

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

Services this coming Sunday, 28th September:

- 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 Genesis 28:10-17 (p22 of the pew Bibles) and John 1:47-end (p863 of the pew Bibles).

Sunday Club - Join Catherine and Siobhan in SS&SJ church hall this Sunday, 28th September, 10.30am – 12 noon, for games, craft, Bible-teaching and fun! All children welcome. Do ask for more information!!

Thank you to everyone who was involved in organising and helping at St Mary's outdoor service and afternoon tea last Sunday afternoon. It was great to worship outside together and enjoy food afterwards. We must do it again!

SS&SJ School open dates - Does your child start school in 2026? Please come and visit our school, see our EYFS classroom and meet our staff. Open evening - Tuesday 30th September, 4.00pm-5.00pm; open morning - Wednesday 1st October, 10.00am-11.00am.

Harvest Festival – Sunday, 5th October. If you can contribute, please bring harvest gifts to church on 5th October. At St Mary's, the gifts will be distributed to The Salvation Army, The Hinckley Area Food Bank and individuals locally. At SS&SJ, the gifts will be distributed to Lawrence House in Hinckley and others who live locally.

Please consider supporting the work of Christian Aid. At both churches, loose money on the collection plate/box, will be given to the work of Christian Aid. If you want to give online and/or find out more about their harvest appeal, please visit:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/harvest-appeal>

Sing for Worship – Saturday 11th October, 11.00 for 11.15 start at SS&SJ. All are welcome to come and learn some new songs.

Hall Management Team - Shaun Cobb has taken over from David Hall in overseeing the Parish Hall. Mitch Irving and Laura Ward have also stepped back from being on the Hall Committee. We are therefore in need of people to be part of a new Hall Management Team who will support Shaun in the following:

- Overseeing the management of the hall and highlighting issues to the PCC.
- Showing potential hirers round and approving requests.
- Seeking quotes for repairs and making sure those repairs are carried out.
- Reviewing hire fees for the PCC to approve annually.
- Ensuring up to date info on website.
- Advertising the Parish Hall.

If you could help then please speak to Shaun, Barbara Bowley (who for the moment is continuing on the team) or Martin.

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:

- that our Sunday services when we gather for worship may be 'touched' by heaven.
- for volunteers to help with the running of SS&SJ Parish Hall – could it be you?

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,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in 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:

