could let us know which rotas you might feel able to join - or rejoin. We'll have sign-up sheets in church, but you can also email sthelensashby@gmail.com

Here are some opportunities to serve:

- welcomer
- steward
- servers (at Holy Communion)
- verger (for weddings and funerals - this attracts a small payment)
- Bible reader

- Intercessor
- sound desk operator
- cleaning
- flower arranging
- refreshments serving
- children's work (you will need to complete a DBS check to serve on this team)
- young people's work (you will need to complete a DBS check to serve on this team)
- heritage activities (tours, events)
- gardeners - to maintain the circular beds at the top of the churchyard

We'd love it if you could offer to serve on one or more of these teams. The more people who offer, the wider the responsibilities are shared!

Finally, if you need to rest a while please know that is fine. We will love you and look after you until you are ready to take a more active role again - if ever you are.

Much love

Mary

NOTICES & NEWS

Welcome Carole!

We are looking forward to welcoming our new administrator, Carole Nettles, who starts work officially on 9th August. Carole will be meeting some of us this coming Tuesday too. Please do make Carole feel very welcome if you see her in the office, or around our wider site.

All-Age Worship

With an exhibition in the Heritage Centre this weekend, All-Age Worship will either be outside, in the churchyard, or inside church - depending on the Great British weather! Just look out for the stewards who will point you in the right direction.

Praying for Mark

Please continue to pray for Mark, who spoke so movingly at David Watson's funeral. His parole hearing is this Tuesday, 3rd August, at 2pm. *Mary will be in church at 1pm to pray for Mark. If anyone would like to join her they are most welcome.*

Sydney Adams's funeral

Neil wishes to thank everyone for all the messages of condolence and support, which have been very much appreciated by him and his brother. Neil and his family would like to warmly invite anyone who wishes to, to attend Sydney's funeral next Friday 6th August at 11.00am in church, and afterwards at the Lyric Rooms. Please note that we are asking that masks be worn at this service.

Peggy Adams

As mentioned at last Sunday's service, since 19th July, Neil's mother Peggy is able to receive visitors at her care home:

Coalville Nursing Home

Albert Road, Coalville, LE67 3AA

Telephone (01530) 817442

Please note that all visitors must telephone in advance, and prior to being allowed entry must complete a PCR Test, either before arriving or once at the care home (which involves a 15 minutes wait for the results.)

Dates for your diary

◆ Heritage Workshop for children 1

Glass fusing

- 14th August, 10am
- in Heritage Centre
- make an item of fused glass art to take home
- age 7 to 11 years
- £20 per child
- to book
- email sthelensheritage@gmail.com

◆ Heritage Workshop for children 2

Music, Makaton & Edward Marmat

- 18th August, 11am-1.00pm
- In church
- Two fun, interactive workshops
- Primary age children
- £5 per child,
- Refreshments available
- to book
- email sthelensheritage@gmail.com

◆ Sunday 29th August is a fifth

Sunday and so will be a Flagstaff Family service for the whole team at 10.30am. This simple service of outdoor Holy Communion will be in the grounds of the church at Breedon on the Hill. There is ample parking. Hot drinks will be served after the service, but you are also very welcome to bring a picnic and to stay and eat together.

◆ **Saturday 11th September** will be a wonderful day at St Helen's. We will be welcoming those participating in the 'Ride and Stride' fundraising event, there will be a churchyard trail available, and we will also be offering heritage tours of our wonderful church building at 10.30am, 12.00pm and 2.00pm. *We would love to encourage **PCC members and members of our church family** especially to come along to a tour so that you can discover some of the riches all around you and appreciate anew the opportunities sharing our heritage gives us to share our faith.*

Virtual Holiday Club

◆ Monday 9th - Friday 13th 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

A Reminder

- Parish Prayers happen ...
- every Saturday
- at 9.30am
- within the St Helen's church building

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 the family and friends of Syd Adams, and 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:

- ◆ Frederick Mitchell
- ◆ Elizabeth May Kernan
- ◆ Ronald Arthur Wagstaff
- ◆ Ethel Marlow
- ◆ Eric Hunt
- ◆ Eric Charles Ward
- ◆ Charles Hudders
- ◆ Ada Lucy Charlesworth
- ◆ Edwin Clive Castell
- ◆ Thomas Brooks
- ◆ Ronald Edward Hampson

The sick, disabled or housebound:

Pray for ...

- ◆ Peggy Adams
 - ◆ Val Dawson
 - ◆ Helen Waring
 - ◆ David Wileman
- ...& others known to you

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