

# FAITHFUL NEWS

MAR 26



## From The Vicar

REV. STELLA GREENWOOD

During February we said goodbye to a number of friends who had died. These included Ada Holland, Janet Harris, Tony Spiers, Margaret Fordyce, Gladys, Lady Hives, Julian Hall and Hilary Walker. We continue to pray for their families and friends.

February was very musical. As well as the amazing choir pieces sung at the funerals of Tony Spiers and Margaret Fordyce, we then had an evening of Baroque music played and sung by our own Robert Greenwood. A wonderful celebration of music. The music continues with the Rock and Roll Party show on 28<sup>th</sup> March

On February 18<sup>th</sup> we celebrated **Ash Wednesday** with a service that included the imposition of ashes as we recognised our own mortality and need for God.

This year, or during Lent we are following the **Talking Jesus** course, a series of reflections on how we can share our faith with those around us. If you want to get involved, just ask.

An additional idea for Lent is the Climate Stewards initiative of a **Carbon Fast**: Caring for creation was God's first instruction to humans. This challenge asks us to live more simply and find new ways to reduce our carbon footprint? Each week of Lent there is a different theme to learn about and you can catch up on any material you have missed. They include delight in nature, consumerism, money, food, transport, energy and social media

If you are a PCC member, you will have received an email highlighting the expiry dates for your DBS and **Safeguarding** training. While it may seem that the process for DBS and safeguarding is tiresome it is extremely important that all those in a position of responsibility in our churches have completed the appropriate training.



we are all aware of the abuse that has occurred in various organisations including the church and we need to ensure that our Benefice is a safe place for all people. The email asks you to complete any outstanding training by the date of the APCM or to stand down from your role. We don't ask this lightly but we need to ensure we are safe.

On a more positive note, we are joining together on Palm Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> March for our Benefice service. we will be meeting at St Michael's Sutton-on-the-Hill to begin our journey through Holy Week to the Cross. Don't forget that clocks go forward that morning!

Our Easter services are shown on the notices on Church notice boards and on social media, please share them with friends, family and neighbours.



## Services 1st March

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

Thurs 10am, Holy Communion BCP, St Helen's

Wed 2-4pm, Community Hub, St Helen's

Fri 3pm Crazy Christians at St Helens (term time)

Wed 7pm Choir Practice, St Wilfrid's

Fri 6pm Choir Practice, St Helen's

## Other Events this Month

March 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Stella on retreat

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:30am Lent Group, 24 Lawn Avenue, Etwall

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>, 12noon Soup Lunch, St Wilfrid's

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

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>, 2pm World day of Prayer service, Methodist Chapel

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am Messy Church, St Helen's

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>, 11am Baptism of Megan Woodford, St Helen's

Monday 9<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am Funeral of Roger Williams, St Helen's

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am Lent Group, 24 Lawn Avenue, Etwall

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 4pm Messy Church Planning, St Helen's

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am Home Communion, The Old Lodge

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>, 2:30pm Community Hub Talk on Norway by Andrew Gamon

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>, 4pm Benefice Prayers

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm PCC, St Wilfrid's

Friday 13<sup>th</sup>, 2pm Home Communion at Bearwardcote Hall

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>, 10am Diocesan Synod, St John's Walton

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am Lent Group, 24 Lawn Avenue, Etwall

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>, 2pm Pastoral Care Team meeting, St Helen's

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>, 2pm Home Communion Ashfields

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>, 4pm Benefice Prayers

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>, 7pm PCC, St Helen's

Friday 20<sup>th</sup>, 11am Memorial Service for Patricia Hatherway

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:30am Men's Breakfast, St Helen's

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am Lent Group, 24 Lawn Avenue, Etwall

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>, 2pm Pastoral Care Team meeting, St Helen's

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>, 2pm Home Communion, Tynefield Court

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>, 2pm Easter Card making with Barbara Gamon at the Community Hub

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>, 4pm Benefice Prayers

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm Egginton Bible Study Group

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am Bell ringing competition heats at St Helen's

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>, 7pm Rock and Roll night with Kevin and Marie, St Helen's

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>, 10am Funeral of Jean Jordan, St Wilfrid's

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>, 10:30am Lent Group, 24 Lawn Avenue, Etwall

## Future events

5<sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday

18<sup>th</sup> April Lesley Smith

## Sunday Readings

	Main Service	Evensong		Main Service	Evensong
Sun 1st	Rom 4: 1 - 5, 13 - 17 John 3: 1 - 17		Sun 22nd	Rom 8: 6 - 11 John 11: 1 - 45	
Sun 8th	Rom 5: 1 - 11 John 4: 5 - 42		Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	Matt 26: 14 - 27: 66	

## Vision for Etwall - update

Over the last few years we have been working towards a vision plan for St Helen's - where are we up to:

- Energy improvements - Faculties submitted for improved heating and solar panels
- Flexibility - application approved for Well Dressing funding for kitchen and toilet updated, PCC agreed to submit a faculty to remove north aisle pews
- Prayer area - candles, prayer tree and prayer cards sited in John Port Chapel
- Porch and rear of church - project still to be defined
- Modern Communications - project still to be defined

Much work has been done in the background, look out for visible changes soon

## Future Services

### 8th March

9.30am - Morning Worship  
St Wilfrid's Egginton

11.00am - Holy Communion  
St Helen's Etwall

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

4.00pm - Holy Communion  
All Saints Trusley

7.00pm - Another Way  
St Helen's Etwall

### 15th March - Mothering Sunday

9.30am - Family Service  
St Wilfrid's Egginton

11.00am - All Age Worship  
St Helen's Etwall

11.00am - Morning Worship  
All Saints Dalbury

6.30pm - Evensong  
St Helen's Etwall

### 22nd March

9.30am - Morning Prayer  
St Wilfrid's Egginton

11.00am - Holy Communion  
St Helen's Etwall

4.00pm - Evening Prayer  
All Saints Trusley

### 29th March

11.00 Joint Benefice Service for  
Palm Sunday  
St Michael's Sutton on the Hill



# *Prayer Diary*

Please pray for the people and events taking place in our Benefice this month

01 March 2026 The housebound  
02 March 2026 Monday Club  
03 March 2026 Lent Groups  
04 March 2026 Soup Lunch  
05 March 2026 Choir and Musicians  
06 March 2026 Crazy Christians  
07 March 2026 Messy Church  
08 March 2026 Egginton Congregation  
09 March 2026 Etwall Primary School  
10 March 2026 Sutton Pre School  
11 March 2026 Community Hub  
12 March 2026 Our PCCs  
13 March 2026 Our Care Homes  
14 March 2026 Our PTOs Tony and Sarah  
15 March 2026 Dalbury Congregation  
16 March 2026 Egginton Primary School  
17 March 2026 Pastoral Care team  
18 March 2026 Thursday Congregation  
19 March 2026 John Port Spencer Academy  
20 March 2026 All who are Bereaved  
21 March 2026 Men's Breakfast  
22 March 2026 Trusley Congregation  
23 March 2026 Sutton on the Hill Congregation  
24 March 2026 Our Administrator Helena  
25 March 2026 Etwall Congregation  
26 March 2026 Those with young children  
27 March 2026 Our readers Andrew and Steve  
28 March 2026 Our Bell Ringers  
29 March 2026 Faithful 5 Benefice  
30 March 2026 Stella and the Leadership team  
31 March 2026 For a Holy Easter

*They all joined together constantly in prayer*

*Acts 1:14*