

Weekly News from SS&SJ, Earl Shilton, and St Mary's, Elmeſthorpe

Services this coming Sunday, 17th August:

- 9.15am – Morning worship at St Mary's
- 10.45am – Morning worship at SS&SJ
- 6.30pm – Prayers to End the Day on Facebook

The Bible readings for our morning services will be Hebrews 11 v 29 - 12 v 2 (p978 of the pew Bibles) and Luke 12 v 49-56 (p848 of the pew Bibles).

Sunday Club - Join Catherine and Siobhan in SS&SJ church hall on Sunday 24th August, 10.30am – 12 noon, for games, craft, Bible-teaching and fun! All children welcome. Do ask for more information!!

Elmeſthorpe Friends Food and Flowers Initiative will be holding their next coffee morning on Saturday 30th August, 10.00am - 11.30am at Elmeſthorpe Village Hall, raising money for the church and other charities. Theme: Seaside Special! Bring something special from the beach. Dress for the beach if you like!! Donations always welcome for local food banks.

At the coffee morning the ***St Mary's Subscription Draw*** will take place.

Earl Shilton Town Show – Saturday 6th September at Age UK, King's Walk. Entries 11am – 12pm; public access 1pm – 4pm. Entries are 20p or free for children's section. This year there is also live music and cream tea. For more information go to: earlshiltontowncouncil.gov.uk

Lay ministry and vocations – if you are interested in exploring lay ministry and vocations opportunities within the diocese, please come along to the next Deanery Synod meeting on 9th September, 7.30pm at Sheepy: All Saints, Church Lane, CV9 3QS. Refreshments will be available from 7.00pm. For more information, contact Revd. Kim Ford on kim@thebeaconhinckley.org.

A day to launch the Journey in Faith course – Saturday 13th September, 9.30am - 12.30pm, St Martins House. A 3-term course that provides the time and space for people to:

- Grow in knowledge of the Christian faith
- Deepen their relationship with God
- Explore how to live out faith in the whole of life.

If you would like more information before joining please feel free to contact Liz.Rawlings@LeicesterCofE.org.

A date for your diary - Sunday 21st September – St Mary's are holding an outdoor service in the churchyard at 4pm followed by an afternoon tea – all are welcome! There will be no service at 9.15am.

SS&SJ Celebration Tea – Saturday 27th September at 4pm in SS&SJ Parish Hall to thank Barbara Bowley and David Hall for their time serving as churchwardens. Please sign up on the list in both churches or contact the church office if you would like to attend, as that will help with catering requirements.

SS&SJ PCC Secretary required - Mitch Irving has recently stepped down as PCC secretary after many years faithful service. Thank you, Mitch for all your work over the years! Is this something that you could do to serve the church? It involves taking the minutes at 8-10 evening meetings per year and working in conjunction with the Church Administrator in compiling and distributing the papers. Please contact Martin if you are interested and want to find out more.

Cleaning at St Mary's – If you would be interested in helping with some occasional light cleaning at St Mary's, please speak to one of the churchwardens.

Ratby Daytime Band Concert in SS&SJ Church - Wednesday 15th October, 12.30pm start. Free entrance but donations will be received at the end. All monies raised will be split between the band and the church. A light lunch of soup and a roll will be served at 11.45am with light refreshments being served at the interval. Again, donations welcome.

Prayers to start the day take place at 9am on Mondays at St Simon and St Jude's and Tuesdays and Thursdays at St Mary's, as well as on Facebook on Wednesday. The prayers in church last half-an-hour and are a wonderful opportunity to pray for our churches, communities and the wider world, so do come and join us.

Please pray:

- for those who are receiving their A level and GCSE exam results this week and the next; for celebration with humility in success, and for peace and clear thinking in disappointment.
- that discussions on a ceasefire in the war in Ukraine will lead to lasting peace and justice.

Contacting us –

- For general church enquiries please contact Beth Evans in the Church Office on 01455 843961 or parishchurch@gmx.co.uk.
- For pastoral matters or if you need to speak to a church minister, please contact Martin Castle on 07759 002660.

Prayer for the week:

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Bible verse of the month to learn:

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5 v 17.

If you would like to donate to either of our churches, you can do so using these QR codes:

**St Simon &
St Jude's:**



St Mary's:

