

A warm welcome to St Helen's



16th February 2020

9.00am Holy Communion

4.00pm Jigsaw

2nd Sunday before Lent (Proper 2)

Helen

Helen and Team

Prayer Focus

Sunday DCC members

Monday Jigsaw

Tuesday Christian Men Together (Parish men's group)

Wednesday Wednesday Lunches

Thursday Scripture Union

Friday Churches Together in central Solihull

Saturday Solihull Hospital

Thank-you to: Thank-you to those on the Flower Rota and to Linda for organising.

Administration of Communion: Everyone is welcome to come to the altar. Baptised and communicant members of all churches or Christian traditions are invited to receive the bread and wine. If you wish to receive a blessing please come forward carrying this service leaflet.

St Helen's Chapel: the peaceful atmosphere offers a quiet space for reflection, personal prayer or the opportunity to light a candle for a loved one.

Please pray for those in need: Judith Foster-Smith, Diane Read, Elsie Blissett, Alison, Tim Durston, John Priddy

Please pray for those in continuing need: Arthur Ogden, Pamela Shepherd, Christina; James, Gwen and Stuart Reid, Jonathan Chandler, Sheila Garbett, Penny and Daniel.

Recently departed: Betty Wood, Frank Rhodes, Len Orbison

In Memoriam: Bob Blissett, Dorothy Tamtrum

Pastoral Care: Please let Helen, Beryl Moppett or Barbara Sears know of all cases of need for pastoral care. Contact Barbara 704 1994 or Beryl 705 0337

NOTICES FOR THE BULLETIN Please let the Parish Office Team know by the Tuesday 3pm of each week if you require a notice for the Sunday bulletin: 0121 705 5350 or office@solihullparish.org.uk. Thank-you so much

CONGREGATIONAL GIVING Most people in St Helen's make regular giving via Standing Orders. If you are a visitor and would like to make a contribution to the work of our church, a collection plate is available in the foyer.

*****The Bulletin for St Helen's, St Michael's and St Alphege are also, for the first time, now available digitally to download*****
www.solihullparish.org.uk

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NOTICES

Bishop Anne to visit St Helen's Sunday 1st March - Bishop Anne will be presiding at the 10.00am service on Sunday 1 March, St David's day. This is an exciting prospect and we would like as many of our congregation to attend as possible.

Arts and Crafts Together, 2-4pm in church, Monday 17 February Everyone is welcome, an opportunity to be creative in the company of others.

New Prayer Group Wednesday 10am in Chapel, Wednesday 19 February Prayer for the life of the church, all welcome. Les Prescott

Thornby Homegroups 17 Feb, 2 March, 16 March and 30 March Evening meetings, 20 Thornby Avenue at 7.45pm apart from 17 Feb which will be at 46 Monastery Drive and 2 March which will be at 14 Fircroft. All afternoon meetings on same dates 2.30pm 1 Woodfield Road.

Lydia Homegroup 19 Marsham Court Road 2.15pm 24 Feb & 9,23 March

Links Group meeting dates Thursday 27 February, 12/26 March. Meetings take place at 33 Dovehouse Court, for more information please contact either June Paddock 705 2767 or Barbara Sears 704 1994.

Fairtrade Bake Off Competition Saturday 22 February 2020 In support of Solihull Fairtrade Borough Status, this event will take place at The Core Theatre in Solihull. To see the rules and entry requirements visit www.solihull.gov.uk/fairtrade

Round the World Yacht Race Talk- Friday 28 February at 7pm, Solihull Methodist Church Hall. Tickets are free but donations are welcome for Camp Joy. Come and hear Malcolm Evans talk about his adventures in the Round the World Yacht Race. Complimentary tea, coffee and cake available in the interval. Tickets by email: campjoy@solihull-methodist.org.uk or contact 0121 705 7367/ 0121 705 5216

Prayers for Youth Ministry - 3 March (Youth Office), **17 March** (Thornby Avenue).

Morning of Saturday 14 March, SCAH Flag Day Solihull Churches Action on Homelessness (SCAH) will be having their annual fundraising flag day in Solihull town centre. We would be very thankful for your help in collecting. No experience required and it could be as short a slot as half an hour. To volunteer contact Sue Webb sue.e.webb@btinternet.com or ask Sam sollihullcurate@gmail.com

One Way UK Training Day Plus Saturday 30 May 9.30-4.30pm at Shirley Baptist Church, Stratford Road, Shirley B90 3BD. There will be an opportunity to see a 60 minute Creative Ministry showcase and to take part in a choice of THREE workshop sessions covering aspects of puppetry, gospel illusions, creative storytelling and leading a ministry team, details can be found at www.onewayuk.com/event/solihull2020/ if you are interested in going please speak to Linda Hicks 07838 670772 or Ruth Sabbagh 07912 626315.

Messy Church - Could you be a helper? To offer help or find out more contact Linda Hicks l.hicks@solihullparish.org.uk or 07838 670772

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday	17 February	2-4pm	Arts and Crafts Together/ Thornby	
		7.45pm	Thornby Homegroup, 46 Monastery Dr.	
Tuesday	18 February	10.00am	Tuesday Prayer in chapel	
Wednesday	19 February	10.00am	Prayer for the life of the church (in Chapel) Helen's day off	
Friday	21 February	11.00am	Funeral for Betty Wood at St Alphege	
Saturday	22 February	10.30am	Opening Meeting for all-Retreat in Daily Life	
Sunday	23 February	8.00am	Holy Communion	Helen/Beryl
		10.00am	Eucharist	Helen/Beryl
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Beryl

NOTICES continued:

January Sale "Surplus" Christmas Gifts raised the magnificent sum of £155 for SCAH. Many thanks to those who contributed gifts and helped. Sylvia Gale

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the lights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BIBLE READINGS Genesis 1. 1-end & 2. 1-3

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

BIBLE READING Romans 8. 18-25 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

GOSPEL Matthew 6. 25-end 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'