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The service will be live streamed on YouTube.

To avoid being seen online, please speak to the person who welcomed you.  
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Sunday 11th January

Feast of Epiphany (visit of the kings)

	9.15 a.m.	Holy Communion followed by refreshments
Wed. 14th	9.05 a.m.	Church Walk School Worship in school
Thur. 15th	10.30 a.m.	MIND meeting in the Holy Cross Chapel
	11 a.m.	until 1.30 p.m. Place of warmth & welcome including
Lunch		7.15 p.m. Choir practice
Fri. 16th	9.30 a.m.	until 11 a.m. Praise & Play for pre-school children, parents and carers: Short service + chat, drink & snack - all free!
Sat. 17th	10 a.m.	until 12 noon St. Helen's is open for coffee, tea and cake for a donation to 'EMBRACE Middle East'.

Sunday 18th January

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

9.15 a.m. Holy Communion
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**Welcome**

A very warm welcome to St. Helen's! When it comes to receiving Holy Communion, please feel free to stand or kneel. After you have received the wafer, you will be offered the wine but if you prefer not to drink from the chalice, please just return to your seat. Taking the wafer only, is just as valid as taking both.  
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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%.
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**This weekly news sheet**

Since Reverend Andrew retired I have been producing the weekly calendar and notices. If you have anything to be included, it would help me enormously if, where possible, you could let me have it a week in advance please. Thank you. Diane.  
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Crèche

Apart from the first Sunday of the month when it's 'Worship Together', a Crèche is available in the vestry (up the ramp) and is set up with resources for the children.

St. Helen's notices



From now until the end of March all donations from the Saturday open mornings will go to support 'Embrace Middle East.' This amazing charity is so desperately in need of funds right now.

As a Christian charity, 'Embrace the Middle East' partner with Christians in the Middle East as they work to transform lives and restore the dignity of the most excluded and marginalised communities. Where there is a need – for refuge, a home, for health care, for education, for justice and human rights – 'Embrace

ME' with its partners, respond. It's goal is to contribute to a culture of human flourishing in a troubled region. Its a vision of love in action. It is rooted in, and inspired by, Christ's invitation to care for those most in need.

A note from our clergy on Pastoral care

We do hope that you all have had a wonderful and peaceful Christmas. We are most keen that no one falls through the net due to ill health during our vacancy! We would be most grateful if you could let us know of anyone who is ill at home or in hospital. If you notice that someone who is in church most Sundays hasn't been for a couple of weeks, do please let us know - our telephone numbers and e-mail addresses are over the page. Many thanks. Canon Diane and Reverend Barbara.

Thank you!

The Flower Team would like to thank those who donated towards the Christmas flowers. Without financial support the ladies would not be able to decorate our church as beautifully and stunningly as they did, and as they do throughout the year. The Team is most grateful for your support.

Those donating towards church flowers today are Gordon & Angela Atkinson.

Next Sunday it is Peter & Enid Coppack.

And on the 25th January it will be Sylvia Birtwisle.

Prayer for a new vicar ~ please take away to use at home

Heavenly Father, we come before you with grateful hearts, seeking your guidance and wisdom. As we search for a new vicar to lead and serve our church, help us to trust in your plan and to listen carefully for your direction. Guide those who are part of this process, granting them clarity, patience, and unity in their decisions. Bless the person you are calling to this role, preparing their heart and mind to respond to your call with faith and joy. We pray that a new vicar be a faithful shepherd, who will guide us with wisdom, inspire us with their teaching, enable gifts and walk alongside us in love and humility. Help us to be a welcoming and supportive community, ready to work together for your kingdom. May this season of transition strengthen our faith and draw us closer to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.