

The Vestry

Lundy – St Helen’s Church



Built by the Reverend Hudson Heaven in 1896, St Helen’s church stands as a beacon on the top of the island with a commanding view over the Bristol Channel. Located within the village, the vestry provides basic, compact and cosy accommodation for two.

St Helen’s church and vestry were renovated in 2018 following a Heritage Lottery grant and church services are now held monthly. Between monthly services, The Lundy Co, in partnership with St Helen’s P.C.C. are delighted to be able to let the vestry to visitors which will help support the future maintenance of the building.

Whether you are contemplating a spiritual retreat, research project or staying in a property with a difference, the vestry offers visitors a rare opportunity of a unique island experience. Please be aware you will be woken early with the swallows in the summer as there are no blackouts on the windows and the main window lets in the light of the rising sun, making for a very natural rhythm.

Features

Village location

Electric heating

Outstanding views around property

Twin beds

Shower

Basic kitchen facilities

Multi fuel burner

Ground Floor



The vestry is apportioned over two floors, with a porch, hallway with internal door to church, small kitchen, shower room and toilet downstairs.

Please be aware that there is no full-size cooker in the kitchen, however, there is a microwave and small portable induction hob. There is a small caravan sized fridge.

There is a small multi fuel burner in the kitchen area with fuel available from the general store.

Mezzanine



An oak staircase leads to the upstairs mezzanine twin bedroom/sitting area. As well as twin beds and a small desk and chairs, there are two easy chairs.

St Helen's Church

Lundy has long been an important site for Christianity with evidence of a small chapel dating back to the 12th century on Beacon Hill. St Helen's church was built and completed by the Reverend Hudson Heaven in 1896 at a cost of £4101. The church was consecrated on 7th June 1897 with a congregation of 165 in attendance. Today the tower holds an impressive 10 bells which are regularly used by visiting bell ringing groups.

St Helen's Centre for Education and Interpretation

As well as providing a place of worship, ceremony and contemplation, St Helen's also provides a wider community benefit to islanders, visitors, groups and educational establishments. The centre provides informative interpretation featuring many aspects of the islands rich and colourful history and wildlife along with its many owners and communities.

Visiting schools use St Helen's centre as a base for their frequent visits to the island during the sailing season. The centre is also used as a venue for lectures and talks from various groups and organisations.

Useful Links:

www.lundyisland.co.uk

www.sthelenslundy.co.uk

Getting to and from Lundy

During the winter, November to March, our winter helicopter service runs on Mondays and Fridays from Hartland Point. Flying time is approximately six minutes.

MS Oldenburg sailing from April to October from either Bideford or Ilfracombe, as per the scheduled timetable.

Tickets must be bought a minimum of 14 days before departure by telephoning the Lundy office on 01271 863636.

We require the name, gender and age group (adult/child/infant) of each passenger. Children are classed as being between the ages of 4 and 15.

If adverse weather forces sailing cancellation, providing you already have tickets to sail on *MS Oldenburg* we will arrange for a helicopter (subject to availability and flying conditions) to transport you to, or from, the Island at a subsidised cost of £41 per person and £11 for infants under 2 years old.

Helicopter journey time is normally only six minutes, but at busy times because of limited capacity it may take several hours to transport everybody to/from the Island and facilities at the heliport may be limited – further details are available from the Bideford or Ilfracombe offices.

How to book

For availability and prices, please contact the Lundy Booking Office on 01271 863636.

For details on our refund policy please refer to the Lundy booking conditions or Lundy island website www.lundyisland.co.uk

Items we provide....

Vestry Equipment List

We suggest that you look through this list before you arrive in case there is anything which is not on the list and which you especially feel you need:

Kitchen Equipment	Bedroom	General Equipment
Small Fridge	Single bed x 2	Tea towels
Combination Microwave	Arm chairs x 2	Bucket
Small portable induction hob	Desk	Floor cloth
Toaster	Chairs x 2	Scrubbing brush
Bread bin	Emergency torches x 2	Jay cloths
Saucepan	AFFF fire extinguisher	Sink tidy and dish drainer
Bread knife		Wash-up bowl and brush
Wooden spoon		Broom
Pedal bin		Cutlery tray
Can opener		Dustpan and brush
Kitchen scissors		Wastepaper basket
Grater		Hot water bottle – 1 per bed space
Toast rack		Loo paper – 1 per WC
Corkscrew		Small bar of soap
Kettle		Washing up liquid
Tea pot		Salt & pepper
Stools x 2		
Small fire extinguisher		
Fire blanket		
		WE DO NOT PROVIDE
Glassware		Candles
Cafetiere		Torches
		Electric blankets
		Washing powder
		Axes or saws
		US/Continental Electrical adapters
		Further loo paper

We provide crockery, cutlery and glasses for as many people as there are beds.

We provide sheets and pillowcases, and one hand towel and one bath sheet for as many people as there are beds. There will normally be two pillows and a duvet for each bed. I

Please let the Island staff know if you find anything missing or defective, and about any breakages.

You will also find a Log Book in which you can record your visit and pass on to future visitors anything of interest you have discovered on the Island or in the building.