

St Helen's Church, Whitley Chapel

NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 9 AUGUST 2026

We welcome the Ven. Catherine Sourbut-Groves, Archdeacon of Lindisfarne to preside and preach this morning, and we pray for her:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of Catherine to lead us in worship today. We pray that she will enjoy safe travel and freedom from distraction on the way here and on the way home. Grant her a fresh, clear word to share, and give her boldness and discernment to speak directly to the hearts of those who need it most. Prepare our hearts to receive your message with open minds and receptive spirits. May your Holy Spirit move freely in this place, bringing healing, revival, and transformation. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Public notice of our application for a faculty (legal permission) to install solar panels on the church roof is displayed on the door. The period for public comment expires today so, assuming there have been no objections, we hope to receive the faculty document shortly. Then the work can be put in hand.

The next meeting of the P.C.C. takes place this coming Wednesday at 7.30 pm in the school. There will of course be a number of significant items to discuss, so please remember the P.C.C. members in your prayers. We hope it will soon be possible to announce the date for the opening of the new church door.

The Revd Chris Simmons hopes 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.

At this time we remember those of this parish who have gone before us, among them Hilda Mackenzie (1985), Christopher Dobson (2008), Pat White (2009), Elizabeth Flatman (1998) and Allan Peacock (2018). May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Our service at 9.30 am next Sunday will be led by Chris Simmons.