



St Helen's Church

Loving God, loving others, loving the world

Notices for 8th August 2021

Dear Friends

This coming week, remember young people, their families and their teachers in your prayers.

It will be a big week: on Tuesday, A level results are released, and on Thursday, GCSE results will be shared with students.

These grades have been teacher-assessed and then moderated by Ofqual – so there is extra pressure on teachers, who will feel under scrutiny for their decision-making, and extra stress on students, who haven't been able to sit exams.

Pray for those who will be delighted and excited; who have met or surpassed their expectations and whose plans for next year can proceed uninhibited.

Pray for those who will be disappointed, devastated even; who haven't been awarded what they hoped for or felt they deserved and whose plans for next year will be scuppered.

Pray, too, for those who don't have plans for next year; who have been so dislocated by the pandemic that they simply don't know what is, or should be, next.

Pray for teachers, who have worked so hard during the pandemic to support their students but who, all too often, have not been given credit for their efforts or, worse, have been castigated in the press.

And pray for parents who, through all the highs and loves, seek to support

their children and to encourage them. Pray for them when their own resources are at an end, but they have to find a way to keep going.

And, finally, pray for the press: for even-handed reporting; for giving credit where it is due; for challenging in responsible ways; for considering the vulnerable who might be most effected by what they write.

Thank you!

God bless

Revd Mary

Thank you (1)

Stewart, Zoe and Joanna would like to thank everyone in the Flagstaff Family for their great generosity in contributing to their farewell gift. We bought them a framed picture, but gave them the rest of the most generous gift in cash for them to spend as they wish.

Thank you (2)

Debbie, Mary's friend, would like to thank you all for the wonderful prayer support you have given her following her sister in law Tina's death. Debbie is so grateful for the love she has been shown, and for the gifts that they have received, that will help them through this challenging time. She thinks you're wonderful! (And so do I - Mary xx)

NOTICES & NEWS

Volunteering at St Helen's

As we re-emerge from the pandemic, we are looking to repopulate our lists of volunteers, so that we know who we can approach for the different opportunities for service in our church family.

Please take a look at the folder at the back of church and sign up for the ways in which you feel you can help.

A BIG Thank you

Thank you to a marvellous team of volunteers - Adrienne, Caroline, Beryl, Eileen, Helen, Joan, Margaret and Shan - the interior of the church building had a thorough make-over, now looking beautifully fresh and clean. Thank you all for giving up so generously of your precious time last Saturday to do this.

Eileen Coombs

Tools with a Mission (TWAM)

August's magazine has an article from Pam Watson about TWAM, and their re-conditioning and re-purposing of the old tools or machines (eg. sewing machines), broken or otherwise, which are donated to them, so they can have a new lease of life in Africa. Items can be dropped off at Pam Watson's, 3 Alton Way, Ashby (tel. 413511).

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](#)

Anna's baptism: 15th August

Our 10.30am service on 15th August will be the baptism of Anna Blatherwick, together with Holy

Communion. Please pray for Caroline and Sam, Anna's parents, and for Ruth and James her big sister and brother. Everyone from the congregation most welcome to be part of this special service.

Children's workshops

14th August – glass fusing workshop

18th August – Music and Makaton

To book, please email

sthelensheritage@gmail.com

Living in Love and Faith: final session

Graduates of the Living in Love and Faith course are reminded of our final session on 25th August at 7.30pm in the Heritage Centre.

Hello Heritage: 11th September 2021

On 11th September our church and Heritage Centre will be open as part of North-West Leicestershire's Hello Heritage event.

There will be a churchyard self-guided tour, and tours of the church building at 10.30am, 12 noon and 2.00pm.

We really encourage PCC members and church family members to come along to one of these tours so that you can understand more about our heritage and how it can help us share our faith.

We are looking for **volunteers** to help us serve simple refreshments in our pop-up café, help steward church, and facilitate people eating their picnics in the Heritage Centre garden.

If you can help please email sthelensheritage@gmail.com

Anna's confirmation: 22nd August

I am delighted that Anna Haines, a much loved and valued member of our church choir has chosen to get confirmed. The confirmation service will be at Packington Church on 22nd August at 6pm. Do come along and

support Anna as she makes this public affirmation of her faith.

Sunday 30th 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.

Giving

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

- ◆ Annie Elizabeth Holden
- ◆ William Lynch
- ◆ Rose Hurd
- ◆ Joan Robins
- ◆ Walter Garratt
- ◆ Dorothy Margaret Day
- ◆ Roy Tillotson
- ◆ Mary Andrews King
- ◆ John Edwin Brown
- ◆ Elsie May Parkin

The sick, disabled or housebound:

Pray for ...

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

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