



St. Helen's Parish Church, Northwich

Churchwardens:

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Sunday 16th

2nd Sunday before Advent

9.15 a.m. Holy Communion followed by refreshments (Fairtrade)

11.30 a.m. We welcome Nelly Sue Spruce being baptised today

Wed. 19th

9.05 a.m. Witton Church Walk School Worship in Church

12 noon Holy Communion & CAMEO Lunch at 12.40 p.m.

7 p.m. P.C.C. meeting

Thursday 20th

11 a.m. 'til 1.30 p.m. Place of warmth & welcome including Lunch

11 a.m. MIND Bereavement Group also meet

7.15 p.m. Choir practice

Friday 21st

9.30 a.m. until 11 a.m. Praise & Play for pre-school children, parents and carers: Short service + chat, drink & snack - all free!

Saturday 22nd

10 a.m. until 1 p.m. St. Helen's Christmas Market

Sunday 23rd

Christ the King (Sunday next before Advent)

9.15 a.m. Holy Communion followed by refreshments (Fairtrade)

Giving to St. Helen's

Please kindly put cash on the collection plate or give via the QR code, contactless machine or by BACS: **Northwich PCC 40-35-07 Account No.: 41013289**. Please use a Gift Aid envelope or tick the appropriate box to increase the value of your gift by 25%.

St. Helen's notices

Praying for the Parish

With Reverend Andrew Ridley's retirement, St Helen's will be in vacancy until a new Vicar is appointed. During this period, running the church will fall to volunteers from our congregation, both lay and clergy. But we are people of faith so we know we are not alone and God is with us!

To emphasise our dependence upon God, there will be a Day of Prayer – "Praying for the Parish" – on Monday 1st December. St Helen's will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. for you to drop in and pray, maybe for only a few minutes, perhaps for longer. If you can't come to church maybe you could set aside time that day to pray for the Parish? There will be a Prayer Card suggesting topics and people to pray for. In the church on the day, there will be further ideas to guide our prayers.

If you would be willing to help by being at church for an hour or so at an agreed time, please contact Andrew or Barbara Jeapes

Christingle: Can you help?

We are looking for people to help with the building of the Christingle Oranges please. We shall be making them in church on Saturday 29th November from 10 a.m. If you are able to give your time in helping please can you speak to Amelia. Thank you.

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## 'Praise & Play'

St. Helen's 'Praise & Play' on Friday mornings during term time begins with child-friendly, interactive worship around the altar. Everyone sings, listens to a story and says prayers. The morning continues with a themed craft activity, drink, snack, chat and play. And it's free! To continue during the vacancy 'Praise & Play' needs some more volunteers please. Perhaps you could join in the worship, help with a craft activity, service refreshments, chat to the children and their parents, grandparents and carers, and - crucially be the link between 'Praise & Play' and the Sunday morning congregation. All the materials and resources are provided. If you can help in any way please speak to the church wardens as soon as possible. Thank you.

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St. Helen's Christmas Market next Saturday 10 a.m. ~ 1 p.m.

We have a 'Knit & Natter' stall, Tombola, various stalls, a Raffle and, as always, there will be lovely refreshments. We also need volunteers to help please.

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## **Christmas Candles dedicated to loved ones who have died**



Please can you give any new names to David Drinkwater by the 30th November and for names already on his list, by the 7th December.

Thank you

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