

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

### ***Services this coming Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> September:***

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

The Bible readings for our morning services will be Numbers 21:4-9 (p122 of the pew Bibles) and John 3:13-17 (p864 of the pew Bibles).

There will be no Prayers to End the Day this week.

**SS&SJ School worship** – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2.30pm in SS&SJ Church with refreshments from 2.00pm. You are welcome to attend.

**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.

**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.

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

**Harvest Festival** – Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> October. If you can contribute, please bring harvest gifts to church on 5<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> October, 11.00 for 11.15 start at SS&SJ. All are welcome to come and learn some new songs.

**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.

**The Ark Café** - Every Tuesday, 3pm to 4.30pm at Earl Shilton Methodist Church. Family friendly. A place to chat, relax and meet friends. Tea, coffee and refreshments served.

**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.

**Food Bank** – Hinckley Area Food Bank thanks you for your kind donation of ~£108.03 worth of food and toiletries. It is much appreciated and needed. Please continue to give if you can. There are donation boxes at the back of both churches.

**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 a de-escalation of the conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East before a point of no-return is reached leading to a wider conflict.
- for SS&SJ and Townlands schools as Martin leads collective worship – that children and staff may have their faith kindled.

**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:**

Almighty God,  
you search us and know us:  
may we rely on you in strength  
and rest on you in weakness,  
now and in all our days;  
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:

