

St Helen's Church, Whitley Chapel

NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 16 AUGUST 2026

The PCC met on Wednesday. Among many other things, they agreed to use a special order of service on Sunday 30th August. **Note: It will not be a service of Holy Communion.** We shall commemorate the life and work of John Bunyan, author of The Pilgrim's Progress, who died on 30th August 1688. The theme of the whole service, and of the familiar hymns in particular, will be "Pilgrimage."

The Revd Chris Simmons plans to be in church as often as possible on Saturdays at 4.00 pm to say a simple form of Evening Prayer and to make ready for Sunday morning. If anyone wishes to join him, they will be very welcome. He was delighted to be joined by two of our number last Saturday.

It would be good to find two or three more people willing to lead the prayers of intercession in our Sunday services. This can seem a daunting task, but it need not be. Chris would be very happy to offer some guidance on the subject to anyone who might think about it. Please speak to him if you are at all interested. This would not constitute commitment!

At this time we remember those of this parish who have gone before us: Wyn Charlton (2010), Geraldine Mortimer (1993), Trevor Fretwell (1992). May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Our service at 9.30 a.m. next Sunday will be led by the Revd Keith Teasdale. He has taken services here a couple of times before, but please make him welcome as a guest. At the end of last week's service we heard Archdeacon Catherine expressing warm appreciation of the welcome we offered her.

Please take this notice sheet away with you after the service. Note also that it can be found on the St Helen's page of the Hexhamshire website.