

St Helen's Church, Whitley Chapel

NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2026

Today we welcome once again the Revd Keith Teasdale to lead us in worship.

Next Sunday we celebrate our Harvest Thanksgiving at the usual time of 9.30 a.m. The form of service will be based on Morning Prayer rather than Holy Communion, and we will be joined once again by St Mary's Choir with their director and organist, Paul Berry. The service will be led by the Revd Chris Simmons, with participation by all sorts of interesting people. As in past years, please bring suitable items to be given to the West Northumberland Food Bank. If you are unable to be at the service, you can still contribute by dropping into church sometime and putting something in the clearly labelled bucket near the door.

In his inspirational sermon last Sunday, our Area Dean, the Revd Steve Wright, offered a powerful reminder that the existence of the church is not dependent on the presence of the clergy! It is a thought to be borne in mind as the weeks and months ahead unfold.

We expect to see the new church door, commemorating Andrew Patterson's long incumbency, installed within the next few days. Like its rather decrepit predecessor, it will remain unlocked.

We have now received the necessary legal permissions to install solar panels on the roof of the church. Is this symbolic of the intention to bring new energy to St Helen's?

We remember those who have gone to their rest at about this time of year: Nancy Charlton (2014), June Evans (2015), Elizabeth Patterson (2020) Ian Heslop (2014) and Thomas Cowing (2023),

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