

FAITHFUL NEWS

Sep 26



From The Vicar

REV. STELLA GREENWOOD

It is good to be back from our travels and thank you for all the prayers that surrounded us while we were in Australia. Also thank you to all those who sponsored us for the City to surf event. I will let you know the amounts raised once we have collected all the money.

All Age Worship

On 16th September Pat presented Terry Gotch with gifts and cards from the All Age Worship congregation as a thank you from everyone, for Terry's commitment for so many years to this popular monthly service. While Terry is stepping away from leading this service, it will continue and evolve with some new faces among the team.

People's Emergency Briefing

September is the season of Creation in the Church of England and at 7pm on 29th September at St Helen's we will be showing the People's Emergency Briefing film, a film for Creation tide and part of the fifth mark of mission 'to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth'. We believe that God created the earth and gave human beings a distinctive responsibility to care for creation. We believe that the nature and climate crises show how people have failed to carry out this responsibility. As Christians we are called to recognise the harm humans have caused to the world and to turn away from actions that damage God's creation. We are also called to remain hopeful and take action to protect and care for the environment. Last November, ten of the UK's leading experts briefed an invited audience of over 1,200 politicians and leaders from business, culture, faith, sport and the media in Westminster. The briefing set out the implications of climate and nature breakdown for health, food systems, national security and the economy. This has been distilled into the people's emergency briefing, a 50-minute film, to brief the UK public about the climate and nature crisis.

St Helen's church is hosting a public showing of the film followed by discussion on hopeful ways forward amid the climate and nature crisis. Local politicians will be in attendance to hear our views as we consider together what an emergency response should look like. Free tickets can be obtained from <https://buytickets.at/faithful5/2333271> or scan the QR code or simply just turn up! Please invite friends, family and neighbours.



Reviews:

"I'll be honest — I'm sceptical of climate doom-mongering... But this film is different. Really different.... Stark facts, yes. But also a genuine sense of agency and even optimism... If you get the chance to attend a screening, I'd strongly encourage it."

Peter Harker, [Linkedin](#)



ST HELEN'S CHURCH, ETWALL
Main Street, Etwall, DE65 6LT
5 sessions from 29th September 2026

YOUTHSCAPE ESSENTIALS
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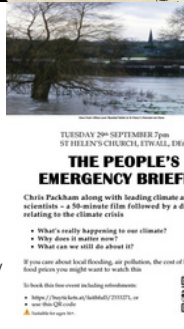
29th Sept 2026
29th Oct 2026
24th Nov 2026
26th Jan 2027
23rd Feb 2027

LUNCH IS INCLUDED
The last Tuesday of the month, 9.30am-2.30pm
Brought around the three key themes of insights, skills and faith, there are thirty key topics which cover almost every aspect of volunteering.

Please contact the Growing Younger Team with any questions at growingyounger@anglican.org
more at www.derby.anglican.org/youngpeople

It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes to make cancer care better for everyone, wherever and whenever they are.
Date: St Helen's Church, Etwall
Time: 29th September 2026
Start: 10am
Location: beneficeoff5@gmail.com



"Our faith compels us to speak up on matters of justice and morality and by joining this initiative we can play our part in calling for the government to take the action that is urgently needed"

Rt Rev John Arnold, Bishop of Salford

"We are asking churches up and down the country to host, support and participate in screenings, so that every community has the opportunity to hear the facts and be part of the response"

Hannah Mann, Church of England

"The Church of England has a clear role in caring for God's creation and taking prophetic action. With a Christian presence in every community in England, I strongly encourage our churches, chaplaincies and schools to host screenings of this timely and important film."

Rt Rev Graham Usher, Bishop of Norwich

Youthscape Essentials

The diocese are funding a training course for all involved in working with young people. The course considers the lives and needs of young people today and how we can support them to explore and grow in faith. I will be leading the course at St Helen's, if you are interested, sign up on the Diocesan website or speak to me for more information.

Music

We have two concerts at St Helens in September. On 4th we welcome St Austin's Choir from Wakefield who will be singing a range of sacred music from Ancient to Modern, tickets £10 each including refreshments. and on 23rd we welcome back the Blasergruppe Gymnasium Melle Band who will play in St Helen's as part of their exchange with John Port Spencer Academy.

Macmillan Coffee afternoon

We will once again be hosting a Macmillan coffee afternoon on Wednesday 23rd September (during the hub at St Helen's). Donations of cake and help will be very much appreciated.

Paul Kerensa

On 26th September at St Helen's we have a night of comedy with Paul Kerensa, a Christian comedy writer and stand up comedian. Tickets for this are £15 including light refreshments.

Harvest Festivals

Our celebrations of harvest begin on 27th September with Harvest festivals at St Michael's and in Etwall where St Helen's will be joining with Etwall Methodists for an ecumenical Harvest Celebration. Harvest Festivals in the other churches will be in October.

Family Service / All Age Worship

As part of our update to All Age Worship we will be experimenting with moving the Egginton Family Service to 4:30pm on the third Sunday of the month. Planning for this service will be alongside the planning for All Age Worship in Etwall allowing a greater range of ideas. If you would like to be involved in either of these services please let me know.

Services 6th September

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)

Fri 6pm Choir Practice, St Helen's

Other Events this Month

Tuesday 1st, 2pm All Age Worship Planning, St Helen's

Wednesday 2nd, 12:00 Soup Lunch, St Wilfrid's

Wednesday 2nd, 2pm Community Hub, St Helen's

Wednesday 2nd, 4pm Benefice prayers - in person and on WhatsApp, all welcome

Thursday 3rd, 2pm Burial of ashes of Robin Williams, St Wilfrid's

Thursday 3rd, 3pm Fellowship meeting, Laurel Farm

Thursday 3rd, 7:30pm PCC, St Wilfrid's

Friday 4th, 12:30pm Wedding of Dannii Holmes and Ryan Etches, St Wilfrid's

Friday 4th, 7:30pm From Ancient to Modern, St Austin's Choir, St Helen's

Saturday 5th, 10:30am Messy Church, St Helen's

Sunday 6th, 12:30pm PCC St Michael's

Tuesday 8th, 4pm Messy Church Planning, St Helen's

Wednesday 9th, 10am Neuro-developmental hub, St Helen's

Wednesday 9th, 10:30am Home Communion, The Old Lodge

Wednesday 9th, 2pm Community Hub, St Helen's

Wednesday 9th, 4pm Benefice prayers - in person and on WhatsApp, all welcome

Tuesday 15th, 12:00 Funeral of Mrs Patricia Jones, St Helen's

Wednesday 16th, 2pm Community Hub, St Helen's

Wednesday 16th, 2pm Home Communion Ashfields

Wednesday 16th, 2pm Home Communion, Tynfield Court

Wednesday 16th, 4pm Benefice prayers - in person and on WhatsApp, all welcome

Friday 18th, 11am Home Communion, Wheathills

Tuesday 22nd, 10:30am Discussion group, 24 Lawn Avenue

Tuesday 22nd, 2pm Pastoral Care Team Meeting

Wednesday 23rd, 2pm Macmillan Coffee afternoon at Community Hub, St Helen's

Wednesday 23rd, 4pm Benefice prayers - in person and on WhatsApp, all welcome

Wednesday 23rd, 7pm Melle Band Concert

Thursday 24th, 2pm Interment of ashes of Sylvia Ruck, St Helen's

Thursday 24th, 7pm PCC, St Helen's

Saturday 26th, 7pm Comedy evening with Paul Kerensa, St Helen's

Tuesday 29th, 9:30am Youthscape Essentials, St Helen's

Tuesday 29th 7pm People's Emergency Briefing film, St Helen's

Wednesday 30th, 2pm Community Hub, St Helen's

Wednesday 30th, 4pm Benefice prayers - in person and on WhatsApp, all welcome

Future events

3rd Oct Skittles night, St Wilfrid's

12-13th Oct Clergy Conference

8th Oct Church Wardens

17th Oct Rock Choir, St Helen's

10th Oct Harvest Supper, St Michael's

22nd Oct PCC Dalbury

Sunday Readings

	Main Service	Evensong		Main Service	Evensong
Sun 6th	Rom 13: 8 – end Matt 18: 15 – 20		Sun 20 th	Phil 1: 21 – end Matt 20: 1 – 16	Ezek 33: 23, 30 – 34: 10 Acts 26: 1, 9 – 25
Sun 13th	Rom 14: 1 – 12 Matt 18: 21 – 35		Sun 27 th	Phil 2: 1 – 13 Matt 21: 23 – 32	

Ministry Spotlight - Children and Youth

We often hear the complaint that we have little or no children and young people in church - that it is not like it used to be!

But we do have children and young people in our worshipping community. Monday club works with primary school children at St Wilfrid's, Crazy Christians is for secondary school students and Messy Church is for the whole family.

While these events may not be on a Sunday morning, they are still valid representations of church for those who attend and they give us the option to speak to young people about faith and life and to listen to their experiences.

To find out more, and to consider whether this is something you could be involved with, contact Stella and have a chat.

To explore more about volunteering with young people, consider joining the Youthscape Essentials free training course, details at: <https://derby.anglican.org/en/our-mission/young-people/youth-ministry-resources.html>

Future Services

13th September

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

20th September

9.30pm - Said Morning Prayer
St Wilfrid's Egginton

11.00am - All Age Worship
St Helen's Etwall

11.00am - Holy Communion
All Saints Dalbury

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

4.30pm - All Age Worship
St Wilfrid's Egginton

6.30pm - Evensong
St Helen's Etwall

27th September

9.30am - Holy Communion
St Wilfrid's Egginton

11.00am - Ecumenical Harvest
Festival
Etwall Methodist Church

4.00pm - Evening Prayer
All Saints Trusley



Prayer Diary

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

01 Sept 2026 The housebound
02 Sept 2026 Soup Lunch
03 Sept 2026 Fellowship group
04 Sept 2026 Dannii and Ryan and all getting married
05 Sept 2026 Messy Church
06 Sept 2026 Choir and Musicians
07 Sept 2026 Monday Club
08 Sept 2026 Etwall Primary School
09 Sept 2026 Community Hub
10 Sept 2026 John Port Spencer Academy
11 Sept 2026 Crazy Christians
12 Sept 2026 Egginton Congregation
13 Sept 2026 Another Way
14 Sept 2026 Our Church Wardens
15 Sept 2026 All who are Bereaved
16 Sept 2026 Our Care Homes
17 Sept 2026 Sutton conegation
18 Sept 2026 Our PTOs Tony and Sarah
19 Sept 2026 Etwall Congregations
20 Sept 2026 Those preparing for marriage
21 Sept 2026 Discussion group
22 Sept 2026 Pastoral care team
23 Sept 2026 Melle Band and the school music exchange
24 Sept 2026 Our PCCs
25 Sept 2026 Dalbury Congregation
26 Sept 2026 Egginton Primary School
27 Sept 2026 Our readers Andrew and Steve
28 Sept 2026 Our youth
29 Sept 2026 Emergency Briefing film
30 Sept 2026 Stella and the Leadership team

They all joined together constantly in prayer
Acts 1:14