

# **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, 25<sup>th</sup> February, Second in Lent**

- 8.00am** Holy Communion BCP at St. Helen's
- 9.00am** Holy Communion at St. John's
- 11.00am** Morning Prayer at St. Helen's
- 4.00pm** Evensong at St. Mary's

**Readings: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
Mark 8:3 - end**

## **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. 26<sup>th</sup> Home Group, Whitworth House, Dale Road
- Tues. 27<sup>th</sup> Home Group, 5 Sir Joseph's Lane
- Thurs. 1<sup>st</sup> 9.30am Prayer Meeting, 14 Park Avenue

## **Our United Benefice Services next Sunday**

- 9.00am** Holy Communion at St. John's
- 11.00am** Holy Communion at St. Helen's
- 10.00am** Holy Communion at St. Mary's

**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, Andrew Brown, the Stoker Family, Claudia Jeffrey, Steven Gill, Pauline Hall, Kath Dick, Ruth Smith, Pete Bloor and Werner Weber.

Please let Pauline Hall 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).

### **A.P.C.M.s**

Our **Annual Parochial Church Meetings** take place over the next couple of months, as follows:

**St. Mary's** – meeting on Sun.18<sup>th</sup> March (approx.10.45 am, after morning service). Motions to be put before meeting, or agenda items, should be sent, in writing, to Penny Dakin, no later than Fri. 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

**St. Helen's** – meeting on Sun.15<sup>th</sup> April (12 noon).

**St. John's** – meeting on Mon.16<sup>th</sup> April (10.30am).

Motions and agenda items for St. Helen's and St. John's should be sent to the secretary (Penny, for St. Helen's) no later than Fri. 30<sup>th</sup> March. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings but please remember that only those on the church Electoral Roll are allowed to speak and to vote.

## **This Week:**

**Winster PCC, Mon.26<sup>th</sup> Feb.10.30am**

Please keep this in your prayers.

**St. Mary's, Fri. 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2pm.** Women's World Day of Prayer.

### **Fair Trade**

Mon.26<sup>th</sup> Feb. is the start of Fairtrade Fortnight. Let us be mindful not only in our prayers, but also in our purchases.

## **Our Lent Courses continue:**

We're following a series, "**All things are possible**" (a study of how faith in God can change the world). **6 week course.**

**Mon. morning, St. Helen's church hall, 10am.**

(Leader: Stephen Monk)

**Mon. evening 7.30pm, Darley Dale Methodist Church.**

(Leader: Robert Foster).

**Thurs. morning, 10.30am, Winster Wesleyan Church.**

(Leader: Stephen Monk)

**Fri. evening, 7. 30pm, St. Mary's**

(Leader: Revd. Audrey Smith).

Thanks to everyone who is helping with the Lent courses.  
Please do support these.

We have an **Ecumenical Service of Holy Communion** on the **first Monday** of each month. On **5th March, at 10.00am**, we will be at **St. Mary's Church**, South Darley. Those who have been attending the Lent Group which normally meets at this time are invited to come to the service of Holy Communion. The planned theme of the Lent course for that day will be tied into the service.

### **Psalm 22.23-28**

- 23 Praise the Lord, you that fear him;  
O seed of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel.
- 24 For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering  
of the poor;  
neither has he hidden his face from them;  
but when they cried to him he heard them.
- 25 From you comes my praise in the great  
congregation;  
I will perform my vows  
in the presence of those that fear you.
- 26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek the Lord shall praise him;  
their hearts shall live for ever.
- 27 All the ends of the earth  
shall remember and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before  
him.
- 28 For the kingdom is the Lord's  
and he rules over the nations.

*Please do take this pew sheet home for details of what is happening in the United Benefice and for prayer.*