

## **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, 29<sup>th</sup> April, Fourth after Easter  
(Mental Health Sunday)**

**United Benefit Service at St. Helen's 10.00am**

**Readings: Acts 8:26-end  
John 15:1-8**

### **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. 30<sup>th</sup> Home Group, Whitworth House, Dale Road

Thurs. 3<sup>rd</sup> Prayer Meeting, 14 Park Avenue, 9.30am

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### **United Benefit Services for next Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> May**

9.00am Holy Communion at St. John's

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

11.00am Holy Communion at St. Helen's

**For 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, Ruth Smith, Werner Weber, Janet Monk, Stan and Janet Brindley.

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).

## **Service of Holy Communion, today at St. Helen's, Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> April, 10.00am**

The theme of this Communion Service will be **Mental Health**. The issues surrounding mental health touch so many more people than we often realise.

After the service I will celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick for anyone who would like to receive this. Remember, The Lord wants us to have 'wholeness'. This word equals Holiness.

### **A Prayer for World Mental Health Day**

Tender God,

Your gentle and kind-hearted love waits for us in the darkness and shields us from the light when it feels too overwhelming. We remember today all those who live in the depths of depression. Continue to cherish us all when we find it so difficult to cherish ourselves.

Enable us to discover companions of compassion who will abide with us, as you abide in all things and in all places where the heart and mind aches for peace and a place of rest from the storm.

We ask this in the name of our brother and friend, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

**Joint P.C.C. for St. Mary's and St. Helen's on 30<sup>th</sup> April.**  
**This will take place at St. Helen's, 7.30pm (7.15pm for coffee)**  
**Please pray for God's guidance and blessing.**

**A.P.C.M. St. John's Church, 10.30am 30<sup>th</sup> April**  
**All are very welcome – please do support.**  
**Please hold the meeting in your prayers.**

**Our Annual Quiet Day, St. Helen's Church Hall,**  
**5<sup>th</sup> May, 9.00am – 12.30pm.**

This is a special day for all of us in the United Benefice. It's so important to spend time praying together. It will finish with lunch (please bring your own). Revd. Richard Reade will be leading this day on the Jesus Prayer.

**The Spirit of Freedom Spirituality Lecture – Bishop Alastair**

There is now only 1 more session to come on the **8<sup>th</sup> May** **(N.B. not the 1<sup>st</sup> May as the Bishop is no longer available on that date) - 7.30pm in St Helen's Church Hall. Refreshments from 7.00pm** While there is an overall theme each works as a stand-alone session, so do come if you can. It will be worth it.

**Family Issues**

As some of you know by now, my Mum has been diagnosed with terminal lung and liver cancer. As she's my dad's main carer (he had a bad stroke 6 years ago) we have to look at the future and to the needs of my parents. I'm telling you this as I may need some days away as the illness progresses, though I will try not to let my personal life affect our parishes.

I ask you for continued prayers for my family and that my Mum will rely on the love and consolation of Jesus Christ. One reason I share this is to make the point that we all carry many burdens, some so very obvious and some more secretive. But

we're one family, and one of the gifts of our United Benefice is that we support each other. Long may it last.

**(Thank you already** for your prayers for my Mum and my family. I cannot tell you how much I appreciate it.)

**Revd. Stephen Monk**

### **St Mary's Family Service**

A thank you also to the volunteers who help on Tuesday at South Darley. It would be great if more people from our United Benefice could support this service – imagine seeing 60+ children, with parents and staff, worshipping God. It's really amazing.

### **Bishop of Derby Harvest Appeal 2017**

The Edwardes College School in Parachinar, Pakistan. The Diocese of Derby has raised £22,181,74 to help equip the school. Well done for all people who gave money for this great cause.

### **Worship Group - calling all singers and instrumentalists**

Dear Friends, the Worship Group has grown over the last five years, but we'd love to welcome warmly new singers and also new people who play instruments. You don't have to be perfect, simply like to play an instrument or sing. We're looking for people from all our churches. We really need YOU!! - so, please speak to Stephen (Rector) or Richard Royds (Worship Group leader) **Tel. 735854**

### **Funerals**

We continue to have a number of funerals in our United Benefice. Please keep the family members in your prayers and thoughts. For those of you who have lost loved ones, please be very much assured of my continued prayers.

## Thy Kingdom Come - 10<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May

**Darley Dale Methodist Church** have decided to take part this year and plans are well underway. They are also hoping that we will join in some of the events.

They have sent the following information and details:



From **10<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May** you can take part in the **ICHTHUS TRAIL** in Darley Dale. Early Christians used this symbol to let each other know they were Christians. Ichthus was the Greek word for fish and the five Greek letters I C H T H U S stand for **“Jesus Christ, God’s Son, Saviour”**. Several people have been knitting fish which will be displayed in various shops and businesses. An entry form will be available soon and information will go to the schools. All you need to do is find out the names of the fish.

On **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May** there is a **litter pick and prayer walk around Darley Dale starting at 7.00pm** followed by fish & chips in the Methodist church hall on Dale Rd. at 8.15pm. If you would like to take part, please let me have your name to pass on for the fish and chips order. **Chris Townsend**)

### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May Prayer Weekend at Dale Road Methodist Church**

It is hoped that the church will be open at the following times for anyone to come and pray, with various prayer stations.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 6.00am – 12.00pm,**  
**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 6.00am – 12.00pm**  
**and Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 9.00am – 9.00pm**

They are asking if anyone would be willing to be a Welcomer during the above times. They hope there will be at least two welcomers and that there will be people

praying in the church at all times. Again if you could help out I would be happy to pass your name to them. If not do go along to experience a time of real blessing. **Chris Townsend**

### **Thy Kingdom Come Daily Devotional for all in the United Benefice**

This will be available from the **6<sup>th</sup> May** for you to take home to use over this 10-day period. We encourage everyone to get involved this way. We are called to pray at all times and for all things.

**Variety Show** (formerly called The Benefice Has Talent).

We intend to hold another Variety Show on **1st June at 7 pm** in St. Helen's church hall. There will be no judging, just a lighthearted evening of entertainment. Please make a note in your diary and come along. Bring your own wine if desired. Soft drinks and nibbles will be provided.

If you can take part in the entertainment, please let one of your church wardens or co ordinators know by **Monday 21st May**.

### **Church Diary and Sunday Service list – St Helen's**

We realise we need to improve communication so we have produced a list of Sunday Services at St Helen's (May to July) for people to take away. There is a full church monthly diary on the website which can be printed off. Anyone who does not have printing facilities can give their name to Penny Dakin if they would like one and a copy can be left at the back of the church for collection.

If you do have a computer, a copy of the Pew sheet is put on weekly - [www.sthelensdarleydale.org.uk](http://www.sthelensdarleydale.org.uk)

## **Psalm 22.25-31**

- 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.
- 29 How can those who sleep in the earth  
bow down in worship,  
or those who go down to the dust kneel  
before him?
- 30 He has saved my life for himself;  
my descendants shall serve him;  
this shall be told of the Lord for generations  
to come.
- 31 They shall come and make known his  
salvation,  
to a people yet unborn,  
declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.

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