



## St Helen's Church

Loving God, loving others, loving the world

### Notices for 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025

#### Third Sunday of Lent

| COLLECT                                                                                                                                                              | READINGS                     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Eternal God,<br>give us insight to discern your will for us,<br>to give up what harms us,<br>and to seek the perfection we are<br>promised in Jesus Christ our Lord. | Isaiah 55.1-9<br>Luke 13.1-9 |

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

##### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

10:30am Holy Communion at St Helen's  
3:30pm Messy Church at Viscount  
Beaumont School, Coleorton  
6:00pm Lent Service at Viscount  
Beaumont School, Coleorton

##### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March

7:30pm Pilgrim Group \*

##### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

2:30pm Friends, Fellowship and Faith\*

##### Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

10.30am Holy Communion at St Helen's

##### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March

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

##### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March

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

##### Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March

9:30 am Morning Prayer in Hastings  
Chapel

##### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March

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

\* Please contact the Parish Office for  
location.

## **Electoral Roll 2025**

The 2025 Revised Electoral Roll is displayed on the church notice board as from 16 March. Please take time to check it, and if there is any error, I would be grateful if you could notify me. Thank you.

Eileen Coombs (Electoral Roll Officer)

## **Spring cleaning – working parties**

Community Heritage Centre:

Our caretaker and cleaner do a brilliant job of keeping the Heritage Centre in good order but their hours are very limited so there are jobs that never get done. So, we are planning to have two working party sessions to clear cobwebs, clean windows, dust interpretation panels and more to make our building fresh and welcoming. Please join us if you can – there will be lots to do – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March from 9am to 12noon and Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March from 1pm to 5pm

Church:

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 29<sup>th</sup> March 10am to 1pm, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2pm-4pm, and Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 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. Helen Smith.

## **TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 7:30PM**

### **Heritage Talk**

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March the Heritage Talk is being given by Lesley Rowe and is entitled 'Samuel Shaw (1635 – 1698) Little Man with Big Impact'. The talk is being held in the St Helen's Community Heritage Centre, and starts at 7.30pm. Entry is £4.

## **SATURDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 10:00AM**

### **Posy-making**

Mothering Sunday falls on the 30<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

Eileen Coombs

## **SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 11:30AM**

### **Bake Sale**

PRG are running a bake sale in support of MND on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March from 11.30am to 1:00pm in the Heritage Centre. All are welcome to come along, and any contributions of cakes will also be welcome!

Please see Liz for further details.

## **LIZ'S HALF MARATHON**

On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> TO MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> May**

**Save the date - Exhibition in church**

We're excited to announce that the Crying in the Silicon Wilderness embroidery exhibition will be at St Helen's for the weekend of Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May. The designs have been inspiring our prayer station for the past few months so it will be wonderful to have the original artwork on display, and to get to know the artist Rev Dr Romola Parish.

There will be lots going on over the weekend – a preview evening, creative workshop, exhibition tour with the artist, our Sunday Soiree, and a piano concert – more details of all this to follow. So please put the date in your diary and tell your friends about it.

We are also asking for volunteers to make the weekend run smoothly so if you can help with stewarding please contact Lyn Price; and if you can provide cakes or help the social committee to serve refreshments, please contact Alison Andrews. Looking forward to sharing a special weekend.

Helen Smith

**NEW HYMN BOOKS**

We now have new hymn books! As many of our old ones were beginning to get rather tatty and worn, last year PCC took the decision to replace them with new books, Anglican Hymns Old and New. These include both traditional hymns and a range of more contemporary ones, many of which we already use, but printed on slips of paper. PCC have also suggested that members of the congregation might like to choose to dedicate a book to the memory of a loved one or sponsor one as a gift. This would be acknowledged by putting a personalised book plate in each sponsored book. The books cost £10 each.

If you would like to sponsor a book, please would you email the parish office, stating whether it is a gift or given in memory of someone and then donate to church funds through the plate or wall safe, through the Sum-Up machine or via bank transfer – please would you let either Judith or Catalina know if you have donated, so that we can separate the donations out from general giving.

**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](mailto: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](http://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/>

Parish Giving  
Scheme

