

St Helen's Church, Whitley Chapel

NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 23 AUGUST 2026

We welcome the Revd Keith Teasdale to preside and preach this morning, and we pray for him:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of Keith to lead us in worship today. We pray that he will enjoy safe travel and freedom from distraction on the way here and on the way home. Grant him a fresh, clear word to share, and give him 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.

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.

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: Joseph Clark (1969), Arthur Hall (2013), Thomas Keens (1992), Muriel Scott-Easter (1994), May Waugh (2002), Joan Herold (2018), Mary Backhouse (2013), Garth Parker (2017). May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Note: We shall be using a special order of service next Sunday. **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."

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.