

Welcome to the United Benefice of St. Helen, St. Mary and St. John the Baptist

It's great to gather together as the Body of Christ in this beautiful part of Derbyshire. Though we have differences, we have one Lord, one Faith and one passion for the Gospel. May we spend time this morning praying together and sharing fellowship.

All are welcome to take part fully in our services. If this is a Service of Holy Communion, you are very welcome to receive Holy Communion at the appropriate time. (Gluten free wafers are available. Just ask anyone leading the communion.)

Our Worship today, 14th January, Epiphany 2

8.00am Holy Communion at St. Helen's

9.00am Holy Communion at St. John's

10.00am Joint Christingle Service with St. Helen's at St. Mary's

Regular Midweek Services

Tuesday – Morning Prayer at St Helen's, 9.30am

Thursday – Morning Prayer at St John's, 9.30am

Regular Home Groups & Prayer Meetings

Mon. 15th. Home Group, Whitworth House, Dale Road

Tues. 16th, 10.15am, Home Group, 5 Sir Joseph's Lane

Thurs. 18th, 9.00am Prayer Meeting, 14 Park Avenue

Intimate Worship - Our first meeting of 2018 is **today, Sunday, 14th Jan.** We will then be meeting on the second Sunday of each month on a regular basis.

This Coming Week

Monday Munchers,

Monday 15th, Pepper & Mustard, Whitworth Tea Rooms,
11.45am for 12.00noon

Ecumenical Meeting, St. Mary's, Thurs.18th Jan. 7pm.

If you'd like to attend, please put this date in your diary.

And Beyond.....

Next Sunday 21st January, a United Service,10.30 am

For over 50 years, Christians have come together for a service during **Christian Unity Week**. This year we have the honour of worshipping with our friends at Darley Dale **Methodist Church**. Please do try to join us. (There won't be any other service in our churches that day.)

Café Church, Sunday 28th Jan. 5.00pm. The theme is 'New Beginnings'.

Can you help?

Our Mission Partner for Chile, Cristobal Ceron, will be visiting St. Helen's on Sunday 28th January. Is anyone able to offer him accommodation for the Saturday & Sunday night? Also, can anyone offer him Sunday lunch? Please contact Margaret, Roz or Stephen Walker. Thank you.

Messy Church – Please note that the date of Messy Church has been changed. It is now **Mon., 29th Jan.** For details, see Margaret.

Prayer: Fridolin Wieschhues, Robert & Margaret Pearse and family, the Hopper family, the Parnell family, Tony & Marie Thrower, Stan Codd, Dorothy Ash, Stephen Porter, Anne & Susan ChinChen, Lindsey Wilson, Andrew Brown, the Stoker Family, Claudia Jeffery, Steven Gill.

Please let Pauline know of anyone you would like to put on the list, and also when someone's name can be removed. For St. Mary's, please pass names to David Gadsby (734922) and for St. John's to Marion Bowler (650261).

Collections and Planned Giving

This year, we really need to think about our giving to the Church. Some people haven't reflected on this for a long time, others may have kept their giving at the same rate for many years. Can I please invite you to think about this? Some of our churches are now living 'hand to mouth' and that's not good for any of us. If we get our giving right, then we can more easily get our Mission right also. Jesus gives to us all in grace; our salvation and our redemption. That is why we need to give what we can, so that others may know God's saving love.

Helping Our Churches

Would you like to get more involved? For example reading, leading prayers, helping with our liturgy groups, flowers, cleaning etc. If so, please speak to me or to the churchwardens/coordinators.

Charitable Giving

In a couple of weeks, during our meeting of churchwardens and office holders, we are going to choose a couple of charities. If there are any local or international charities you'd like our United Benefice to support, then please speak to Marlene, Maureen, Stephen, Roz, Marion or Roland.

New Year, New Hope

We begin our New Year with hope in Jesus Christ. Let's all try to do three things in the coming weeks:

Pray more

Serve more

Think about how we can share greater fellowship

On 14th February we begin the Lenten Season. After all the business of Christmas and New Year, Lent offers a time to reflect on our lives with honesty and humility. May we turn away from sin and towards Christ.

Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,
 ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
 worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
 the God of glory thunders;
 the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;
 the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
 the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf
 and Sirion like a young wild ox.

- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare;
in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'
- 9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
- 10 The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Please take this pew sheet home for details of what is coming up and also for prayer.