



St Helen's Church

Loving God, loving others, loving the world

Notices for 8th December 2024

2nd Sunday of Advent

COLLECT	READINGS
Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.	Malachi 3 vv 1-4 Luke 3 vv 1-6

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 8th December

- 10:30am Holy Communion at St Helen's
- 12:30pm Baptism Service at St Helen's
- 6:00pm Holy Communion at Isley Walton
- 7pm Christmas Concert by Ashby Strings Orchestra at St Helen's

Sunday 15th December

- 8:30am Holy Communion at Staunton Harold
- 10:30am Morning Worship at St Helen's
- 10:30am Holy Communion at St Mary's, Coleorton
- 3:30pm Christingle at St Helen's

Wednesday 11th December

- 10:30am Holy Communion at Prior Park
- 8pm A Christmas Cracker at St Helen's

Thursday 12th December

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

Friday 13th December

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

Saturday 14th December

- 9:30 am Morning Prayer in Hastings Chapel

SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER 11:30AM**Pause for Paws**

By St Helen's west door, 11:30 – 1pm [for this month only – will revert to 10am – 11:30 in January.

A festive welcome to dogs and friends – but feel free to drop by even without a dog!

SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER, 7:00PM**Christmas Concert**

A 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.

WEDNESDAY 11th DEC; 8:00PM**Christmas Cracker Evening**

Please join us at St Helen's on Wednesday 11th December for an informal evening of Christmas readings and carols. You will be welcomed by mulled wine and mince pies before enjoying some festive fun!

We meet in church at 8pm and will finish at 9pm. Tickets are £3 and are available from Shân Dyer and Rev. Sue.

We hope you can make it!

SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER, 8AM**Men's Breakfast at Wetherspoons**

Invitation from Geoff Richman.

As usual, we are holding our Mens Breakfast Christmas Party at 8:00am Saturday 14th December 2024 in Ashby Wetherspoons for Breakfast followed by Songs, Jokes Stories etc at the Methodist Church Hall. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy yourselves!

Geoff says his chemotherapy is due to finish shortly and he hopes to be present at Men's Breakfasts in the New Year.

MONDAY 16th DECEMBER, 2:00PM**Carol Service**

There is a Carol Service at Prior Park on Monday 16 December at 2pm. This will be held in the main community centre and everyone is welcome to join us.

SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER**Carol Service – Help Needed**

As part of our welcoming hospitality we like to serve refreshments after the Carol Service which this year is on 22nd December at 6.30pm. Grice's are kindly providing us with 100 mince pies and I can purchase wine but we need volunteers to take on serving and clearing up afterwards. Please speak to Caroline if you are able to help with this. Many thanks.

CHRISTINGLE 15th DECEMBER;**MIDNIGHT COMMUNION****CHRISTMAS EVE****Additional Stewards Needed**

We are short of welcomers at both these services. An additional 2-3 people to help at Christingle, which is always crowded with children, would be very helpful.

We only have 1 steward currently available for the Midnight Service and very much need a second person.

If you can help with either of these services, please speak to Judith Lewis. You do not need to be on the steward's rota and Judith will talk you through what is involved.

Deadline for next week's Notice Sheet:

10pm Tuesday evening, sent to noticesheet@sthelensashby.net

SUPPORT WORKER OPPORTUNITY BACA

Baca, who work with refugees and asylum seekers in Loughborough, are looking for a Support Worker who can join their support team and provide support, care and be a role model for young people who are newly arrived refugees and victims of trafficking aged 16 to 18. Details can be found on the following link:

[Support Worker | The Baca Charity](#)

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.paritygiving.org.uk.

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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES

ST HELEN'S, ASHBY

Sunday 15 December

3.30pm Christingle service

Sunday 22 December

6.30pm Service of Nine Lessons
and Carols

Christmas Eve

5pm Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

10am All age Communion service

ALL SAINTS, ISLEY WALTON

Friday 13 December

7pm Carol Service

BREEDON PRIORY CHURCH

Saturday 21 December

4.30pm Lantern trail and Carol
Service. Please meet
on the Green with your
lanterns

Christmas Day

10am Christmas Morning
worship for everyone

ST MARY, COLEORTON

Sunday 22 December

3.30pm All age Carol Service

Christmas Eve

2pm Crib Service