Benefice of Etwall, Egginton, Sutton-on-the-hill, Trusley and Dalbury

FAITHFUL NEWS

Dec 26

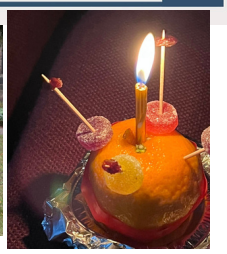














From The Vicar

REV. STELLA GREENWOOD

We move from November, the time of remembrance to December and the time of preparation as we prepare our Church and ourselves for the celebration Christmas.

Advent

Advent marks the beginning of the church year. It is a time for reflection in darkness, for renewal of hope and for a movement towards a beginning. It is a season of expectation and preparation as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming of Christ. While the rest of the world is rushing to celebrate, we wait, we watch and we pray. This year we mark the beginning of advent as a Benefice on 29th November.

Messy Christmas

Our Christmas celebrations begin on Saturday 5th December with our Christmas Messy Church. Lots of crafts and fun as we consider the true meaning of Christmas - there will be chocolate!

Christmas Tree Festival

Our triennial Christmas Tree Festival takes place from 12th - 16th December. With over 40 trees, St Helen's will look fantastic. Please invite family, friends and neighbours to come and see this spectacular display. On the Saturday evening the John Port Wind band will be playing and on the Wednesday we have carols around the trees with turkey cobs.

Carols

As is traditional, all our churches are holding carol services during December. Check the programme overleaf for times and locations and bring your friends and family to this traditional start of Christmas.

Christingle and Crib

We have two Christingle services this year, at St Wilfrid's on Monday 14th December at 6pm and at St Helen's on Sunday 20th December at 11am. These services show in visual form how Jesus is the light of the world.

The two crib services on 24th December at St Wilfrid's at 3pm and St Helen's at 5pm we tell the story of Christmas while creating our Christmas Crib. These services are ideal for families and children although all are welcome.

'Midnight' Communion

First Communion of Christmas or 'Midnight Mass' takes place on Christmas Eve at 10pm at St Michael's and 11:30pm at St Helen's. This is an opportunity to pause, to wait and reflect most holy night as we welcome the coming of the Christ Child.

Christmas Day

Our celebrations then continue as we welcome Jesus, teh baby in the manger with our Christmas Day services: 9:30am at St Wilfrid's, 10am at All Saints Dalbury and 11am at All Saints Trusley.

Holy Jesus,
by being born one of us,
and lying humbly in a manger,
you show us how much God loves the world.
Let the light of your love
always shine in our hearts,
until we reach our home in heaven,
and see you on your throne of glory.
Amen.

Services 6th December

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



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

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

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

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

Wednesday 9th, 11:00am Stars on the Tree, The Old Lodge

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

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

Friday 11th, 9:30am Egginton School Nativity, St Wilfrid's

Friday 11th, 12:00 Burial of Ashes of the late Jean Ward, St Helen's

Friday 11th, 12:00 onwards Christmas Tree Festical set up, St Helen's

Saturday 12th - Wednesday 16th, Christmas Tree Festival, St Helen's



Saturday 12th, 7pm John Port Wind Band Concert

Monday 14th, 6pm Monday Club Christingle

Wednesday 16th, 11am Carol Service, The Old Lodge

Wednesday 16th, 1pm Turkey Cobs and Carols, St Helen's

Wednesday 16th, 2pm Carol Service Ashfields

Wednesday 16th, 2:00pm Carol Service Tynefield Court

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

Thursday 17th 11:30am, Christmas Tree Festival take down

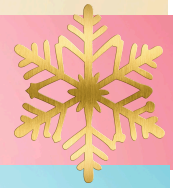
Thursday 17th, 1:30pm Funeral of Colin Hall, Markeaton Crematorium

Friday 18th, 11am Carol Service, Wheathills

Saturday 19th, 8:30am Men's Breakfast, St Helen's

Christmas Events - see below

Future events



January 16th - Friends of St Helen's launch

January 30th - Strictly Etwall

February 10th - Ash Wednesday

Sunday Readings

	Main Service	Main Service	Main Service
Sun 6th	2 Pet 3: 8 – 15a	Sun 20th Rom 16: 25 – end	Sun 27th Galatians 4.4-7
	Mark 1: 1 – 8	Luke 1: 26 – 38	Luke 2.15-21
Sun 13th	1 Thess 5: 16 – 24	Sun 25th Heb 1: 1 – 12	
	John 1: 6 – 8, 19 – 28	John 1: 1 – 14	

Ministry Spotlight - Christmas



Saturday 12th – Wednesday 16th December
Christmas Tree Festival 10.00am-6.00pm, St Helens

Sunday 13th December
6.30pm Carol Service, St Helen's

Wednesday 16th December
1.00pm – 4.00pm Carols around the tree with Turkey Cobs, St Helen's

Friday 18th December
6.30pm Carol Service, St Michael's

Sunday 20th December
11.00am Benefice Christingle, St Helen's
11.00am Carol Service, All Saints Dalbury
4.00pm Carol Service, St Wilfrid's

Tuesday 22nd December
7.30pm Carol Service, All Saints Trusley

Christmas Eve
3.00pm Crib Service
3.00pm Crib Service, St Wilfrid's
5.00pm Crib Service, St Helen's
10.00pm Christmas Holy Communion, St Michael's
11.30pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day
9.30am Holy Communion, St Wilfrid's
10.00am Christmas Morning Worship, All Saints Dalbury
11.00am Christmas Communion, All Saints Trusley

Sunday 27th December
11.00am Joint Benefice Service, St Helen's



Future Services

13th December
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 - Evening Prayer
All Saints Trusley

6.30pm - Carol Service
St Helen's Etwall

18th December
6.30pm - Carol Service
St Michael's Sutton-on-the-Hill

20th December
11.00am - Benefice Christingle
St Helen's Etwall

11.00am - Carol Service
All Saints Dalbury

11.00am - Carol Service
All Saints Dalbury

4.00pm - Carol Service
St Wilfrid's Egginton

22nd December
7.30pm - Carol Service
All Saints Trusley

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day see separate listing

27th December
11.00am - Benefice Service
St Helen's Etwall

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Prayer Diary

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

01 Dec 2026 Soup Lunch
02 Dec 2026 The housebound
03 Dec 2026 Fellowship group
04 Dec 2026 Choir and Musicians
05 Dec 2026 Messy Church
06 Dec 2026 Our Church Wardens
07 Dec 2026 Monday Club
08 Dec 2026 Etwall Primary School
09 Dec 2026 Community Hub
10 Dec 2026 John Port Spencer Academy
11 Dec 2026 Crazy Christians
12 Dec 2026 Christmas Tree Festival
13 Dec 2026 Another Way
14 Dec 2026 Monday Club
15 Dec 2026 Sutton congregation
16 Dec 2026 Our Care Homes
17 Dec 2026 All who are Bereaved
18 Dec 2026 Our PTOs Tony and Sarah
19 Dec 2026 Men's Breakfast
20 Dec 2026 Etwall Congregations
21 Dec 2026 Discussion group
22 Dec 2026 Pastoral care team
23 Dec 2026 Dalbury Congregation
24 Dec 2026 Those who find Christmas hard
25 Dec 2026 The Joy of Christmas
26 Dec 2026 Egginton Primary School
27 Dec 2026 Our readers Andrew and Steve
28 Dec 2026 Egginton Congregation
29 Dec 2026 Our Benefice
30 Dec 2026 Stella and the Leadership team
31 Dec 2026 The new year

They all joined together constantly in prayer
Acts 1:14