

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

Services this coming Sunday, 26th October:

- 9.15am – Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.45am – Holy Communion at SS&SJ
- There will be **no** Prayers to End the Day on Facebook this week.

The Bible readings for our morning services will be Joel 2:23-end (p741 of the pew Bibles) and Luke 18:9-14 (p853 of the pew Bibles).

Sunday Club - Join Catherine and Siobhan in SS&SJ church hall this Sunday, 26th October, 10.30am – 12 noon, for games, craft, Bible-teaching and fun! All children welcome. Do ask for more information!!

MAFIA (that's MEN AND FAITH IN ACTION) Quiz - Thursday 30th October at the Wentworth Arms, Elmeſthorpe. If you want a meal, we will be meeting at 6pm for that. If you just want to come along for the quiz, that starts at 7.30pm. It's as much about getting together as men of faith and having great conversation and companionship as it is to do the quiz.

Toy Appeal Service – Sunday 2nd November, 10.45 at SS&SJ. If you are able, please bring donations of **new** (not pre-loved) toys, gifts and books for ages 0-16 years for the *Hinckley and Bosworth Christmas Toy Appeal* on this date when Lynne Sharpe will be with us to talk about the appeal. Everyone is welcome to come along, whether you are able to donate or not.

Memorial Service – Our annual memorial service will be on Sunday 2nd November at 4.00pm at SS&SJ. You are all welcome to attend. If you have any names of loved ones who are no longer with us that you would like to be read out in the prayers, please forward them to Beth in the church office (parishchurch@gmx.co.uk).

Mix & Mingle

- **7th November - Games night with fish & chip supper**, tombola and raffle (in aid of *Young Minds*), 4.30pm – 7.00pm. Bring a game to share or just come to enjoy the company. Fish & chips available to order at 4.45pm. Further donations for the raffle/tombola should be left in churches by Sunday 2nd November.
- **17th December - Festive lunch** at Bosworth Hall Hotel, 12.00pm. Balance of £15 payable by 2nd November along with completed menu choices form (to be given to Ruth in named envelope).

Sing for Worship – Do come and join us for the following sessions:

- Saturday 8th November
- Saturday 13th December
- Saturday 20th December
- Carol services 21st December

Joining a cell group – A cell group is a small group of people who meet together during the week to deepen their Christian faith and support each other through Bible study, prayer, friendship and worship. There are 4 of these groups that meet each week. If you would like to join one, please talk to Martin or contact the church office.

SS&SJ altar rail - I've no doubt you would have noticed the altar rail gates have been left open recently during Holy Communion at SS&SJ Church. This is due to the further deterioration of the ground fixings holding the altar rail up. Paul Wheatcroft and Rob Allen (Deputy Warden) are working on a fix for this. Thank you for your patience.

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.

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.

Saying Goodbye service – Saturday 1st November, 11am, in Derby Cathedral. Anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in early years, or who has been affected by family members' or friends' loss, whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago, everyone is welcome to attend. We also gladly welcome anyone who is grieving the fact that they haven't had children. Babies and children are also invited to come with their families as the Saying Goodbye service is truly a family event for all. Led by *Saying Goodbye* (part of the Mariposa Trust). For more information: www.sayinggoodbye.org

Hinckley Area Food Bank –

- **Regular giving** - As the cost of living continues to rise, we've seen a drop in donations, but even a regular gift of just £3 per month can help us purchase much needed items that are less frequently donated. If you're able to give in this way, it would be much appreciated.
- **Carrier bags needed** - We're currently running low on strong, clean supermarket carrier bags. If you have any spare at home, we would be very grateful if you could bring them in. These make it easier for our clients to carry their food parcels home safely.

Please pray:

- Picture your workplace, school, community, social group – imagine them as a place where all flourish, are encouraged, prosper, grow, and have meaning and purpose. Pray that in those places and groups, God's Kingdom will be seen 'on earth as it is in heaven.'
- for the cell groups and their leaders, who are Glynis, Rose, Shaun, Robert and Jean. Pray that they will be places where people can grow in fellowship and deepen their faith.

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:

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Bible verse of the month to learn:

'In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets'. – Matt. 7 v 12