



Notices for 6th March 2022

1st Sunday of Lent

FORTHCOMING SERVICES:

This Sunday, 6th March:

- 8:30am Holy Communion at Staunton Harold
- 10:30am All Age service at St Helen's
- 6:00pm Holy Communion at Isley Walton
- 6:00pm Choral Evensong at St Helen's, live-streamed to the Flagstaff Family of Churches Facebook page.

Tuesday 8th March

- 7:30 pm Team Talk at St Matthew's, Worthington [finishing at 9pm]. More details about Team Talk below.

Wednesday 9th March

- 10.30am Holy Communion at Prior Park large social centre

Saturday 12th March

- 9:30 am Morning Prayer in the Hastings Chapel

Next Sunday 13th March

- 10:30am Holy Communion at St Helen's
- 10:30 am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Coleorton

Readings for Evensong 6.3.22:

Joel 3; Luke 18, 9-14

Collect for 1st Sunday of Lent:

Almighty God,
Whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

REV'D MARY GREGORY'S INSTALLATION

This will take place at Coventry Cathedral at a service of Choral Evensong on Saturday 12th March at 4.00pm.

The Roberts coach booked leaving The Lamb, Market Street, Ashby at **14:15 sharp** is now FULL. If possible, please take a Lateral Flow Test in the morning and unless exempted for medical reasons, please have your masks on for everyone's protection and safety. Thank you for your consideration of others.

The full cost has already been paid. I would be grateful if I can have your fare as soon as convenient.

Cheques should be made out to Eileen COOMBS, sent to 9 Benenden Way, Ashby LE65 2QS Or in person if you see me in church.

Thank you.

Looking forward to seeing you all. Eileen

WEDNESDAY MID-WEEK SERVICES:

The pattern of services for the next few months will be:

- 1st Wednesday of the month, Holy Communion at St Helen's. We are grateful for Rev Julie Ann Heath for offering to lead these services.
- 2nd Wednesday, Holy Communion at Prior Park.
- 3rd Wednesday, Morning Prayer at St Helen's.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY SERVICES

PCC have agreed to recommence refreshments in the Heritage Centre after Sunday morning services. Steph Whiten is compiling a rota of volunteers to help with this; please let her know if you can help.

TEAM TALK 2022

You are warmly invited to Team Talk 2022, either in person or on Zoom. During Tuesdays in Lent, we will be having a gathering in one of our buildings and (at the same time) have a gathering on Zoom. You are welcome to come along to one session or all of them.

The sessions will be led by service leaders from across the Flagstaff Family of Churches and we will be using the Diocese of Leicester course, Everyday Faith. You can read more about the course at:

team-talk-materials.flagstaff.org.uk

As well as the five Tuesday evening sessions of the course we are commending the Archbishops Lent book, which you can find at lent.flagstaff.org.uk and from other booksellers.

If you would like to attend by Zoom, please register for the course at

team-talk-registration.flagstaff.org.uk

indicating which sessions you would like to attend. You will then receive an email with the zoom link. If you have any questions, please email Rev Tim Phillips

using tim@flagstaff.org.uk

Each session opens at 19:15 for a 19:30 start on Tuesdays in Lent. The sessions finish at 21:00. If attending in person, please take a lateral flow test and bring a mask.

Tuesday 8.3.22 – St Matthew's Worthington
Tuesday 15.3.22 – Holy Trinity Church Hall
Tuesday 22.3.22 – St Helen's Heritage Centre
Tuesday 29.3.22 – Holy Trinity Church Hall
Tuesday 5.4.22 – St Matthew's Worthington

A MESSAGE FROM VAL BOWRON

Dear Friends,

A huge thank you for the many good wishes and lovely gifts I received as I said farewell to St. Helen's and Ashby. The hyacinths are blooming with their distinctive fragrance and are an absolute delight.

As I have spent many years at St, Helen's I will have many memories to reflect on and treasure. I shall look forward to visiting Ashby and all my dear friends and extend a sincere invitation for you to visit me in Uppingham. With my love and prayers, Val.

COVID RISK ASSESSMENTS

Following the Government's relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions on 27th January, wearing of masks is no longer mandatory in indoor settings. This was discussed by St Helen's PCC on 15th February and it was concluded that people should be free to make their own decisions about wearing masks in church. We continue to encourage people to take a lateral flow test prior to attending church. We are reserving both the side aisle in front of St Michael's Chapel and some pews at the back of church on the right hand side as being only for those wearing masks and who do not want to be close to people who are unmasked.

The Wardens and PCC will keep our Covid policies as a standing item on the PCC agenda and under regular review in the light of Government and Church of England guidance and recommendations, implementing them in ways that seem most appropriate to our congregation.

AN EVENING OF SONG WITH OFF THE RECORD - REARRANGED

After the cancellation of their concert on Friday 18th February because of Storm Eunice, we are pleased that Off the Record have been able to rearrange to be with us on Friday 18th February at 7pm.

Off the Record are a four-piece acoustic band, including Madeleine McCormick from St Mary's, Coleorton congregation and who perform songs from the 1920s to the 2000s, featuring vocal harmonies, ukulele, guitar, harmonica and tin whistle. Entry is by donation and proceeds will go to St Mary's Church, Coleorton.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast is at 8:00am on Saturday 12th March 2022 at Wetherspoons followed by a talk to be given in the Methodist Church Hall by Bob Onions titled "Where Jesus walked, reflections and photos on a trip to Israel".

FOR PRAYER:

We give thanks for the life of David Wileman, who died this week. Please pray for Joan and David and Joan's son and daughter-in-law, Shaun and Brenda.

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE:

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children,
at-risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus,
the Prince of Peace. Amen.

THE SICK, DISABLED AND HOUSEBOUND:

Please pray for Jenny Hedges, Peggy Adams, Teresa Shorthouse & others known to you.

THE BEREAVED

We pray for the family and friends of anyone known to us who is recently bereaved.

In love, we remember those whose anniversary of death falls at this time, praying for their families & friends:

Celeste Sue Pass, Lynda Karla Richards,
Harold Langrish, Ella Watson,
Frederick Charles Avins, Bernard Shaw,
Evelyn Coleman, John Henry Perry,
William Edwin Richards.

GIVING:

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

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