

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

### ***Services this coming Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> August:***

- 9.15am – Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.45am – Holy Communion at SS&SJ

The Bible readings for our morning services will be Hebrews 13 v 1-8; 15-16 (p979 of the pew Bibles) and Luke 14 v 1; 7-14 (p849 of the pew Bibles).

***Earl Shilton Town Show*** – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://earlshiltontowncouncil.gov.uk)

***Emergency Phone Alert Test*** - Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm. Emergency Alerts is a UK government system that provides warning and advice in a life-threatening emergency. The government does not need to know your phone number or location to send you an alert.

What happens when you get an emergency alert? Your mobile phone or tablet may:

- make a loud siren-like sound, even if it's set on silent
- vibrate
- read out the alert

The sound and vibration will last for about 10 seconds.

***PCC meeting*** - There will be a meeting of St Mary's PCC (Church Council) on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025. If you have comments on the life of the church for the PCC please speak to one of the PCC members who are Martin Castle, Carol Brown, David Elliott, Nigel Jackson, Martin Johnson, Margaret Knight, Ann Loveday, Gill Newell and Di Tingay.

***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 9<sup>th</sup> 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@thebeaconhinchley.org](mailto:kim@thebeaconhinchley.org).

***A day to launch the Journey in Faith course*** – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Liz.Rawlings@LeicesterCofE.org).

***Ride + Stride*** – Sponsored bike ride/walk, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September, raising funds for repairs and improvements to historic churches, chapels and meeting houses throughout Leicester and Leicestershire.

- St Mary's - the register and water will be left under the tower. If you would like to volunteer to help on the day for any length of time between 10am and 6pm, please speak to a churchwarden.
- SS&SJ – Church open 10am – 2pm. After 2pm the register will be on the door.

***Open-air service*** - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 on this day.

***SS&SJ Celebration Tea*** – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

***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 hold public office in Town and Parish Councils, Borough and County Councils and for the decisions that they make, that we may 'lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity' (2 Timothy 2 v 1-4).
- for those who are in difficult relationships in work or family life.

***Contacting us –***

- For general church enquiries please contact Beth Evans in the Church Office on 01455 843961 or [parishchurch@gmx.co.uk](mailto: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:***

God of glory,  
the end of our searching,  
help us to lay aside  
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,  
and to give all that we have  
to gain the pearl beyond all price,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
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:**

