# FAITHFUL NEWS

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# From The Vicar

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August has been a calmer month with many of our church family having holidays or time with loved ones.

Over the month we said goodbye to Avice Heath, Martha Gamble and June Bale as their funerals were held at St Helen's and St Michaels. We also celebrated with Hayley and Carl Turnock and Carla and Jonathan Baines as they were married at St Michael's.

We also remembered the end of the Second World War with a VJ day Cream Tea and concert at St Helen's. Our thanks to Steve Mansfield and all involved in putting the tea together for an enjoyable evening.

On 20<sup>th</sup> September have our annual Pilgrimage around our churches starting at St Wilfrid's at 9am for breakfast then following the route around St Helen's, All Saints Dalbury, All Saints Trusley and St Michael's with prayers using different senses in each church. You are welcome to join us to walk the entire route, some of the route or meet us at the Churches.

On 24<sup>th</sup> September we are holding a Macmillan coffee 'morning' as part of our Community hub, starting at 2pm.

We are also trying a new venture with our Film evening. On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> We are showing a children's film at 4pm and a film for older teens and adults at 7pm, we are unable to share the film titles outside church but check inside St Helens for details.

As schools go back and groups re-open we are looking for more support for our children and young people's work. If you feel this is something you could do, please be in touch and we can talk through what God might be calling you to do.

We also have our home groups that are safe places to discuss questions around faith. If you would like to join in then please let me know.

1st September - 4th October is is designated as the Season of creation. A Rocha describes the Season of Creation as the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of creation. The Celebration begins on 1 September, the Feast of Creation, and ends on 4 October, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. The 2025 theme is Peace with Creation with the symbol 'Garden of Peace', inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18.

It depicts a white dove flying over a tree. The left side of the tree is barren, with roots digging into dry soil, surrounded by an arid, desolate landscape. In contrast, the right side of the tree is lush and green, standing amidst a flourishing landscape. The dove, carrying an olive branch in its beak, flies toward the right—symbolizing peace as a transition from a war-torn, overexploited land to one that is fertile, thriving, and hospitable.

Let us remember that humanity was originally called to tend a garden. Through this year's Season of Creation, we will reflect on the connection between caring for creation and fostering peace. The white dove with an olive branch is a globally recognized symbol of peace. In the story of Noah, it also signifies new life after destruction.

We will be using the Season of Creation resources during our services in September.



# Services 7th September

9.30am - Holy Communion St Wilfrid's Egginton

11.00 - Morning Prayer St Helen's Etwall

11.00am - Holy Communion St Michael's Sutton on the Hill

11.00am - Morning Prayer All Saints, Dalbury

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# Dates for your Diaries

#### Regular Events

Mon 3:30pm, Monday Club, St Wilfrid's (term time)

Tues 9:00am Morning Prayer, St Helen's Wed 2-4pm, Community Hub, St Helen's

Wed 7pm Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's

Thurs 10am, Holy Communion BCP, St Helen's Fri 3pm Crazy Christians at St Helens (term time)

Fri 6pm Choir Practice, St Helen's

#### Other Events this Month

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10am Pastoral Care team meets at St Helen's

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12noon Soup Lunch, St Wilfrid's

Wednesday 3rd, 4pm Benefice Prayers, Trusley (all welcome)

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>, 1pm Funeral of Frank Hawksworth, St Michael's

Wednesday 10th, 10:30am Home Communion, The Old Lodge

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>, 4pm Benefice Prayers, St Michael's

Friday 12<sup>th</sup>, 2pm Home communion, Bearwardcote Hall

Sunday 14th, 2:30pm Bishops Badge Service

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>, 2pm Home communion, Tynefield Court

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>, 4pm Benefice Prayers, Dalbury

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>, 9am Benefice Pilgrimage, walk around the Churches

Wednesday 24th, 1:30pm Fundraising Meeting, St Helen's

Wednesday 24th, 2pm Macmillan Coffee Fundraiser

Wednesday 24th, 4pm Benefice Prayers, St Helen's

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm Church Wardens Meeting, 24 Lawn Avenue

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am Men's Breakfast, St Helen's

Saturday 27th, 4pm Children's Film (rated U), St Helen's

Saturday 27th, 7pm Film night (rated PG), St Helen's

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>, 2pm Fabric Group, St Helen's

#### **Future events**

2<sup>nd</sup> October PCC St Helen's

13-15<sup>th</sup> October Clergy Conference

2nd November Annual Memorial Service for All Souls

8<sup>th</sup> November Confirmation at Cathedral

Sunday Readings				
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	Sun 7th	Jeremiah 18. 1-1	Ps 139: 1 – 7	
		Luke 14: 25 – 33		
	Sun 14th	1 Tim 1: 12 – 17	Ps 14	
		Luke 15.1-10		
	Sun 21st	1 Tim 2: 1 – 7	Ps 79: 1 – 9	Ps 129
		Luke 16.1-13		Ezra ch. 1
				John 7: 14 – 36
	Sun 28th	1 Tim 6: 6 – 19	Ps 91: 11 – end	
		Luke 16.19-31		
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## Pilgrimage - a journey to a place of particular interest or significance

For the past 3 years we have held an annual 'pilgrimage' a walk around the 5 churches of our Benefice. This allows us to meet together, to learn about and from each other. It also allows us to experiment with different styles of prayer and worship as we travel around the different buildings.

This years pilgrimage will be on 20<sup>th</sup> September and will take the theme of 'Our Senses'. We will use different senses as we worship and pray in our different church buildings.

While the aim is to walk around the churches we are aware of our different capabilities and welcome those who walk part of the route or who join us at different points of the route to worship with us.

### Future Services

#### 14th September

9.30am - Family Service St Wilfrid's Egginton

11.00am - Morning Worship St Helen's Etwall

11.00am Morning Worship St Michael's Sutton on the Hill

4.00pm - Evening Prayer All Saints Trusley

7.00pm - Another Way St Helen's Etwall

#### 21st September

9.30am - Holy Communion St Wilfrid's Egginton

11.00am - All Age Worship St Helen's Etwall

11.00am - Morning Worship St Michael's Sutton on the Hill

11.00am - Holy Communion All Saints Dalbury

6.30pm - Evensong St Helen's Etwall

#### 28th September

9.30am - Morning Prayer St Wilfrid's Egginton

11.00 - Holy Communion - Harvest St Helen's Etwall

11.00 - St Michael's Day / Harvest St Michael's

4.00pm - Holy Communion All Saints Trusley

