



St Helen's Church

Loving God, loving others, loving the world

Notices for 8th May 2022 4th Sunday of Easter

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, 8th May:

10:30am Holy Communion at St Helen's, live-streamed to the Flagstaff Family of Churches Facebook page. *Owing to a prior booking of the Heritage Centre there are no refreshments after the service today.*

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

Wednesday 11th May

10.30am Holy Communion at Prior Park

Saturday 14th May

8:00am Men's Breakfast, Wetherspoons

9:30 am Prayer in St Helen's Heritage Centre

7:30pm "Remembrance" production as part of Ashby Arts Festival at St Helen's

Sunday 15th May:

Start of Christian Aid Week

8:30am Morning Prayer at Staunton Harold

10:30am Morning Prayer at St Helen's

10:30 am Holy Communion at Breedon

Collect for 4th Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the
resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of
righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are
above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings for Sunday 8th May

Acts 9 vs 36-43; John 10 vs 22-30

Sat 14th May

The next Men's Breakfast is at 8:00am on Saturday 14th May 2022 and Wetherspoons followed by a talk at the Methodist Church Hall. This time Bob Onions continues taking us on a journey "WHERE JESUS WALKED - PART 2" at locations away from Jerusalem. Bob's previous talk was focused in and around Jerusalem. The presentation is illustrated with photographs taken during a visit to the Holy Land.

Sat 14th May 7.30-9.15pm

Remembrance – A World War One play with music, followed by a discussion with the cast. The action takes place as a series of letters between Sergeant Hills, in France and his wife Magda, in England leading to a searing climax.

Tickets £10 on the door.

Flyers and a display are at the back of church, please take time to have a look.

If you can help with refreshments and tidying up afterwards please speak to one of the EAT team.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK AND WELCOME TO FLAGSTAFF CHURCHES

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 .

APCM

Tuesday 17th May 7:30pm in the Heritage Centre

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.**

APCM – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Church Representation Rules (rule 9) require that the financial statements for the previous year shall be displayed on a church noticeboard for at least seven days before the APCM to enable the APCM to discuss them.

As well as the printed / emailed copies, a copy of the financial statements will be available to read on the main noticeboard in church, from the evening of Thursday 5th May.

Monday 30th May Plant Sale

09.00-12.00, outside Heritage Centre.

We need your Plants – cuttings, seedlings unwanted plants, herbs, vegetables etc. In fact, anything greenish and growing! Plants can be brought to St Helen's either on Sunday 29th May or first thing on the Monday morning; Alison Cross would also be happy to collect them the week before the sale – she can be contacted on 07766232414 or .

Come along on the day and treat yourself to a new plant.

There will also be self-guided children's nature trails in church and churchyard, refreshments and ice-creams!

Help with serving refreshments and tidying up afterwards would be very gratefully received. Please speak to one of the EAT team - Jill Chapman, Liz Smith, Alison Cross, Caroline Essex or Helen Smith or one of the Wardens.

**QUIET MORNING AT ST HELEN'S
HERITAGE CENTRE FOR FLAGSTAFF
FAMILY.**

Thursday 23rd June 2022.

The theme we shall be looking at is **"Fire of the North and the Celtic Saints"** focussing mainly, but not exclusively, on St. Cuthbert of Holy Island and St. Columba of Iona.

The times will be firmed up later but we are working provisionally on beginning with breakfast together at 8.30am and finishing the Quiet Morning at around 12.30 and home in time for lunch.

Numbers will be limited to 12. More details will be available nearer the time but if you are interested in putting your name down then the booking list is open and we do need at least 6 participants to make the morning viable.

Please contact me via email margaret@ajacques.plus.com. There is no charge except that voluntary contributions will be welcome towards breakfast and tea and coffee.

Revd. Margaret and Allan.

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:

Eleanor May Partridge
Hugh Duncan Hanford
Kathleen Betty Evans
Barbara Whitlock
Paul Verrill Cooper

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

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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