



# St Helen's Church Magazine May 2025



## Spring in the Peace Garden



**VE Day service 3.00pm Sunday  
May 11<sup>th</sup> at St Helen's Church  
followed by afternoon tea**



**Christian Aid Week:  
Afternoon tea at Meadow  
Cottage 2.00 – 4.00pm  
Saturdays May 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>  
and Sundays May 11<sup>th</sup>  
and 18<sup>th</sup>. See page**



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A letter from the Rector

Do you believe in coincidence or do you believe in Divine Providence? Someone, I cannot remember who, said – The more I pray then the more I encounter coincidence. I think what he was saying is that the more we are in tune with God through our prayer life, the more our relationship with him deepens and we see His hand in people and situations and even places.

One example is when I was at seminary and I couldn't afford a text book or something else needed for the course, suddenly a £10 gift would be posted to me by someone I didn't know. Someone who couldn't know that I was in need of anything. That was years ago but I often remember these gifts, the widow's mite in so many cases, such kindness and generosity.

Just as vital I remember those people who would drop me a line saying that they were praying for me. There seemed to be a Divine Providence of people being guided by the Holy Spirit.

Now, you may think I'm just being pious, but if you look at your own lives have you had times where the footsteps of Christ seem to be walking with you? When has Christ walked with you in your life? Think about these times, in this post Eastertide, when Christ who suffered and died for us, who knows our humanity, calls us into His Divinity. Providence is being open to God. We hear so much noise and fractious events in our daily lives that sometimes we miss the promptings of the Lord.

In Holy Week I had a revival of my understanding of how things are connected in Christ. We were taking one of my sons to the dentist and we thought we'll do the shopping at the same time. I sat in the car and looked up and there was a 10-inch crack in the windscreen!! At first, I said more than my prayers but then we got the jobs done and went to a windscreen repair place. It said email and me being a technophobe kept making mistakes. We arrived in Chesterfield and the business on the industrial estate had three offices. I went into one and the lady on reception was great. She called their repairs dept and they set a date for the repair. She then

took my details and email address and said, “Rev. Stephen. Are you a priest?” Then before I answered she burst out crying! She’d just lost her mum, who had died suddenly, and she just wanted to know that things were ok, that she could believe her Mum was with her heavenly Father.

She told me about her mum and her mum’s faith etc. She said it was providence we came in just when she was on duty and that we came to this windscreen repairer instead of other garages. Small events lead us to the place where a lady needed a simple prayer and reassurance. God uses every one if we let Him in. He walks with us and he wants what is best for us and for each other. So please if you’ve not prayed for a while do try now; and keep your eyes open for God working in our world and in your life.

In the power of the Holy Spirit amazing things can happen if we just keep our eyes open and fixed on Christ.

God bless you and your loved ones; and let’s remember to pray for all our young people who are in their examination season.

With love and prayers.

**Stephen Monk**

## **Saturday 3rd May, 9.30am St Helen’s church hall**

How can we be Living Stones and serve God in our Benefice as we advance in years and have less energy? Come to learn, share and discuss.



**The Saturday Coffee Morning**  
**12th April raised £430 for**

**Support Dogs UK**, a charity training autism assistance dogs, epilepsy seizure alert dogs and disability assistance dogs for those affected by a wide range of physical conditions including MS, Cerebral Palsy, fibromyalgia, and more.

Well done all and thank you Sandra for an excellent coffee morning as ever!



Do come and join us for **afternoon tea**  
in aid of **the Christian Aid**

At Meadow Cottage, Snitterton,  
Matlock DE4 2JG

On Saturdays May 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>  
and Sundays May 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>  
2pm to 4pm

Tea, coffee, soft drinks, scones and cakes

All welcome, come and enjoy spending time with friends.

Voluntary donations to Christian Aid.

For further information text Diana  
on 07526 168354

Online giving at

<https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/fundraiser-2025/christian-aid-garden-parties>



**VE Day 80-year Commemoration Service**  
**3.00pm St Helen's Church Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May,**  
**followed by afternoon tea**

(provided by St Helen's social Committee)



If you have any wartime memorabilia  
of family or friends do bring it on  
Sunday for the display.

It will need to be taken home on the  
Sunday too.

There is an 8.00pm BCP Holy  
Communion but this replaces all other services in the Benefice.

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 1.00pm at St Helen's – Memory Lane**  
**VE Day 80** to commemorate 80 years since Victory in Europe Day.  
Entertainment and cream tea. No need to book, just turn up.

## May Diary

**Open Door Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2.00 -3.00pm**



**Chill and Chat with Coffee Toddler Group**  
**in St Helen's Church Hall**  
**Thursdays 9.30am to 11.00am**  
**term time only**

**Coffee bar open for tea, coffee, toast and biscuits throughout the morning. Toys, activities, and snacks for the children.**

**Thursday Coffee Social – most Thursdays**  
**12noon to 2.00pm** In St Helen's Church Hall –  
**but you can come for a cuppa from 11.00am**

A space and time to relax and enjoy good company.  
Everyone is welcome. Bring a packed lunch.

For more information contact **Ann Bradley** Tel 735776



## **Prayer Meeting Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am**

**(in the church).** You can pray as you feel led or prepare something in advance. You do not need to pray out loud at all, other than an Amen at the end of a prayer.



Also, don't forget there's coffee/tea and cake afterwards at the Coffee Morning! Feed the soul, mind and body!

## **The Saturday Coffee Morning**

**Saturday 10.00am to 12noon 10<sup>th</sup> May**

Home-made scones and cakes and a time to relax with friends. Take time out from Saturday chores and come and join us! Bring a friend or neighbour! Or both!

**If you are a baker, a cake contribution would be great!**



## **Monday Lunchers are meeting again:**

**Salt 12<sup>th</sup> May**

**Pepper 19<sup>th</sup> May**

11.45am for 12noon at the Terrace Café, the Whitworth.



Contact Ann Bradley for more details and if you would like to join one of the groups Tel 735776

## **Ecumenical Holy Communion**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 11.00 a.m.**

**at St Helen's**

Come if you can for a time of worship and fellowship with our Methodist brothers and sisters.



# Home Groups

## Thursday Ecumenical Home Group meets fortnightly on a Thursday evening.

For more details contact Margaret on 735778



**Thursday Group** led by Diana Wills are looking at meeting monthly in the afternoon.

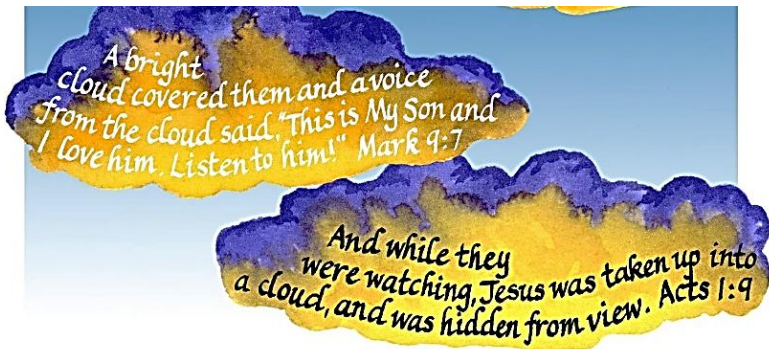
For details of when and where contact Diana on:

[dwills@doctors.org.uk](mailto:dwills@doctors.org.uk)

**To book the church hall** for any event or activity and availability and charges please contact Steve Walker on 01629 55863 or [yourlifeyourchoice2013@gmail.com](mailto:yourlifeyourchoice2013@gmail.com)

## Ascension Day Service, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm All Saints Church, Matlock Bank, with Bishop Malcolm

He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.







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tourist information boxes or on the day**

## Looking Ahead



### **St Mary the Virgin, South Darley 180<sup>th</sup> Foundation Celebration 1<sup>st</sup> June 10.00am**

This is a United Benefice service and we are encouraged to come together to celebrate the vision and founding of a church in South Darley.

Let us rejoice in the witness and service to the community it has provided in these past 180 years. Long may it continue to do so!

### **Church cleaning morning.**

The Social Committee will be announcing 4 seasonal dates for volunteers to help with church cleaning.

This is for all the additional tasks that Rosemary, our cleaner, can't take on in the time she has available.

Yes, we are none of us getting younger but the more

who volunteer the less each of us has to do, and we can find

cleaning activities that can be done sitting down for those who are more limited physically!

Cleaning materials, tea, coffee and biscuits supplied.



**The first date is Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 10.00am to 12noon.** Come and clean a bit and then join us for a pub lunch (at own cost).

## **Smile-lines 1**

### **Already well connected**

The telephone rang in the church office of the church that the MP attended when visiting his constituency. An eager voice inquired: "Do you expect the MP to be in church on Sunday? If so, I was thinking of coming along."

"That," said the clergyman, "I cannot promise. But we do expect that God will be there, and we fancy that that should be incentive enough for a reasonably large attendance."

### **Don't look back**

The Sunday School teacher was telling the story of how when Lot's wife looked back at Sodom and Gomorrah, she turned into a pillar of salt. One youngster nodded in a knowing fashion. "My mummy looked back once while she was driving," he confided, "and she turned into a lamp post."

### **The way we might sing some well-known hymns (if we were being honest):**

I Surrender Some  
There Shall Be Sprinkles of Blessings  
Fill My Spoon, Lord  
Oh, How I Like Jesus  
He's Quite a Bit to Me  
I Love to Talk About Telling the Story  
Take My Life and Let Me Be  
It is My Secret What God Can Do  
There is Scattered Cloudiness in My Soul Today  
Where He Leads Me, I Will Consider Following  
Just As I Pretend to Be

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**Crossword Clues**

**Across**

- 1 Infant (Luke 2:12) (4)
- 3 Luis must (anag.) (8)
- 8 What Jesus called the devil (John 8:44) (4)
- 9 'My God, my God, why have you — me?' (Matthew 27:46) (8)
- 11 Anglican form of church government (10)
- 14 'Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like — ' (Isaiah 40:31) (6)
- 15 Ministers of religion (6)
- 17 Make stronger (1 Thessalonians 3:13) (10)
- 20 Devoutness (1 Timothy 2:2) (8)
- 21 The father of Jesse (Ruth 4:22) (4)

22 Pool where Jesus healed a man who had been an invalid for 38 years (John 5:2) (8)

23 '[Jesus] said to them, " — here and keep watch"' (Mark 14:34) (4)

### **Down**

1 Follower of Christ (Acts 16:1) (8)

2 One of the punishments endured by Paul (2 Corinthians 6:5) (8)

4 Soldiers (Exodus 14:9) (6)

5 Scholarly study of melody, harmony and rhythm (10)

6 'I am God, and there is none — me' (Isaiah 46:9) (4)

7 'And how can they preach unless they are — ?' (Romans 10:15) (4)

10 Favourable reception (1 Timothy 1:15) (10)

12 Hip orbit (anag.) (8)

13 End of life (Isaiah 22:14) (5,3)

16 'About midnight the sailors — they were approaching land' (Acts 27:27) (6)

18 He married Jezebel (1 Kings 16:30–31) (4)

19 'According to your great compassion — out my transgressions' (Psalm 51:1) (4)

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## **Smile Lines 2**

### **It's how you say it....**

Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.

A backward poet writes inverse.

In a democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your Count that votes.

A chicken crossing the road: poultry in motion.

If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed.

Marathon runners with bad shoes suffer the agony of de feet.

## For thought and reflection

### Happy 1700<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Nicene Creed!

This month, 1700 years ago, one of the most important meetings in the history of the Christian Church began in the Bithynian city of Nicaea. It began in May 325 and went on until the end of July 325.

The Council of Nicaea was convened by the Roman Emperor Constantine, and he had an urgent job for the Christian bishops to do. He wanted them to spell out as exactly as they could the core beliefs of the Christian Church, especially with regard to the person of Christ.

Constantine had good reason to do this: a man called Arius of Alexandria was spreading the idea that Jesus Christ was not divine, but instead was a created being. Such a belief, if accepted, would have changed the very heart of Christianity.

After three months of hard work, the bishops at Nicaea had prayerfully and carefully written down as exactly as they could the core beliefs of Christianity. It became known as the Nicene Creed, and it has been the bedrock of orthodox Christianity ever since.

The Nicene Creed is unique in that it is the only Christian statement of faith that is accepted as authoritative by the Anglican, Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and major Protestant Churches.

It runs:

#### **The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is,  
seen and unseen.

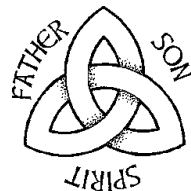
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.  
Through Him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation  
He came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
He became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.



*Editor: We continue our series on prayer by the Revd Dr Herbert McGonigle, a former Senior Lecturer in Historical Theology & Church History, Nazarene Theological College, Manchester*

## **Praying with the Prayers of the Bible – Praying in the Silence of the Heart**



*‘O Lord of hosts ... if you will give me a son ...I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life.’ (1 Samuel 1:11)*

Three ‘C’s will help us to grasp this most personal and moving prayer.

First, the prayer’s context. Hannah was the childless wife of Elkanah, who had sons and daughters by his other wife, Peninnah. As she longed for a child, she was taunted by ‘her rival’ (see v.6) who reproached her for being barren.

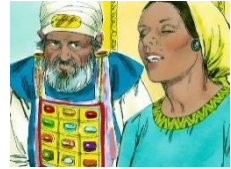
It doesn’t take much imagination to understand how miserable and lonely and useless Hannah felt. Although Elkanah loved Hannah, his well-meant sympathy, “Am I not more to you than ten sons?” (v.8) was hardly calculated to ease her pain! Making the annual pilgrimage to the Tabernacle at Shiloh, Hannah was ‘deeply distressed, prayed to the Lord and wept bitterly’ (v.10).

This is the Bible’s first record of a woman praying. We can be certain that godly women, long before Hannah’s time, had prayed but this is the first mention in Scripture of a woman praying.

Secondly, the prayer’s content. Above everything else, Hannah longed to have a son. “O Lord of hosts, if you will look on my affliction and give me a son, I will give him back to You in service all the days of his life” (v.11). It was a cry from the heart. A lonely wife, longing for a child, taunted by her rival, and not really understood by her husband, poured out her very soul in grief.



And it was all done without spoken words! As her lips moved, Eli the priest, misreading the signs, rebuked her for being drunk (v.14). There are times when the burden of our heart is so great that no words can express it, but how comforting to know that God hears us!



Thirdly, the prayer’s consequences. The Lord graciously answered Hannah’s distress and a year later she was nursing her baby son! (vv. 21,22). Hannah’s dark night had been eclipsed by a glorious morning. Grief and sorrow had given way to joy and delight but as she cradled her infant son, Hannah did not forget what she had promised the Lord.

In token of His faithfulness, she named her son Samuel, meaning, ‘asked of the Lord’ (v.20). Some time later, Hannah took Samuel to Shiloh and presented him to Eli, fulfilling the promise she had made to the Lord. Hannah’s dedication of Samuel is a reminder to all of us not only to give thanks to God for answered prayer but also to carry out whatever vows or promises we’ve made to Him.

Hannah’s words to Eli are so full of praise and gratitude to God that they need no comment. Let them inspire thanksgiving in our hearts. “For this child I prayed ...therefore as long as he lives, he is lent to the Lord” (v.28).

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*Editor: We continue our occasional series on the background of well-loved hymns. I remember when this was brand new and a new type of worship!*

### **The story behind the hymn: ‘Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord’**

Not many university students are able to write Christian songs which become worldwide hits, but Don Emry Fishel managed it

with his Alleluia No. 1. Nearly 50 years on, it is loved and sung by millions of Christians worldwide.

Fishel wrote it in 1971, while he was a student at the University of Michigan and also music leader of a Roman Catholic charismatic community based in Ann Arbor, Michigan. These were the days of folk songs and guitars, and Alleluia No. 1 fitted the prevailing mood perfectly. Written in E Major, it is ideal for guitar accompaniment.

Mr Fishel became a freelance flutist, flute instructor and composer. He was publications editor for the Word of God and Servant Music for a number of years and then worked in computers for 25 years. In 2008 he moved to Nashville and returned to music, teaching the flute.

Alleluia No 1 was Fishel's first song, written "rather quickly, in about an hour." It had four verses to begin with, but a fifth verse (which became the third verse) was added later, as he prepared for baptism. As Fishel explained, he wanted the line 'We have been crucified with Christ; now we shall live forever' "to be the centre of the song."

Alleluia No. 1 was first published in the UK in Sound of Living Waters, in 1974.

## Church news

In aid of



### Christian Aid Week – 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May

For more than 75 years, Christian Aid has been working with some of the world's most vulnerable communities in 29 countries in

Africa, the Middle East, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean.

This annual week invites Christians in the UK to help fundraise for the work by holding community events and taking on individual

challenges. It has been called ‘seven days of fundraising fun – your way’.

This year you might like to consider taking on the ‘70k in May Challenge’. It is simple to do: just travel 70k during the month of May, in whatever way you want. Invite your friends and family to sponsor you or even complete the challenge with you. More info at: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>

(70k in May not your thing? Treat yourself to tea at David and Diana’s and give generously. See Page 5. That’s what I plan to do. *Chris*)

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*Editor: We continue our series looking at the top countries in the world to persecute Christians. We are using the data from Open Doors World Watch List for 2025.*

### **Third Most Dangerous Country in the World for Christians**



After North Korea and Somalia, where in the world is it most dangerous to be a Christian?

The World Watch List puts Yemen in third place.

Yemen lies just south of Saudi Arabia and just east of Ethiopia. Torn apart by civil war, the extremist Islamist Houthi group are increasing in power, and both they and al-Qaeda and Islamic State are determined to uphold strict Sharia (Islamic law).

All Christians are in danger in Yemen. No one knows their exact numbers, but it is probably between 3,000 and 20,000.

The main threats are from clan oppression and Islamic oppression. Their families disown and disinherit them. They are divorced, lose custody of their children, are banished, and often murdered. The government puts Christian in detention, where they face torture, ill-treatment and often murder.

Open Doors helps Christians in Yemen through prayer, some relief aid, secret training for pastors, and livelihood support. If you want to help, please go to: <https://www.opendoorsuk.org>

## Looking at ourselves and our community

### Mental Health Awareness Week - 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May

In May we observe Mental Health Week, at a time when sadly many of us, as a nation, are struggling. Roughly one in four of us now experience a mental health problem every year.



According to the Health Foundation, for young people aged 10–24 a staggering 45% are experiencing mental health disorders.

While the medical profession is helping with medication and medical care, many Christians are also deeply concerned.

As one theologian, Professor John Swinton, has said: “Mental-health professions play a significant part in the healing process for people. Most people, however, are not acutely unwell... they live in ordinary communities, and work out their lives amid family, friends, society and church. It is there that the Church can offer important gifts and insights.

“The central intention of the Gospels is to enable people to come to know God, and to live with God for ever. Within this perspective, mental health is not the absence of symptoms or distress, it is assurance of the presence of a loving God who cares.”



There is plenty of emotional and mental pain in the Bible: just read the Psalms of lament, which express sorrow and desolation. (They include Psalms 3, 6, 13, 22, 28, 42, 44, 56, 57, 71, 77, 86, 88, 102, 120, 130, 137, 142.) Here you will find desolation and sorrow – but also hope and assurance that at the end of all things, God is still there for those who turn to Him.

The Bible assures us that God will “never leave you or forsake you” (Hebrews 13:5). As Jesus told His followers: “I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you” (John 14:18)

The Bible reminds us that we should not be surprised by deeply painful times in our lives, as these are not outside the experiences of people who know God. However, it assures us that He will draw close to us (James 4:8) and that “in all things God works for the good of those who love him” (Romans 8:28).

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## **Deaf Awareness Week – 5<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> May**

Deafness is more common than you might think.

According to the Royal National Institute for Deaf people (RNID), one in three adults in the UK are in some way deaf. That means that more than 18 million adults in the UK have some degree of hearing loss or tinnitus.



And it gets worse. Over half the population aged 55 have hearing loss. 80% of people over the age of 70 have hearing loss. An estimated 1.2 million adults in the UK cannot even hear most conversational speech without hearing aids.

How does this work out in local churches? Statistically, it means that in every congregation of 100 members, there will be 14 people with hearing difficulties.

As this month brings Deaf Awareness Week, why not ask the people with hearing loss in our church how they can be helped to hear better in church. This might include:

- Installing a loop system, or making sure the one already installed is still working well.
- That there is clear visual access to the pulpit and lectern, so that people can lip-read. (Move the flowers and candles?)
- Make sure that the speakers do not walk away from the microphones while speaking.
- Use some printed and visual media as well as just audio in church communications.

The following website may be useful in learning more:

RNID [www.rnid.org.uk](http://www.rnid.org.uk)

Deaf church [www.deafchurch.co.uk](http://www.deafchurch.co.uk)

Signs of God [www.signsofgod.org.uk](http://www.signsofgod.org.uk)

### **To all event and activity organisers**

**All items for the June magazine to be sent to me by 18<sup>th</sup> May, please.**

**christownsend2@sky.com**

*Here's another small action you can take for the environment.  
Chris, Editor*

## **Why you should draw your curtains at night (especially if you live in the country)**

Most of us draw our curtains at night, in order to ensure privacy. But there is another very valid reason: to help protect local wildlife. It seems that insects who live in the countryside are very susceptible to bright lights, which can badly disrupt their overall health and general behaviour.



As one scientist explained: “We don’t know exactly how fatal it is, but one estimate is that 33 per cent of all the insects attracted to light die before morning. And even if they don’t die, they’re spending all their time at the light instead of doing the things they’re supposed

to be doing.”

Light pollution is now seen as adding to what some scientists have called “insect Armageddon”, with a 75 per cent decline in insect populations in 30 years. As one scientist said: “Small individual actions such as drawing curtains can make a big impact to our smallest creatures.”

**Crossword answers. ACROSS:** 1, Baby. 3, Stimulus. 8, Liar. 9, Forsaken. 11, Episcopacy. 14, Eagles. 15, Clergy. 17, Strengthen. 20, Holiness. 21, Obed. 22, Bethesda. 23, Stay.

**DOWN:** 1, Believer. 2, Beatings. 4, Troops. 5, Musicology. 6, Like. 7, Sent. 10, Acceptance. 12, Prohibit. 13, Dying day. 16, Sensed. 18, Ahab. 19, Blot.

# Sunday Services in the United Benefice May 2025

**4<sup>th</sup> May:** 10.00a.m. Holy Communion at St. Mary's South Darley  
11.00a.m. Holy Communion at St. Helen's Darley Dale  
2.00p.m. Open Door at St. Helen's Darley Dale  
4.15p.m. Informal Service at St. John's Winster

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May:** 11.00a.m. Ecumenical HC at St. Helen's

**11<sup>th</sup> May:** 8.00a.m. Holy Communion (BCP) at St. Helen's Darley  
3.00p.m. VE Day Commemoration Service  
at St. Helen's

**18<sup>th</sup> May:** 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion Service at St. Mary's  
11.00a.m. Holy Communion Service at St. Helen's

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May:** 11.00a.m. Holy Communion at St. Helen's

**25<sup>th</sup> May:** 10.00a.m. Morning Worship at St. Mary's South Darley  
11.00a.m. New Beginnings at St. Helen's,  
Café open 10.30 a.m.  
4.15p.m. Informal Service at St. John's Winster

**29<sup>th</sup> May:** Thursday 7.30p.m. Ascension Day Service at All Saints,  
Matlock Bank with Bishop Malcolm

**Monday evening Zoom Services 7.00 – 7.30pm**

Details and access invitation from:  
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