



St Helen's Church

Loving God, loving others, loving the world

Notices for 12th January 2025

The Baptism of Christ

COLLECT	READINGS
Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.	Acts 8 vv 14-17 Luke 3 vv 15-17, 21-22

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 12th January

10:30am Holy Communion at St Helen's, including Stepping Stones

6:00pm Holy Communion at Isley Walton

Monday 13th January

7:30pm Pilgrim Group*

Tuesday 14th January

2:30pm Friends, Fellowship and Faith*

Wednesday 15th January

10:30am Morning Prayer at St Helen's

Thursday 16th January

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

Friday 17th January

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

Saturday 18th January

9:30 am Morning Prayer in Hastings Chapel

Sunday 19th January

8:30am Holy Communion at Staunton Harold

10:30am Morning Worship at St Helen's

10:30am Holy Communion at Coleorton

* Contact the Parish Office for location

SATURDAY 11th JANUARY, 8:00AM
Men's Breakfast Club

You are invited to the first ASHBY MENS BREAKFAST of 2025 which is scheduled for 8:00am at Ashby Wetherspoons pub on Saturday 11th January followed by a talk to be given at the Methodist Church Hall by a former Mayor of ASHBY Roger Bayliss on his JOYS he encountered from being Mayor.

SUNDAY 12th JANUARY, 2:30PM
Commissioning Service and AGM

All are welcome to Ashby Street Pastors annual Commissioning Service and AGM to be held this year at Ashby Baptist Church on Brook Street on Sunday 12th January starting at 2.30pm. We are excited this year to be commissioning 2 new Street Pastors making 13 of us in total. Hope you can join us.

FRIDAY 17th 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 a further opportunity on 31st January.

Use this link to join the meetings:

leccofe.zoom.us/j/98953175081?pwd=rhOZnTeC45QE9b8jRh8TI2DM1v7BD.1

You can also email

Penny.Pullan@LeicesterCofE.org

SATURDAY 25th JANUARY, 12:00PM
Memorial Unveiling

Following the recent installing of the memorial plaque to Canon John Bowers, there will be a short ceremony of unveiling on **Saturday 25th January 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.

SATURDAY 25th JANUARY, 7:00PM
Burns Night Supper

We invite you to celebrate Burns Night with us on Saturday 25th January at 7:00pm in the St Helens Community Heritage Centre. This will be a traditional Scottish haggis supper with a "Wee Dram", Neaps and Tatties followed by a Trifle dessert. A vegetarian option available. Supper will be "Piped in" in the traditional manner. Tables will be set for 6 people - larger tables are available on request. Tickets cost £18.50 and are available from Liz Smith.

SUNDAY 26th JANUARY, 4:00PM

Rooted Prayer and Praise

You are invited to join St Edwards Church, Castle Donington for "Rooted", our monthly worship and prayer gathering inspired by Psalm 52:8-9. Rooted in these verses, our gathering seeks to bring us together to meet God in worship and wait on Him in prayer. We come together with the purpose of grounding ourselves in God's unfailing love and faithfulness, flourishing as a community of believers.

The details of our monthly gatherings are as follows:

Date: Every fourth Sunday of the month

Time: 4:00 PM

Venue: St Edward's Church Hall, St Anne's Lane, DE74 2JH

For any questions or further details, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at curate@cdlh-churches.org

DRIVERS NEEDED

Might you become one of Bright Hope's volunteer drivers? Help is needed to transport people to some of the activities Bright Hope offers at their centre in Swannington. Bright Hope works to support those who have been diagnosed with a life-limiting condition.

Further details are available on their website at www.brighthope-nwl.org.uk or contact 01530 648553

TUESDAY 28th JANUARY, 7.30PM

Heritage Talk – “Small things forgotten: Churches and the little stories of parish life in post- medieval England”

Beyond their architectural grandeur, artistic significance and history, church buildings can reveal fascinating stories of daily life through subtle, often overlooked objects.

Claire Strachan, Church Buildings Development and Project Officer for the Diocese of Coventry, uncovers hidden narratives etched within the walls of sacred spaces, exploring everything from timekeeping to music, graffiti and superstition.

The talk starts at 7:30pm in the Community Heritage Centre. Tickets are £4 on the door and include light refreshments.