



## HARVEST THANKSGIVING

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

- 8.00am.** Said Communion *in traditional language*.  
**9.15am.** Worship Together Communion for Harvest.  
**2.00pm.** The Mayor's Civic Service.

Please bring harvest gifts such as tinned meat/fish, tinned fruit, sponge/rice puddings, coffee (small jars), long-life juice, pasta sauce, tinned veg., tinned meals (spaghetti, chicken or veg curries, chilli), tinned soup, jam and spreads, for Manchester Road. Food Hub. Personal hygiene items & toilet rolls, washing up liquid, laundry detergent pods, too. Together with the harvest boxes brought to Church Walk School's Harvest Service everything that is received on Harvest Sunday will be donated to Manchester Road Food Hub.



## HARVEST HOT POT SUPPER & CEILIDH BARN DANCE

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

Adult tickets £10 and Children's £5. Doors open 7.00pm and food, including vegetarian/vegan options, will be served at 7.45pm. Music by "Usquebaugh". Tickets from Rachel Clarke, 07745 201169, and offers to help cook, serve, move furniture and arrange tables and chairs to her, too. Raffle prizes to Barbara & Malcom Spencer, please.

## ORGAN



This time last year our organ builders were hoping to finish refurbishing our John Compton organ and have it ready to be played in time for Christmas. Due to many and various (unforeseen) circumstances everything has taken far longer than expected. But progress is now being made, as you will notice when you next walk past the organ. The organ case is slowly but surely filling up with wind chests and pipes. You might notice an interesting use of aluminium drain pipes, too.

## St. Helen's Church, Northwich



## NEWSLETTER

After what seems an age, the Church of England has an Archbishop of Canterbury-designate, the Bishop of London for the last seven years, Sarah Mulally. A former lecturer at the theological college where I trained says of Bishop Sarah Mulally: "She has shown herself to be cautious and moderate. My most cynical thought is that women are always brought in to clear up big messes created by male predecessors."

Please pray for Archbishop Sarah because the Church of England is in a bit of a mess, for all sorts of reasons. There have been some terrible mistakes in safe guarding and the new Archbishop has said the church's "history of safeguarding failures has left a legacy of deep harm and mistrust, and we must all be willing to have light shone on our actions." She has pointed out that the church is undergoing "a significant professional and cultural shift in safeguarding". St Helen's is part of this change, as we adopt the best safeguarding procedures possible, as directed by our very experienced Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

Archbishop Sarah says she intends to be "a shepherd who enables everyone's ministry and vocation to flourish, whatever our tradition' and for every congregation and chaplaincy to offer hope over against "hatred that rises up through the fractures in society".

God bless her and the Church of England, in every parish, in seeking to heal the divisions which separate us as Christians and citizens in this country.

*Andrew Ridley*

## Dates for your Diary



### OCTOBER

- 5<sup>th</sup>** **Harvest Sunday : 'Spirit Filled Church' Week 6.**  
 8.00am. Said Communion (in 'thee' and 'thou' language).  
 9.15am. Worship Together Communion.  
 2.00pm. The Mayor of Northwich's Civic Service.
- 9<sup>th</sup>** 11.00am - 1.30pm. 'Place of Welcome'.
- 10<sup>th</sup>** 9.30am - 11.00am. 'Praise & Play' for pre-school children.  
 7.00pm. Harvest Supper & Ceilidh (hot pot served at 7.45pm.)
- 12<sup>th</sup>** **Sunday : Trinity 17 : 'Spirit Filled Church' Week 7.**  
 9.15am. Holy Communion, with hymns.  
 1.00pm. Holy Baptism.  
 2.30pm. Northwich & District Churches Together (NDCT)  
*Songs of Praise* at Owley Wood S.C. Weaverham CW8 3LS.
- 13<sup>th</sup>** 9.00am. Church Walk School 20th Anniversary Service.
- 14<sup>th</sup>** 7.00pm. Parochial Church Council meeting.
- 15<sup>th</sup>** 12 noon Holy Communion (said) in the Holy Cross Chapel.  
 12.40pm. CAMEO Lunch.
- 16<sup>th</sup>** 11.00am - 1.30pm. 'Place of Welcome'.
- 17<sup>th</sup>** 9.30am. - 11.00am. 'Praise & Play' for pre-school children.
- 18<sup>th</sup>** 2.00pm. Richard & Abigail's wedding.
- 19<sup>th</sup>** **Sunday : Trinity 18 : 'Spirit Filled Church' Week 8.**  
 9.15am. Holy Communion, with hymns.
- 23<sup>rd</sup>** 11.00am - 1.30pm. 'Place of Welcome'.
- 24<sup>th</sup>** 9.30am. - 11.00am. 'Praise & Play' for pre-school children.
- 26<sup>th</sup>** **Last Sunday after Trinity : Spirit Filled Church Week 9.**  
*British Summer Time ends. School half term week.*  
 9.15am. Holy Communion & Holy Baptism, with hymns.  
 1.00pm. Holy Baptism.  
 4.00pm. 'Remembrance & Thanksgiving' Candle Service
- 30<sup>th</sup>** 11.00am - 1.30pm. 'Place of Welcome'.
- 31<sup>st</sup>** 9.00am. - 12 noon Churchyard Working Party.  
 9.30am. - 11.00am. 'Praise & Play' for pre-school children.

### NOVEMBER

- 1<sup>st</sup>** 1.00pm. Peter & Laura's wedding.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** **All Saints' Sunday : Spirit Filled Church Week 10**  
 8.00am. Holy Communion (in 'thee' and 'thou' language).  
 9.15am. Worship Together Communion.

## YOUTUBE

You can watch St Helen's Sunday morning service live or at a convenient time for you on YouTube at 'St Helen's Church, Northwich'. The Remembrance & Thanksgiving 'Light a Candle' Service on Sunday 26th October at 4.00pm will be live streamed, too.



## PLACE OF WELCOME

It's back and proving just as popular! 'Place of Welcome' attracted 53 to lunch when it returned after an extended Summer break on Thursday the 2nd. 'Place of Welcome' will be meeting weekly on Thursdays, 11.00am - 1.30pm. The lunch at 12.15pm is free and attendees come to enjoy the chat and to meet friends old and new as well. You are invited. *Gordon Atkinson*



## KEEP IN TOUCH

St Helen's weekly Notice sheet is posted on the Church's *achurchnearyou* website and on Facebook at *St Helen's Northwich*. Items for inclusion to *arridley1@gmail.com.*, please. November's Newsletter will be available on **Sunday 2nd November**. Email news items to *arridley1@gmail.com.*, please.



## CHURCH FLOWERS

Thank you, flower arrangers for the beautiful Harvest arrangements and everyone who contributed towards their cost. Please see Pat Wilson in church or telephone her on 01606 44091 to make a donation towards flowers. We don't usually have flowers in Advent (which begins November 30th) but we certainly do at Christmas! Yes! It isn't too early to mention Christmas because our flower arrangers like to plan ahead and with your help they can do so with confidence. This month, on the 12th, flowers have been given anonymously; on the 19th by Rachel Clarke and the 26th slot, so far, is vacant.



## CHURCH GROUNDS

There will be a Church Grounds Working Party on Friday 31st October between 9.00am. and 12 noon. The help of old and new members to the Working Party will be very much appreciated, especially with Remembrance Sunday coming up: our team will supplement the efforts of the Town Council's grass cutting and leaf blowing efforts prior to November 9th. Compulsory half time refreshment break included. *Gordon Atkinson*



## CHRISTMAS MARKET

This year's will be on Saturday 22nd November, 10.00am. - 1.00pm. Could you run a stall? Volunteer today, please, to the Vicar and Churchwardens.