



St Helen's Church

Loving God, loving others, loving the world

Notices for 2nd February 2025

Candlemas

COLLECT	READINGS
Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God.	Malachi 3.1-5 Luke 2.22-40

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 2nd February

8:30am Holy Communion at Staunton
Harold
10:30am Holy Communion at Breedon
3:30pm All Age Worship at St Helen's
6:00pm Candlemas Evensong with
Leicester Cathedral Choir

Sunday 9th February

10:30am Holy Communion at St
Helen's, including Stepping
Stones
6:00pm Holy Communion at Isley
Walton

Monday 3rd February

7:30pm Pilgrim Group*

* Contact the Parish Office for location

Wednesday 5th February

10:30am Holy Communion at St Helen's

Thursday 6th February

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

Friday 7th February

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

Saturday 8th February

9:30 am Morning Prayer in Hastings
Chapel

FRIDAY 31st 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.

Use this link to join the meetings:

leccofe.zoom.us/j/98953175081?pwd=rBhOZnTeC45QE9b8jRh8TI2DM1v7BD.1

You can also email

Penny.Pullan@LeicesterCofE.org

WEDNESDAY 5th FEBRUARY, 2-4PM
We are in stitches, stitch and chat group.

On the 1st Wednesday of each month from 2-4pm in the Heritage Centre we hold our "We are in Stitches" stitch and chat group. There is expert advice available within the group for sewing and woolly projects! Come and enjoy a cuppa and chat. All are welcome.

TUESDAY 11th FEBRUARY, 11:00AM
Funeral of Stuart Lawrence

The funeral of Stuart Lawrence, our former verger, will be held at St Helen's on Tuesday 11 February at 11am. All are welcome to attend.

ELECTORAL ROLL

It's soon time to renew St Helen's Electoral Roll ! It might not sound very exciting, but it's an important thing we need to do as a church.

To ensure the contents remain substantially correct, every sixth year, a new ER is created from scratch, and all potential members need to re-apply to have their name added to the new roll.

The Electoral Roll is literally a register of people who are able to elect other people in the church. Being on the church ER means that you can vote on many relevant issues at the annual parochial church meeting (APCM) and stand for election to the Parochial Church Council (PCC)

If you are already coming regularly to St Helen's and participating in the life of the church, that would be a very good reason to be on the ER. The ER also gives us an idea of the size of our congregation which is important in this time of change to become part of a Minster Community. To be on the ER, you must be 16years old or over, be baptised, and either live in the parish or have attended St Helen's regularly for at least 6 months.

Joining the ER can be a way of confirming your commitment to the St Helen's community and to our vision and generally supporting the Flagstaff Family of Churches. It also allows you to take part in the life of the wider Church of England, at, Deanery, Diocese, and even at National levels, if you are interested. Of course, we will keep your information secure in line with UKGDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) regulations.

2025 is the year when a new ER will be created. Please give this issue serious thought when applications start at the beginning of February and make sure you have a say in things that matters to you, to the church and to our life together.

Applications for enrolment on the St Helen's Electoral Roll can be obtained from the church office or at the Welcome Desk and completed forms returned to the office letter box. It can also be done electronically to sthelensashby@gmail.com

Thank you.

Eileen Coombs (ER Officer)

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