



(Church Road, Northwich CW9 5PB)



**Every Saturday Morning  
10:00am to 12 noon**



Take the opportunity to look around our historic Church,  
the most important heritage building in Northwich.

Everyone is welcome, please come and join us.

**St Helen's Church Northwich**

**PLACES OF WELCOME**

St Helen's Church opens each Thursday  
For Friendship and hospitality as a  
"Place of Welcome"

The Church will be open to welcome visitors  
between 11:00 am and 1:30 pm.

The basic arrangements are:

- ⇒ 11:00am to 11:45am hot drinks and biscuits will be on offer.
- ⇒ Lunch will be served at 12:15pm-ish: hot soup and rolls followed by hot drinks and cakes.
- ⇒ 1.30pm close and clear away.

Visit [www.placesofwelcome.org.uk](http://www.placesofwelcome.org.uk) for more information

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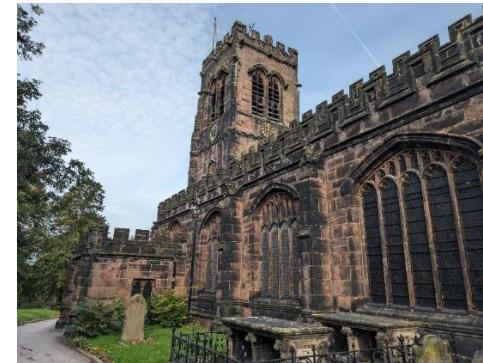
*Open to everyone, so please drop in, --No need to book*

### **January Dates For Your Diary**

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	New Year
	9.15am – Worship Together Communion
Thursday 8th	11.00am-1.30pm – Place of Welcome
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am-12noon – 4Cs – Coffee, Cake, Company & Conversation
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Epiphany
	9.15am – Holy Communion Service with Sunday Club
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am-1.30pm – Place of Welcome
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am-11.00am – Praise & Play
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am-12noon – 4Cs – Coffee, Cake, Company & Conversation
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	First Sunday After Epiphany
	9.15am – Holy Communion Service with Sunday Club
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00am-1.30pm – Place of Welcome
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am-11.00am – Praise & Play
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am-12noon – 4Cs – Coffee, Cake, Company & Conversation
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Second Sunday After Epiphany
	9.15am – Holy Communion
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am-1.30pm – Place of Welcome
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am-11.00am – Praise & Play
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am-12noon – 4Cs – Coffee, Cake, Company & Conversation

# **St Helen's Church Witton Northwich**

## **JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2026**



**Ordinary Time** - between Epiphany and Lent we enter a period of time known in the Church calendar as Ordinary Time. With no major celebrations or events these weeks give us the opportunity to reflect, focus and find time for spiritual growth. We can live out our beliefs in our every day life. During this time we will continue to pray for our parish in this period of Vacancy. We pray for Barbara, Diane, David, Francis and Andrew as they lead, guide and help us through this process.

### **Finding a New Vicar – the story so far**

On 2nd November, Rev. Andrew Ridley preached his last service as priest-in-charge of St Helen's Church. The preaching reins were passed on to Diane, Barbara and David, who, among other things will be taking responsibility for nearly all of our services, helping with the weekly news sheet and assisting us as we navigate the legal, logistical and parochial maze that is what being churchwardens in a vacancy is all about.

We are blessed that we have such a helpful congregation. With us both working full time, it is often difficult to be available for events and we have to rely on the incredible support you all have offered. Thank you all. It is difficult to single out any one person for particular praise, so we'll just say that we are so thankful for all of you who are helping us and we don't know what we would do without you. You know who you are!

Andrew Cannon & Francis Pendlebury – Churchwardens

## **Reflections on Christmas events**

As a church, we can reflect upon recent Christmas events with a strong sense of satisfaction. We ran our usual programme of services, ranging from the Christingle and Carol Service to the Crib Service and evening communion on Christmas eve, followed by our family Christmas Day service. In addition, we have been able to host carol concerts and end of term events by our local schools – Witton Church Walk, Victoria Rd and Rudheath Senior Academy.

As a result, a large number of people have come to worship God and marvel again at his grace through the birth of His Son at Bethlehem. None of this would have happened without many people volunteering their time and efforts beyond what they might have done previously. We can be particularly grateful for the contribution of our retired clergy, visiting clergy and notably for our churchwardens. We can take heart that whatever 2026 holds in store, God will be with us through the commitment of faithful members of St Helen's.

## **Our Generosity**

Following our practice in recent years, St Helen's has been able to express our thanks to God by making donations to 2 Christian charities: Christian Aid and Embrace the Middle East. Over the Christmas period many people attend St Helen's services and the PCC has decided that it is right to devote the offerings from those services. All donations received at our Saturday openings between January and March will be given to Embrace the Middle East. More can be found about the work this Charity do on their website: [embrace.me.org](http://embrace.me.org)

## **Sunday Club**

Sunday Club returns for 2026 on 11th and 18th January. We meet in the upper vestry during the service welcoming school age children for a Godly Play Story and a craft activity returning to the service in time for a blessing.

## **Under The Mango Tree – Bra Collection**

Thank you to everyone who supported the bra collection. Two very large boxes have been delivered to the school community in Kenya. On behalf of the community Head Teacher Madam Agnes said "May I take this opportunity to thank you and the UK community for the donation of bras. The Kambe women received them and are really happy.

## **Place of Welcome**

Place of Welcome met for the last time in 2025 on the 18<sup>th</sup> December for a Christmas themed event, there were 68 attending. The exemplary volunteer team, along with the whole group of attendees, created a wonderful time of fellowship. Special thanks to Ian for the fun quiz, Lesley for leading a sing along and Angela for coordinating the special lunch. A wonderful time was enjoyed by all. The next meeting is on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January from 11:00 am – everyone is welcome.

## **Church Flowers**

Thank you to our wonderful team of flower arrangers for the beautiful displays and to everyone who contributed towards the cost of flowers. All donations are very gratefully received. Please see Pat Wilson in church or telephone her on 01606 44091 to make a donation towards flowers.

## **Tower Room**

The final approval has been given by the Diocese for our Tower Room Project. Thus the project will move forward significantly in the coming weeks.

## **Volunteers**

Do you have any spare time that you can offer to help at St Helen's Church. There are many different activities and openings that cannot take place without the help of volunteers. Please speak to one of our Church Wardens, Andrew or Francis if you are able to help. This could be as a one off or taking a slot on one of the regular rotas.

## **YouTube**

St Helen's Sunday morning services can be watched live or at a convenient time for you on YouTube at 'St Helen's Church, Northwich'.

## **Keeping In Touch**

The February Newsletter will be available on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Please email any news items to: [stheleanscomms@gmail.com](mailto:stheleanscomms@gmail.com) by 24<sup>th</sup> January.