

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

### ***Services this coming Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> September:***

- 9.15am – All-age worship at St Mary's
- 10.45am – All-age worship at SS&SJ

The Bible reading for our morning services will be Matthew 9 v 9-12 (p790 of the pew Bibles).

***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, 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@thebeaconhinckley.org](mailto:kim@thebeaconhinckley.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.

***Elmeſthorpe Friends Food and Flowers Initiative*** will be holding their next coffee morning on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 10.00am - 11.30am at Elmeſthorpe Village Hall, raising money for the church and other charities. Theme: Nursery Rhyme Revival! Bring memories of your childhood favourite rhymes! Be prepared for silly games and activities! There will also be a special raffle as part of our support of Macmillan Cancer Research. Donations always welcome for local food banks.

At the coffee morning the ***St Mary's Subscription Draw*** will take place. Results of the prize draw held 30<sup>th</sup> August 2025: first prize £40 number 105, second prize £25 number 101, third prize £15 number 159, fourth prize £10 number 193, fifth prize £10 number 96.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 the open-air service and afternoon tea at St Mary's on 21<sup>st</sup> September, that many will attend and encounter something of God's love through the service.
- for St Mary's Parochial Church Council meeting on the afternoon of Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September.
- for the lay vocations evening on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September – for the call of Christ to serve him in ministry to be heard and acted upon.

**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 constant mercy,  
who sent your Son to save us:  
remind us of your goodness,  
increase your grace within us,  
that our thankfulness may grow,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**Bible verse of the month to learn:**

*'No temptation has seized you except what is common to everyone. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted he will also provide a way out so you can stand up under it.'* 1 Corinthians 10 v 13

**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:**

