

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

Services this coming Sunday, 10th August:

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

The Bible readings for our morning services will be Hebrews 11 v 1-3; 8-16 (p977 of the pew Bibles) and Luke 12 v 32-40 (p847 of the pew Bibles).

Minster Communities – Following the discussions between churches to the proposed minster community boundaries in our area, some churches have raised questions and proposed alternative grouping suggestions. After taking time to reflect on this feedback, the Diocesan team are hosting a Zoom session where they will present the responses and outline a proposed way forward. This session will take place on **Wednesday 13th August at 7.30pm**. Following the session, they will share a recording and supporting documents for your PCC to review and discuss further. The Zoom session is open to anyone from our churches. There will be time for questions, but no decisions or votes will be taken during the session. The purpose is to share information so that PCCs and churches can have informed conversations. Please contact the church office for the Zoom link if you would like to attend.

Elvesthorpe Friends Food and Flowers Initiative will be holding their next coffee morning on Saturday 30th August, 10.00am - 11.30am at Elvesthorpe 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

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.

Taking the next step in your 'Journey in Faith' – The Journey in Faith course is run by the Diocese of Leicester. It is a course that gives time and space to grow in confidence in your faith and deepen your relationship with God. Topics include 'How to study the Bible', 'The history and culture of the biblical world' and 'The Trinity'. It could be a one-off course for you or lead to some form of lay ministry. See the information sheet at the back of church or email liz.rawlings@leicestercofe.org for more information.

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:

- As we mark the 80th anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bomb on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, pray that true peace will be built upon mutual understanding and trust, rather than weapons of war.
- for the leaders of our local councils at the parish, borough and county levels.

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:

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through 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:

