



St Helen's Church

Loving God, loving others, loving the world

Notices for 9th February 2025

4th Sunday Before Lent

COLLECT	READINGS
Lord of the hosts of heaven, our salvation and our strength, without you we are lost: guard us from all that harms or hurts and raise us when we fall; through Jesus Christ our Lord.	Isaiah 6.1–8 Luke 5.1–11

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 9th February

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

6:00pm Holy Communion at Isley Walton

Monday 10th February

7:30pm Pilgrim Group*

Tuesday 11th February

2:30pm Friends, Fellowship and Faith*

Wednesday 12th February

10:30am Holy Communion at Prior Park

Thursday 13th February

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

Friday 14th February

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

Saturday 15th February

9:30 am Morning Prayer in Hastings Chapel

Sunday 16th February

8:30am Holy Communion at Staunton Harold

10:30am Morning Worship at St Helen's

10:30am Holy Communion at Coleorton School

* Contact the Parish Office for location

SATURDAY 8th FEBRUARY, 8:00AM**Ashby Men's Breakfast**

The next Ashby Men's Breakfast will be held at 8:00am on Saturday 8th February at Ashby Wetherspoons pub followed by a talk to be given by Andrew Barson at the Methodist Church Hall.

The talk is on science and faith in male mental health.

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.

SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY, 10:30AM**Focus on Hoveraid**

In our service on 23rd February we will focussing on Hoveraid, one of the charities which we donated to in 2024. The CEO of Hoveraid, John Greaves, will be preaching and, after the service, he will show some video footage of their work and give more information over a bring and share lunch (starting about 12 noon) in the Heritage Centre. Further information about Hoveraid can be found at <https://uk.hoveraid.org>

SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY, 12:00PM**Bring and Share Lunch**

There will be a Bring and Share Lunch on Sunday 23rd February following the above Service at St Helen's. Speak to Alison Andrews or Shân Dyer who are coordinating the contributions.

SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY, 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

Tuesday 25th February, 7:30PM**Heritage Talk**

The next Heritage Talk will be taking place on Tuesday 25th February at 7.30pm in the Community Heritage Centre. Peter Liddle will be speaking on 'Roman Villas and Peasant Farms'.

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