



St Helen's Church

Loving God, loving others, loving the world

Notices for 24th November 2024

Christ the King

COLLECT	READINGS
God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.	Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 24th November

10:30am Holy Communion at St Helen's
12:30pm Baptism service at St Helen's
3:30pm Messy Church at Viscount
Beaumont School, Coleorton

Tuesday 26th November

2:30pm Friends, Fellowship and Faith*

Wednesday 27th November

10:30am Holy Communion at St Helen's

Thursday 28th November

10:00am Café Church at St Matthew's,
Worthington

Friday 29th November

2-4pm Warm Hearted Space in the
Community Heritage Centre

Saturday 30th November

9:30 am Morning Prayer in Hastings
Chapel

Sunday 1st December

8:30am Holy Communion at Staunton
Harold
10:30am Holy Communion at Breedon
3:30pm All Age Workshop at St Helen's
6:30pm Advent Carol Service at St
Helen's

* Contact the Parish Office for location

TUESDAY 26th NOVEMBER, 7.30PM**Heritage Talk**

Our next Heritage Talk will be taking place on Tuesday 26th November at 7.30pm in the St Helen's Community Centre. The talk will focus on "the Bate and Kirkland families of Ashby; their lives, ancestry and descendants". Tickets are £4 on the door and includes light refreshments.

FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER, 7-8:30PM**30th Birthday of Rock Solid Youth Club**

On Friday 29th November, Ashby Youth for Christ will be celebrating the 30th birthday of Rock Solid youth club. The event will be held at Ashby Baptist Church, from 7-8.30pm, to include (optional) games, refreshments, a reflection from Youth For Christ's national director and time to reminisce and thank God. Please RSVP to Helen.davis@yfc.co.uk to confirm your attendance, or speak to Emily for more information. We'd be so pleased if you could join us.

SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER, 6:30PM**Advent Carol Service**

Music (sung by the St Helen's choir), readings and hymns for Advent followed by refreshments.

MONDAY 2nd DECEMBER, 7:30PM**Holy Trinity Advent Carol Service**

Holy Trinity Church, Ashby, invite members of St Helen's to their Advent Carol Service on Monday 2nd December at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Rev Graham Heath. Coffee/Mince Pies to follow. There will be an opportunity if you wish to give a donation to Newlands House, Leonard Cheshire Home.

SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER, 7PM**Christmas concert by Ashby String Orchestra at St Helen's**

Featuring music by Bach, Handel, Haydn and others. Tickets available on the door - £10 for adults, children free.

Fernleigh Care Home

We have had a request for anyone who might be able to offer an activity at Fernleigh. This could be a craft activity, offering a talk or a slide show or any other activity.

If you would like to find out more, please contact Tim at St Helen's office – sthelensashby@gmail.com

Advent Services and Events

As we approach advent, there are a number of services and events over the festive period to look forward to at all of our churches within the Flagstaff Community. Further details of these will be shared in the coming weeks – keep an eye out in the church magazine, notice sheet and Ashby Life!

Could This Be You ?? Church Warden 2025 Opportunity

I [Judith Lewis] will not be standing again for the position of Church Warden at our APCM next year. Ideally, going forward, we need 2 Wardens to work together to support Rev Sue.

There are a number of myths about the role – I hope the summary below is helpful in debunking these!

- Churchwardens do not need to know everything or how to do everything; it is more about knowing who does know, and given the number of former churchwardens in St Helen's, it makes sense to start by asking one of them! Over time you get to know who knows what and you inevitably learn some of it yourself.
- You do not need to be a churchwarden indefinitely – it is an annual appointment.
- It does not need to be immeasurably time-consuming when there is an incumbent, vergers and parish administrator – all of which we now have. Tim, our administrator, now compiles the rotas for sidesmen and readers and intercessors. We are also blessed with an amazingly competent and dedicated team of people who take responsibility for our buildings.
- You do not need to be present every Sunday, as there is a team of assistant wardens who are willing and competent to share Sunday service responsibilities.
- You do not need to be a whizz on the computer – basic knowledge suffices.

There are a number of statutory responsibilities for Church Wardens.

These include supporting the incumbent, making sure that the church, its contents and the churchyard are appropriately maintained and cared for and ensuring that church services are conducted with due order and reverence – not usually a problem but is the reason we always have a duty Warden for our main services in case of any unexpected events. Wardens are members of PCC and Standing Committee and have meetings with the incumbent as necessary [Vestry Meetings]. They also submit annual returns of attendance at services to the Diocese – again, this is not difficult. Several of the other duties of a Warden are kindly covered by members of our congregation.

Please talk to me or any of our other previous Wardens if you would like to know more, and/or encourage anyone you feel could take on this role to speak to me.

Many thanks, Judith

GIVING

You can make donations to the work of St Helen's through the Collectin card reader at the back of church any time. Alternatively, donations can be made via the open plate at the back of church after our Sunday services, the wall safe at the back of church or via our website: <https://www.sthelensashby.net/Groups/327469/Giving.aspx>

In addition, regular donations can be made through the Parish Giving Scheme. Further information can be found at www.parishgiving.org.uk.

Deadline for next week's Notice Sheet: **10pm Tuesday** evening, sent to noticesheet@sthelensashby.net

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