



## St Helen's Church

Loving God, loving others, loving the world

### Notices for 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

COLLECT	READINGS
God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.	Zephaniah 3 vs 14-20 Philippians 4 vs 4-7

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

##### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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

##### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

2:00pm Carol Service at Prior Park

##### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

10:30am Morning Prayer at St Helen's

##### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

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

##### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

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

##### **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

9:30 am Morning Prayer in Hastings  
Chapel

4:15pm Lantern trail at Breedon

5:00pm Carol Service at Breedon

##### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

10:30am Holy Communion at St Helen's

3:30pm Carol Service at Coleorton

6:30pm Carol Service at St Helen's

## **SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 8AM**

### **Men's Breakfast at Wetherspoons**

Invitation from Geoff Richman.

As usual, we are holding our Men's 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 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2:00PM**

### **Carol Service at Prior Park**

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

## **WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

### **Carol Singing**

Come and join in singing some Christmas songs and carols with the residents at Ashby court and Fernleigh Care Homes in Tamworth road. Meet outside Ashby court at **5.10pm** or Fernleigh Care home at **6.00pm**. Bring your friends and family to join in! For more details contact Liz Smith.

## **FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 12:30-1:30PM**

### **Minster Community Process: Check-in and Chat**

The Minster Community process is rolling out across our diocese, with the final areas starting in January 2025. You may have lots of questions around the process, such as what's happening, when, and why? To help with your

understanding of the process and listen to your perspective Penny Pullan, the Facilitation Lead for Minster Communities, is holding some 'Check in and Chat' sessions over Zoom. Please do feel free to come and chat with Penny. There will also be further opportunities on 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 17<sup>th</sup> January and 31<sup>st</sup> January.

Use this link to join the meetings:

[leccofe.zoom.us/j/98953175081?pwd=rBhOZnTeC45QE9b8jRh8TI2DM1v7BD.](https://leccofe.zoom.us/j/98953175081?pwd=rBhOZnTeC45QE9b8jRh8TI2DM1v7BD.1)

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You can also email

[Penny.Pullan@LeicesterCofE.org](mailto:Penny.Pullan@LeicesterCofE.org)

## **SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **Deadline for January Magazine**

Please note that the deadline for articles for the January magazine will be Friday 20th December to allow for timely printing and distribution. The deadline is the same every month. Please email to [sthelensmaq@gmail.com](mailto:sthelensmaq@gmail.com).

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the magazine this year, I'm sure this has been appreciated by all the readers.

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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](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk).

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

## 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

### ST MARY, COLEORTON

#### Sunday 22 December

3.30pm All age Carol Service

#### Christmas Eve

2pm Crib Service

### ALL SAINTS, ISLEY WALTON

#### Friday 13 December

7pm Carol Service

### BREEDON PRIORY CHURCH

#### Saturday 21 December

4.15pm Lantern trail and Carol  
Service. Please meet  
on the Green with your  
lanterns at 4.15pm or come  
up to church for 5pm.

#### Christmas Day

10am Christmas Morning  
worship for everyone