



Notices for Easter Sunday

17th April 2022

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Easter Sunday, 17th April:

- 8:30 am Holy Communion at Staunton Harold
- 10:00am Holy Communion at St Helen's, live-streamed to Flagstaff Family of Churches Facebook page
- 10:30am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Coleorton
- 10:30am Holy Communion at Worthington

Wednesday 20th April

10.00am Morning Prayer at St Helen's

Saturday 23rd April

9:30 am Morning Prayer in the Hastings Chapel

Sunday 24th April

9am *Brunch in St Helen's Heritage Centre postponed; new date tba*

10:30am United team service of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity. Please email zoom@trinityashby.net for link if you will be watching on line – this service will **not** be streamed to Facebook

3:30pm Messy Church in St Helen's Heritage Centre – more details below!

Collect for Easter Sunday

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

Messy Church, Sunday 24th April

Everyone is extremely welcome to join us for Messy Church in the Heritage Centre and outside at 3:30 on Sunday 24th April for on-going Easter celebrations and an Easter Egg hunt!

[If anyone has concerns about allergies, please contact Pat Stafford, pat@destafford.co.uk]

Advance Notice:

10:00 Tuesday 26th April:

Mark, who many of us in St Helen's have been supporting in prayer and other ways for some years has a parole hearing on Tuesday 26th April. Anyone who wishes is welcome to join a time of prayer for him and the proceedings in St Helen's Church between 10 am and noon on that day.

Readings for Easter Sunday:

Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!



Our APCM [Annual Parochial Church Meeting] will be held this year on Tuesday May 17th. We will be looking to elect new members on to our PCC. **Could this be you?** It would be lovely to have some new faces. We meet on 10 occasions in the year and are responsible for the church's governance, including working and praying together to recognise and implement God's direction for us.

We will also be seeking to appoint a new secretary and treasurer to the PCC. **Please talk to Judith, Shân, Steph or any member of PCC if you would like to know more.**

ELECTORAL ROLL 2022

Eileen Coombs maintains our Electoral Roll and updates it annually in advance of the APCM. If you have been worshipping with us for the past 6 months or more, in person or on-line, you are warmly invited to sign up on the Electoral Roll. This entitles you to vote at our APCM and to stand for PCC, as well as indicating your involvement in the life of St Helen's.

For more details or if you have any queries, please contact Eileen on 07711286486 or email her on eileencoombs@aol.com.

LIFTING COVID RESTRICTIONS IN CHURCH

Easter Sunday is our first Communion service with the choir stalls back in their usual position and our temporary Communion Table having, of necessity, to be set back from the live-streaming device. Judith and Shân would be grateful for any feedback on how this impacts on those watching the live-stream, so that we can keep under review the best way of managing this.

MESSAGE FROM JOAN WILEMAN:

My heartfelt thanks to all our friends at St. Helen's for your love, prayers and support to us when David was ill. Thank you also for the cards, messages of condolence, flowers and phone calls after David's death. I was immensely touched by your love, kindness and generosity and felt truly blessed.

£400 was raised at David's funeral which will be donated to the RNLI in his memory. May God bless you all.

Joan Wileman

WELCOME TO FLAGSTAFF CHURCHES, in combination with Christian Aid Week May 15th – 21st

None of us in Ashby can fail to notice the number of new housing developments in our town. St Helen's and Holy Trinity are planning, as part of our mission and outreach, to distribute throughout Ashby, particularly to the new estates, flyers of welcome and introduction to our churches. It makes sense to combine distributing Christian Aid envelopes with this initiative. Please consider if you are able to help with this; if so, please contact Shân Dyer on 07368615406 or at

shandashby@hotmail.co.uk.

Knitting and Stitching Group:

There is a new drop-in group starting in the Heritage Centre which will be held on the first Wednesday of each month. The first one will be on Wednesday 4th May 2:00pm - 4:00pm. It's a 'Knit and Natter' plus all other types of sewing. Read about it in this month's St Helen's parish magazine:

https://www.sthelensashby.net/Groups/339405/Parish_Magazine.

SAVE THE DATES:

The Entertainment and Activity Team have been busy planning events for this coming year. Here are some upcoming dates for your diary and requests for help. If you are able to help with either event, please contact a member of the team: Jill Chapman, Liz Smith, Alison Cross, Caroline Essex or Helen Smith.

Sat 14th May 7.30-9.15pm

Theatre production "Remembrance" in St Helen's church as part of Ashby Arts Festival. Help needed with serving interval refreshments and clearing up afterwards.

Mon 30th May 9am-12pm

Self-guided children's nature trails in church and churchyard, plant sale, refreshments and ice-creams! We need help manning the event and donations of plants will be gratefully received so please start potting on. Please contact Alison Cross on 07766 232414 or email across3355@gmail.com if you are able to donate plants.

GIVING:

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

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

FOR PRAYER:

Please pray for those known to you who are ill, including John Dennis, Peggy Adams and Teresa Shorthouse.

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

Albert Charles Walford
Karen Patricia Jones
John Raymond Ward
Mary Elizabeth Archer
Gary Lacey
Richard Alfred Bird
Marjorie Lilian Lawlor

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

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