

## **April Dates For Your Diary**

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am – Easter Sunday Holy Communion
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am-1.30pm – Place of Welcome
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am-12noon – 4Cs – Coffee, Cake, Company & Conversation
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am – Holy Communion Service 2.00pm – Hale
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am-1.30pm – Place of Welcome
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am-12noon – Grounds working party
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am-12noon – 4Cs – Coffee, Cake, Company & Conversation
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am – Holy Communion Service
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	11.00am-1.30pm – Place of Welcome
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am-11.00am – Praise & Play
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am-12noon – 4Cs – Coffee, Cake, Company & Conversation
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am – Holy Communion Service followed by annual meeting
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am-1.30pm – Place of Welcome

### **HALE LIGHT ORCHESTRA**

#### *Journey Around Europe*

Musical Director: Gina Hazell

12th April 2026, 2.00pm  
St Helen's Church  
Church Road, Northwich  
Tickets £8 Cash on the Door  
Under 18 Free  
Interval & Light refreshments



**HLO welcomes you on an exciting musical journey of light music around Europe including:**

Three Bavarian Dances (No.1)	Edward Elgar
Three English Dances	Roger Quilter
Norwegian Dances (No.2)	Edvard Grieg
Serenade of Old Napoli	René Pougnet
In the Steppes of Central Asia	Alexander Borodin
Pfeif-Lied	Josef Strauss



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

### **APRIL NEWSLETTER 2026**



### **He Is Risen!**

We proclaim with joy the wonderful news of Easter—Christ is risen indeed!

In this season of hope and renewal, we are reminded that even in times of uncertainty, God's promises remain steadfast and true. The empty tomb speaks not only of victory over death, but also of God's faithfulness to His people in every season of life.

As we continue our vacancy journey together, we give thanks for the dedication, faith, and unity within our church family. With the help of Diane, Barbara, David, visiting clergy, and everyone's continued support, we continue to grow in faith, hope, and fellowship as we look ahead with confidence in God's plans for St Helen's.

May this Easter bring each of us renewed strength and encouragement. Let us continue to support one another, deepen our faith, and share the love of the risen Christ with our community, trusting that He walks with us and leads us forward.

## **From The PCC**

Church of England parish churches are governed by members, in co-operation with their vicar. This year's annual meeting will take place on 26th April, after the Sunday service and will consist of two meetings.

The first meeting: to elect two churchwardens for the year. This meeting is open to anyone on the electoral roll for the civic parish and people on our church electoral roll. Forms will be available at the back of church for anyone who wishes to nominate someone.

The second meeting: Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). This meeting is only open to people on our church electoral roll. At this meeting there will be: various reports on activities in our church; an election to fill vacant spaces on the PCC; an election to fill 3 spaces to represent us on the Middlewich Deanery Synod.

Information about the roles: PCC members are elected for a 3-year term. This year the PCC has at least 2 spaces due to retiring members. PCC members work in co-operation with our clergy to ensure the safe, effective and legal running of our church. Formally, they act as charity trustees for St Helen's Church, undergo DBS checks and have their details declared to the Charity Commission.

Middlewich Deanery Synod is a gathering of representatives from churches in the deanery and is one way to make our views known to the wider church. Deanery Synod representatives are automatically members of our PCC. Nomination forms will also be available at the back of church.

If eligible, please consider carefully whether they would be willing to serve as a PCC or Deanery Synod member. It is beneficial to our church if our PCC comprises a range of views, experience and skills. Legal conditions attached to becoming a PCC member are set out on the application forms which will be available at the back of church nearer the time. In addition, each PCC member will need to have clearance confirming there is no reason that they can't have oversight over our work with children and vulnerable adults.

Please consider if you could contribute to the successful running of our church in this way and have a chat with an existing PCC member or one of the churchwardens

## **Scouts Celebration**

On 1<sup>st</sup> March over 100 Cubs, Beavers and Squirrels and their parents came to St Helen's to celebrate earning their Chief Scout Acorn, Bronze and Silver Awards. These are the Highest awards that the Squirrels, Beavers and Cubs can achieve in their respective sections. St Helen's has a long and proud association with Scouting through our members and we were delighted to host these awards.

## **Vacancy Process**

Our Parish Profile and vacancy advert are now on the Diocesan website. The closing date for applications is 12<sup>th</sup> April and we will be shortlisting prospective candidates on the 14<sup>th</sup> April. If you wish to help out on the 7<sup>th</sup> May, when we will be conducting the Parish Tours and interviews, please let Francis and Andrew know.

## **Grounds Maintenance**

There will be a grounds maintenance working party on Friday 17th April from 9:30 am to about 12 noon. Everyone is welcome. Please wear appropriate working clothing and footwear - it might be raining!

## **Northwich LitFest 2026 – Poetry Open Mic Event**

When: Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 7pm to 9pm

Where: St Helen's Church, Northwich, CW9 5PW

And we're back! Poets? Aspiring poets? Come and join us. Don't be shy! We'd absolutely love to hear you read one of your poems... maybe even two if time permits. Or just come along to listen if you'd prefer. No judging, just a lovely support atmosphere in the wonderful St Helen's Church. We will have music and even tea and biscuits too!

## **Church Flowers**

Thank you to our wonderful team of flower arrangers for the beautiful Easter displays. If anyone would like to donate to the flowers, please see Pat Wilson in church or telephone her on 01606 44091.

## **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 May Newsletter will be available on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Please email any items to: sthelenscomms@gmail.com by 25<sup>th</sup> April.