



St Helen's Church

Loving God, loving others, loving the world

Notices for 30th March 2025

Mothering Sunday

COLLECT	READINGS
God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.	Exodus 2 vv 1-10 John 19 vv 25b -27

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 30th March

10:30am Holy Communion at St Helen's
6:00pm Lent Service at Holy Trinity

Saturday 5th April

9:30 am Morning Prayer in Hastings
Chapel

Monday 31st April

Note – no Pilgrim Group

Sunday 6th April

8:30am Holy Communion at Staunton
Harold

Tuesday 1st April

7pm Annual Parochial Church
Meeting in the Heritage Centre

10:30am Holy Communion at Breedon

3:30pm All Age Worship at St Helen's

6:00pm Sunday Soirée – Choral
Evensong followed by
refreshments and recital

Wednesday 2nd April

10.30am Holy Communion at St Helen's
2:00pm We're in Stitches at the
Community Heritage Centre

* Please contact the Parish Office for
location.

Thursday 3rd April

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

Friday 4th April

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

Spring cleaning – working party

Our dedicated team of church cleaners serve the church faithfully with their weekly cleaning, but it is a big building with lots to do. So, as we approach Easter, wedding season, the return of our Soirees and an exhibition in church we are planning to do some serious spring cleaning. Please join us if you can – there will be lots to do – Saturday 29th March 10am to 1pm, Friday 4th April 2pm-4pm, and Saturday 5th April 10am to 1pm. Even an hour or two of help will make a difference to our buildings so please come if you can. Thank you.

SATURDAY 29th MARCH, 10:00AM

Posy-making

Mothering Sunday falls on the 30th March and it is our tradition to give mothers a posy at the service. If you can spare an hour of your time on Saturday 29th March, it would be wonderful to see you join us at 10am in the Heritage Centre to make them. All flowers and fauna will be provided as well as refreshments afterwards. Thank you.

SUNDAY 30th MARCH, 11:30AM

Bake Sale

PRG are running a bake sale in support of MND on Sunday 30th March from 11.30am to 1:00pm in the Heritage Centre. All are welcome to come along, and any contributions of cakes are welcome! Please see Liz for details.

LIZ'S HALF MARATHON

On Sunday 6th April Liz Smith will be running a half marathon in London. She welcomes sponsorship, and all amounts raised will go to the RNIB. She has a link to her 'Just Giving' page on Facebook, or you can give donations to her in person.

TUESDAY 1st APRIL, 7:00PM

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

As our APCM approaches, please prayerfully consider the possibility of whether you could stand for election as a member of PCC or as Church Warden. If you would like to know more about either of these roles, please speak to our Warden Judith, to Rev Sue or to anyone on PCC. Also, a reminder that you can only attend the APCM, stand for election to PCC and vote at the APCM if you are on the Electoral Roll.

WEDNESDAY 2nd APRIL, 2:00PM

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.

SUNDAY 6th APRIL, 6:00PM

SUNDAY SOIRÉE

The first of our Sunday Soirée's will be taking place on Sunday 6th April. Choral Evensong sung by the St Helen's Choir will be followed by refreshments and a recital by Hannah Matthews (trumpet) accompanied by Catherine Matthews and Jude Radley. The programme will include music by Goedicke, Gershwin and Hubeau. All are welcome to come.

SATURDAY 12th APRIL, 8:00AM

Men's Breakfast Club

You are invited to the next Men's Breakfast at Ashby Wetherspoons for breakfast, to be followed in the Methodist Church Hall for a talk to be given by Roger Bayliss on "The Joys of being the Mayor of Ashby".

SATURDAY 12th APRIL, 10:00AM

Gardening Working Party

We are planning to have a working party to tidy and weed the flower borders around the church, and would be grateful for volunteers to help on the day.

If you would like to join us please let Caroline Millward or Susan Boardman-Weston know.

SUNDAY 13th APRIL, 10.30AM

Reading of the Passion

If you would like to be part of this, please could you email Sue this week (flagstaffrector@gmail.com). It would be good to do a run through on Saturday 12 April at 10am but we won't take too long to allow those of you who would like to help with gardening to do so!

SATURDAY 3rd TO MONDAY 5th May **Embroidery Exhibition – Crying in the Silicon Wilderness**

We're excited that Romola Parish's embroidery exhibition will be on in church at the beginning of May, coming to us direct from St Albans Cathedral.

Please help us to publicise this event – there are fliers at the back of church and Tim has posters if you are able to display one anywhere.

Bookings are now open on the website for a creative workshop with the artist on

Saturday and an artist tour of the exhibition on Monday morning – places are limited so book early.

We'll also have our normal Soiree on Sunday evening and piano duets by Rev. Canon Sue Field and Andrew Chapman on Monday lunchtime so it should be a great weekend which we hope you can be part of.

Textile Exhibition Refreshments

The Social Committee would be grateful for donations of Homemade CAKES AND BISCUITS which will be served over the Exhibition weekend. Please sign our Form if you can help. A member of the Committee will be available after each Sunday morning service. Thank you!

SATURDAY 10th MAY

A Coldplay Candlelight Experience

Can you volunteer to steward at this concert? If you can offer a 2 hour slot, between 11am and 6pm please give your name to Peter Rose.

Do you have a notice that you would like including in the notice sheet?

If you would like to include a notice in the weekly notice sheet, please email the content for the notice, and the dates that you would like it to be included for, by **10pm each Tuesday** evening to:

noticesheet@sthelensashby.net

Thank you.

GIVING

<https://www.sthelensashby.net/Groups/327469/Giving.aspx>

You can make donations to St Helen's:

- through the Collectin card reader at the back of church
- via the open plate at the back of church after our Sunday services
- via the wall safe at the back of church
- online:

<https://givealittle.co/c/ab1795d8-295e-497d-9f23-51b319040fef>

Giving online



In addition, regular donations can be made through the Parish Giving Scheme (www.parishgiving.org.uk). You can set up a Direct Debit to give regularly or increase your contributions:

- via paper 'Gift Form' – Contact Cornelia for the form, complete and post to PGS
- via telephone on 0333 002 1271, Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm
- online:

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/ashby-de-la-zouch-st-helen-leicester/>

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