Orthodox Parish of St Helen of Colchester

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<u>Weekday Services at St Helen's: Holy Liturgy 9.30 am</u>

Tuesday 7 July Monday 20 July Thursday 30 July Thursday 6 August Tuesday 18 August

St Kyriaki St Elias (Elijah) St Joseph of Arimathaea Transfiguration Repose of St Helen

Dennis departs—but by his faith he rests with God!

Sadly our dear brother DENNIS HINDLE has died, aged seventy - as announced just as the last *Newsletter* went out. He had been particularly ill for the last six months or so, but had had serious troubles on and off over the past two or three years.

Added to this of course was his hearing can see in church. problem, which to some degree he had throughout his life. And all the time we have known him he has had back problems too.

But one of the remarkable things about Dennis was that he was able to be cheerful in spite of all his pains and troubles. Perhaps not so much in private, but in the presence of others he always conveyed a pleasure in them.

It was only comparatively late in life that he came to the Holy Orthodox Faith and was baptised. He had not been baptised in infancy, and had felt a lacking in his life.

With BERTHA in Greece he had gone in the churches. He felt entirely at home in them, and faith in Jesus Christ was found natural and homely.

When our Parish started, he brought his Greek an example to us all. mother-in-law THEOLOGHIA DE CARLO to the Holy Liturgy, and was thrilled to find the same sense of holiness and homeliness here, in the everyday life of the Holy Orthodox Church.

Soon he asked for Holy Baptism, and it was a joy to give him a new life he really experienced in the Font—a fact he commemorated in the article he wrote and preserved with photos in a file you

This was in our days at Bourne Court, but, soon afterwards, in some ways he really came into his own.

We moved to St Helen's Chapel, and he devoted himself to adapting it for our purposes.

Almost all the woodwork you see - iconostasis and shelves - is his work. 'If you seek his monument, look about you.' It was lovely to see him putting himself into it and getting extraordinary joy

But - and far more important - he got extraordinary joy from his new faith. He loved to serve on the altar. I think he really did find himself in the Orthodox Faith, and he remains

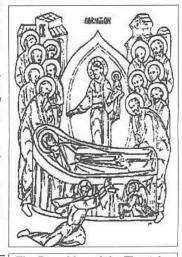
Our sincere condolences to his dear wife, daughters and grandchildren. We grieve for ourselves too - but 'not without hope'.

Dennis's, Dionysius's, Orthodox faith taught him that though we must rest a while in death, we shall rise again in glory, when Christ our God and Saviour returns. That indeed 'gives us comfort.'

Memory eternal!

Father Alexander

Feast of the Repose of ST HELEN, the Summer Feast of our Patron, Tuesday 18 Aug Holy Liturgy 9.30 am



The Dormition of the Theotokos will be kept on Sunday 16 Aug Holy Liturgy 10.30 am

NO HOLY LITURGY here on SUNDAY 26 JULY St Helen's will be

prayer No Vespers on Saturdays

25 July, 1 August

open for private

The Antiochian Deanery Conference takes place at Sheffield 13-15 July. HE Archbishop John will be present.

HOLY LITURGY ST FURSEY'S Saturday 4 July 9.30 am



St Helen's Chapel, Maidenburgh St, High St

St Helen's is 200m. down behind the George Hotel in the High Street, but accessible from there only on foot. By car: leave Middleborough Roundabout (between dual carriageways Westway and Balkerne Hill), to Northgate; go straight along St Peter Street to Castle Park; continue round, up into Maidenburgh Street. Nunns Road NCP is the nearest car park.

Saturday: Great Vespers usually 4.30 pm (check before coming) Sunday: Mattins 9.45 am (or Hours 10.15 am), Divine Liturgy 10.30 am

Confessions: Saturday after Vespers, or by arrangement Holy Marriage, Baptism, Funerals, Memorials etc: by arrangement

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St Fursey's Chapel, 111 Neville Rd, At St James Anglican Church, Sutton, near Stalham, Norfolk Beatrice Rd, Clacton-on-sea