



St Helen's Church

Loving God, loving others, loving the world

Notices for 22nd December 2024 – 4th January 2025

4th Sunday of Advent

COLLECT	READINGS
Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.	Micah 5.2-5a Luke 1.39-55

THE WEEK AHEAD

Saturday 21st December

- 4.15pm Meet on Breedon Green for
Lantern Trail
5pm Carol Service at Breedon

Sunday 22nd December

- 10:30am Holy Communion at St Helen's
3:30pm Carol Service at Coleorton
6:30pm Carol Service at St Helen's

Tuesday 24th December

- 2:00pm Crib Service at Coleorton
5:00pm Crib Service at St Helen's
11:30pm Midnight Communion at St
Helen's

Wednesday 25th December

- 10:00am All Age Communion at St
Helen's
10:00am Christmas Morning Worship at
Breedon

Friday 27th December

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

Saturday 28th December

- 9:30 am Morning Prayer in Hastings
Chapel

Sunday 29th December

- 10:30am Team Service at Worthington

Wednesday 1st January

- No morning service

Friday 3rd January

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

Saturday 4th January

- 9:30 am Morning Prayer in Hastings
Chapel

Sunday 5th January

- 8:30am Holy Communion at Staunton
Harold
10:30am Holy Communion at Breedon
3:30pm All Age Worship at St Helen's
6:00pm Evensong at St Helen's

TUESDAY 24th DECEMBER, 3:00PM
Christmas Eve Carols on Market Street

Our friends from Holy Trinity will be singing carols at 3pm for 20-30 minutes on Christmas Eve so please do come and join in if you can. A road closure will be in place for the lower end of Market Street to facilitate this.

WEDNESDAY 1st JANUARY

There will be no morning service. The next midweek service will be at Prior Park on 8 January at 10.30am

FRIDAY 3rd JANUARY, 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 17th January and 31st January.

Use this link to join the meetings:
leccofe.zoom.us/j/98953175081?pwd=r_bhOZnTeC45QE9b8jRh8TI2DM1v7BD.1

You can also email
Penny.Pullan@LeicesterCofE.org

Thank you from Cromwood Housing Group

Just wanted to say a massive thank you for the gifts - we managed to sort out both children and parents and started to distribute them this afternoon. We had lots of happy faces here. Please pass the message to everyone who helped with the donations, we really appreciate what you did.

Community Knitting

Please see the attached flyer relating to a community knitting project to help the Intensive Care Unit at the QMC in Nottingham. Contact

Christina@stmatthewsworthington.net for more details.

SATURDAY 25th JANUARY, 12:00AM
Memorial Unveiling

Following the recent installing of the memorial plaque to Canon John Bowers, there will be a short ceremony of unveiling on **Saturday January 25th 2025 at 12 noon**, which we hope will be carried out by Mrs Bowers, now aged 96. Everyone is welcome, and particularly anyone in the town who remembers Canon John Bowers. Feel free to invite anyone who might be interested.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed the week beginning 23rd December and will reopen on Thursday 2nd January.

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.

Please note there will be no notice sheet next week so the next deadline for the notice sheet on 5 January is Tuesday 31 December at 10pm. Please send to noticesheet@sthelensashby.net

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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

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