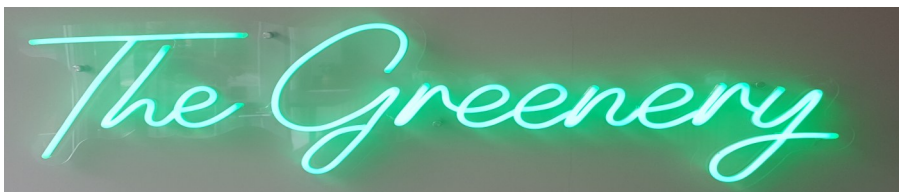


## St Helen's becomes a minster

St Helen's Church has become a Minster. Unfortunately it's not our church dedicated to St Helen but what was previously known as the parish church of the town of St Helens. Its redesignation is to honour years of work to create a church that serves the community every day of the week. It is open for worship from Sunday to Friday also on Saturdays for concerts, events and community initiatives. Its role as the hub of the town it serves was begun by Rev Martin Hunt 40 years ago and his initiative is being continued currently by team vicar Rev Rachel Shuttleworth



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# HOLLINFARE

## St HELEN

July 2026



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## 50 years ago in July 1976

Rev Tony and Anne Corble began a four weeks' "holiday" in Somerset, their first in two years. Their break included conducting services at the parish church where they were staying.

They had done the same in recent years at churches in Derbyshire, a mining valley in South Wales and, on several occasions, in Dorset.

Tony arranged for Rev Philip Payne-O'Callaghan, a retired priest, to look after us and in addition to Sunday services he celebrated Holy Communion on saints' days and on other weekday evenings, visited those on our sick list and also served as nominal leader of the Hollinfare Society.

For the latter task he was helped by Martin, son of the Corbles, Allan Cooper, the longest resident at the vicarage, and parishioner Joan Taylor. Allan also took charge of the youth club.

Neil and Alyson Tinsley, two of the most regular attenders at our Sunday School were invited to take the bread and wine to the altar on July 11. Sunday School broke up for the summer break the following week.

Mrs Mellor announced that she would be retiring as our caretaker in September. She had been in post for 32 years.

A sponsored knit organised by Miss Elizabeth Gratrix to aid the Church of England Children's Society raised £66.

Our flowers in July were provided by Miss Farrington, Mrs Mynah Smith, Mrs Southall, Mrs E Austin and Mr Charles Currie.



Social events organised for the Rose Queen at successive village carnivals were popular and here several of our Sunday School pupils are pictured at one such an event in the Community Hall

## Farewell to Bob, our priest twice over



All good things come to an end - and so, with great reluctance, we will be saying farewell to Bob after he conducts, as our priest in charge, our Holy Communion service on July 19.

Bob is finally retiring just three years after he kindly agreed to care for our church and that of All Saints at Glazebury in 2023.

Bob, of course, had been our vicar before then when, as Rector at Winwick, he kindly offered to take up the additional role in 2004 following the sudden death of Rev Canon Brian Robinson and subsequent long interregnum. He remained with us until 2009 when he was invited to become chaplain to Liverpool University.

We will greatly miss his leadership, his inspiring sermons - and also the jokes he would share with us each Sunday morning.

We wish Bob, Pauline and their family every happiness in the years ahead.

## Diary dates for July

- 2 Thursday service and lunch Noon
- 5 Holy Communion 9.30 Trinity 5
- 12 Holy Communion 9.30 Trinity 6
- 17 Day School service 9.30
- 19 Holy Communion 9.30 Trinity 7 Bob's last service as our priest in charge
- 26 Holy Communion 9.30 Trinity 8



### Readers

- 5 ROY: Romans 7 15-25, Matthew 11 16-19, 25-end
- 12 ALAN: Romans 8 1-11, Matthew 13 1-9, 18-23
- 19 RAINFORDS: Romans 8 12-25 Matthew 13 24-30 36-43
- 26 MIKE: Romans 8 26-end, Matthew 13 31-33, 44-52

### Prayers

- 5 ALAN 12 ROY
- 19 ALAN 26 ROY

### Cleaning rota

- 5 SHEILA, VIRGINIA, IRENE C
- 12 to 26 VACANT

### Coffee morning

- 25 10.0



## Goodbye to Norma



Norma Naylor, who has now completed her placement here at St Helen's and at All Saints in recent months, has now returned to her own church of St Andrew's in Orford. We greatly enjoyed her time with us and members of both churches were able to give her a fine send-off after our shared service here on June 14. She was presented with flowers and also a cheque and she gave to each of us a crocheted cross.

## Parochial Council meeting

Our Parochial Church Council will next meet in Church House on Monday, July 13 at 2.0pm. If you have any matters you wish to be raised please contact Roy.



## VILLAGE GREEN BARBERS

Open Monday and Tuesday 9 to 5.30  
Thursday 9 to 7.0 Friday 9 to 5.30  
Saturday 8.30 to noon

## Make time for a coffee break...

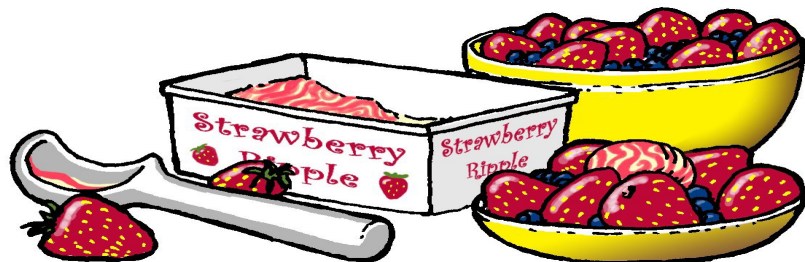


Our next monthly coffee morning will be held on Saturday, July 25. Our most recent coffee morning, last month, was the first we had been able to schedule for June because in recent years the last Saturday of June had been the day of our annual parish carnival.

The event did not happen this year. Our Social Committee were able to raise considerable amounts of money at the carnival and hopefully this extra coffee morning, held after our magazine went to press, was well supported. Our April coffee morning realised £49.50 and May's get-together raised £51. Our June raffle raised £63; thanks to all who supported it.

## ...and some strawberries !

Our Social Committee are organising a Strawberry tea in Church House on Saturday afternoon July 11 from 2.0 to 4.0. This event has always been well supported and helps to boost our funds. Tickets cost £5.



## Our Garden of Rest

Our cover picture this month features our Garden of Rest and reflects the efforts of Jim who arranged for all of the memorial plaques to be cleaned and remounted and the board to be repainted. He and Janet replaced all of the roses around the garden last autumn and they are now in full bloom.

The garden was an initiative of one of our former vicars, the Rev John Higham, and the first two interments of ashes were made in December 1978.

Since then there have been 24 further interments.

Interments are now restricted to church members.

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Protect those at risk of abuse.

Respond well to those who have been abused.

If anyone becomes aware of a safeguarding issue and you do not think there is a risk of immediate harm please speak to a safeguarding professional about your concern as soon as possible. If you have significant concerns, please report to children's social service or adult's social services without delay.

Contact numbers are displayed on the safeguarding posters on our church notice boards or can be found on the diocese website under safeguarding or on St Helen's entry on 'A Church Near You' website.

Remember, safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and we want to ensure St Helen's is a safe and welcoming church where all our congregation feel secure and able to voice any concerns they have.

For this to happen all volunteers must know what to do and how to respond if approached by anyone with worries. Please feel free to talk to me about safeguarding at any time.

Roy Evans

Parish Safeguarding Officer

# Warm welcome for Bishop Simon



Bishop Simon was officially welcomed to our diocese at a service in our cathedral at Pentecost. He is pictured receiving the gift of Steven Shakespeare's *The Litany of Hope*. In expressing his thanks for all the messages he has received since his appointment he added: "May we work together sharing the Gospel of Good News confidently, celebrating the great gifts of humanity, seek peace always, being kind, gentle and compassionate to all who we meet on this pilgrimage of Life." Simon, along with Bishop Ruth, officiated at the annual Visitation service at the cathedral on June 21 when Alan and Veronia were sworn in to continue as our churchwardens.