



Notices for 13th March 2022

2nd Sunday of Lent

FORTHCOMING SERVICES:

This Sunday, 13th March:

- 10:30am Holy Communion at St Helen's, live-streamed to the Flagstaff Family of Churches Facebook page, followed by discussion on lifting Covid restrictions in church.
- 10:30am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Coleorton
- 6pm Prayer for Ukraine in the Hastings Chapel, St Helen's.

Tuesday 15th March

- 7:30 pm Team Talk, Holy Trinity Church Hall, Ashby. More details below.

Wednesday 16th March

- 10.30am Morning Prayer at St Helen's.
- 7:30pm St Helen's PCC, Heritage Centre

Thursday 17th March

- 12 noon Funeral of Joy Brown at St Helen's. All are welcome. [Time may need to be altered – update will be sent by email if this is the case]

Friday 18th March

- 10:30am Funeral of David Wileman in Caernarfon Chapel, Bretby Crematorium. All are welcome to the service and afterwards at The Beeches, Burton Road.

Saturday 19th March

- 9:30 am Morning Prayer, Hastings Chapel

Next Sunday 20th March

- 10:30am Service of the Word at St Helen's
- 10:30 am Holy Communion at Breedon.

REV'D MARY GREGORY'S INSTALLATION

4pm COVENTRY CATHEDRAL:

A reminder from Eileen:

The Roberts coach will leave The Lamb, Market Street, Ashby at **14:15 sharp on**

Saturday 12th March.

The coach will not wait if you're late!

If possible, please take a Lateral Flow Test in the morning and unless exempted for medical reasons, have your masks on for everyone's protection and safety.

And a message from Mary:

Dear All, I am so looking forward to seeing the Flagstaff Family on Saturday! It's wonderful that so many will be with me in person, and that others will join online.

I just wanted to let you know the arrangements for 'walking me down the aisle'(!) at the beginning of the service.

- at 3.40pm I will swear my oaths in one of the side chapels.
- when I have done so I will go to the west end of the cathedral - where the glass angel screen is - to await the beginning of the service.
- the Flagstaff Family - everyone happy to walk me down the aisle will join me there.
- we will stand by the screen and listen to the introit.
- during the first hymn - when the singing starts - we will walk down the centre aisle together. You will accompany me to my seat, and then peel off right and left to walk down the side aisle and into your seats.
- if you want to sit before gathering at the west screen that is absolutely fine, of course. You can leave coats etc on seats to save them if you wish, but space won't be a problem - the cathedral is enormous!

Thanks so much for your love and prayerful support. I am so looking forward to seeing you all! Best wishes, Mary.

Collect for 2nd Sunday of Lent:

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same:
through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings for 13.3.22:

Philippians 3 v17 – 4v1; Luke 13 v31- end.

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

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 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

LIFTING COVID RESTRICTIONS IN CHURCH – WHEN AND HOW

With Covid restrictions due to be progressively lifted over the next few weeks, St Helen's PCC needs to make decisions on how, as a church, we adapt to the proposed changes. Our next PCC is on Wednesday March 16th, and is our last PCC before our APCM on 17th May. This seems rather too long to wait, so although this is short notice, PCC will be discussing next week how we should "come out of Covid".

We feel it is immensely important that before doing so we should have a sense of the wider mood and views of the congregation, so that PCC can have an informed discussion before agreeing on how and when to make changes.

The Wardens would, therefore, like to invite you to stay on after this Sunday morning's service at St Helen's so that people can express their views and concerns about how things might develop over the next few months. For those who cannot be present in person, please email:

Judith Lewis [jchjcl@gmail.com] and

Shân Dyer [shandashby@hotmail.co.uk] with your thoughts.

Areas on which we would welcome your views include:

- Returning the choir stalls to their usual position.
- Re-instating processions – choir, servers and service leaders processing in and out of the service, the Gospel procession, taking up the Communion elements.
- Returning to celebrating Communion at the high altar, which is immensely important to some of our congregation or continuing to celebrate in the nave, which has been greatly valued by others in the congregation.
- Returning to leading intercessions from the back of church.
- Reading lessons from the lectern.
- Preaching from the pulpit.
- How we share the peace.

- When and how we return to receiving both bread and wine during Communion. Some churches have already returned to sharing a common cup, in others the president is intincting [dipping] the Communion wafer in wine before offering it to the communicant.

This is probably not an exhaustive list, so please comment on anything else that strikes you.

In all our discussions we do need to be mindful of the members of our congregation who cannot attend church in person. And, in terms of live-streaming, it is not feasible to keep moving the phone or tablet around in church.

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 this coming 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.



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.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2022 MAY 15th – 21st

Once again at St Helen's we are supporting Christian Aid and hope that people will be as generous as they have been in previous years. As before there will be two ways of donating. Firstly, we will be setting up an e-envelope for people to donate online and emailing the link to everyone on St Helen's mailing list. This has been very successful in previous years and as a church, we have raised considerable amounts.

We will also be organising the usual house to house collections as well and we are hoping that our collectors from previous years will be willing to help out again this year. However, it would be good if we had some new collectors especially from the new houses around Ashby. The task has become much easier in recent years because although it still involves delivering envelopes to each house in your 'patch', we now ask people who wish to donate to return the sealed envelope containing their donation to a specified point –usually your letterbox or the parish office! In this way we do not have to disturb those who do not wish to donate and those who do, can do so at their own convenience.

If you are able to help with this year's collection please contact Shân Dyer on 07368615406 or at

shandashby@hotmail.co.uk .

FOR PRAYER:

We give thanks for the lives of David Wileman and Joy Brown, both of whom died last week. Please pray for Joan and her family and for Sue and her family.

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:

Joan Morton, Phyllis Anne Eileen Whetton
Frank Harold Moseley, Joan Harding

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.

A time of prayer for Ukraine will be held in the Hastings Chapel at 6pm on Sunday 13th February.

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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