

June Dates For Your Diary

Sunday 7 th	9.15am – Holy Communion Service 2.30-4.30pm – Tea At The Tower
Thursday 11 th	7.00-9.00pm – Northwich LitFest
Friday 12 th	9.30am-11.00am – Praise & Play
Saturday 13 th	10.00am-12noon – 4Cs – Coffee, Cake, Company & Conversation
Sunday 14 th	9.15am – Holy Communion Service & Sunday Club
Friday 19 th	9.30am-11.00am – Praise & Play
Saturday 20 th	10.00am-12noon – 4Cs – Coffee, Cake, Company & Conversation
Sunday 21 st	9.15am – Holy Communion Service & Sunday Club
Friday 26 th	9.30am-11.00am – Praise & Play
Saturday 27 th	10.00am-12noon – 4Cs – Coffee, Cake, Company & Conversation
Sunday 28 th	9.15am – Holy Communion Service

Bell ringing practice – every Monday 7.15pm

Choir Practice – every Thursday 7.15-8.15pm

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View from the top of the tower

St Helen's Church Tower Tours and Tea At The Tower

Sunday 3rd May
Sunday 7th June
Sunday 5th July
Sunday 2nd August
Sunday 6th September
All from 2:30 to 4:30pm
Last tour about 4pm



Climb the 92 steps to the top of the tower and enjoy the panoramic views*. Visit the Bell Tower and bell ringing demonstrations. Pre-booking is not required.

Enjoy cakes and drinks.

An opportunity to look around this wonderful Grade I listed building.

*Note
Tours to the top of the tower are weather dependant. visitors must be able to climb the stairs unassisted. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.



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Church Road
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As we move into June and the longer, hopefully brighter days of summer, we give thanks for the many opportunities to gather together as a church and community. This month brings further opportunities and we look forward to sharing these with both familiar faces and first-time visitors.

The weeks following Pentecost remind us that the Church's mission did not end with the coming of the Holy Spirit; rather, it was only beginning. What began as a small gathering of followers was transformed into a community filled with courage, hope and purpose. The same Spirit continues to guide and strengthen us today, inspiring us to reach out in faith, welcome others, and share God's love within our community. As we look ahead, we do so with hope and confidence, trusting in God's guidance for the future.

We thank everyone who continues to support the life and ministry of our church. We are delighted that the appointment of our new Vicar will soon mark the beginning of a new chapter in the life of our parish. We give thanks for all who have helped sustain and support the church during this time and for the faith, commitment and generosity that continue to be evident in so many ways.

New Vicar – A note from the Churchwardens

As announced in the service on 17th May, the churchwardens are very pleased to invite Rev Ruth Gray, Assistant Curate at St Thomas' Church, Stockton Heath, to be our next incumbent.



Ruth impressed us with her energy, dedication and the humanity she brought to her current role of Curate. Her experience as a primary school teacher in Crewe for 24 years also stood out, with her being able to talk to children and adults in a friendly and easy-going manner. Of particular interest was her focus on outreach. From visiting care homes and businesses; to running holiday clubs; to helping with the Church Tent at Creamfields, Ruth is dedicated to bringing the care, inclusivity and grace of God to all, not just those who visit church. As your parish representatives, we are both looking forward to Ruth's time as incumbent and we eagerly anticipate her leadership in further developing St Helen's outward looking, inclusive and welcoming faith in the coming years.

We don't yet have a timeline for her induction, but once all the legal niceties have been completed, we will bring you further updates on the process.

Tea At The Tower

Tea at the Tower got off to a wonderful start, with four groups of visitors enjoying tours of the tower during our opening in May. On Sunday 7th June, we look forward to welcoming visitors once again, with musical performances from some talented young local musicians. Whether you are returning or visiting for the first time, everyone is warmly invited to come inside, enjoy refreshments, listen to the live music, watch a bell-ringing demonstration, take in the stunning views from the top of the tower, and explore our beautiful historic building.

Northwich LitFest 2026 – Poetry Open Mic Event

A reminder that our poetry evening is taking place on Thursday 11th June from 7pm to 9pm. If you would like to share your work there will be time available for readings during the evening. Those who prefer simply to listen are equally welcome. The event will be a relaxed and supportive atmosphere with light music and refreshments provided.

Place of Welcome Volunteers - Thank you

We want to say a big thank you to the Place of Welcome dedicated volunteers. This is a team who move furniture, clean, make delicious soups, prepare food, listen and talk to attendees, shop, wash up and any other task required. Thank you for your cheerful and unstinting work from Andrew Jeapes, Angela and Gordon Atkinson.

Grounds Working Party

Thank you to everyone that came along on Friday 5th June to help tackle the overgrowth of holly and ivy around grave markers on the north side of Church. Your help was much appreciated.

Church Flowers

Thank you to our amazing team of flower arrangers for all the beautiful displays. The following dates are currently without sponsors: 27th September, 18th October and 25th October.

The sponsors for flowers in June are:

7th June: Mrs Sallie Birtwisle

14th June: Mr Francis Pendlebury

21st June: Rev. & Mrs Simon Gowler

28th June: Mr & Mrs Peter Coppack

Thank you to our sponsors during May: Mr & Mrs Malcolm Spencer, Mr David Drinkwater, Canon Diane Cookson & Mrs Benn.

If you would like information about becoming a sponsor for any of the vacant dates or would like to make a general donation 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

There will be a combined July & August Newsletter which will be available on Sunday 5th July. Please email any items to: sthelenscomms@gmail.com by 26th June.