

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

Services this coming Sunday, 2nd November:

- 9.15am – All-age worship at St Mary's
- 10.45am – All-age worship at SS&SJ
- 4.00pm – Memorial service at SS&SJ
- There will be **no** Prayers to End the Day on Facebook this week.

The Bible reading for our morning services will be Matthew 28 v 16-20 (p812 of the pew Bibles).

Memorial Service – Our annual memorial service takes place this afternoon 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 Martin at revdmartincastle@gmx.com.

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

PCC meeting - There will be a meeting of St Simon & St Jude PCC (Church Council) on the 17th November 2025. If you have any comments on the life of the church for the PCC please speak to one of the PCC members who are Revd. Martin Castle, Rob Allen, Barbara Bowley, Shaun Cobb, David Hall, Mitch Irving, Catherine Leach, Elizabeth Nteogwuija, Jean Styles, Robert Styles and Laura Ward.

Elmeſthorpe Friends Food and Flowers Initiative will be holding their next coffee morning on Saturday 29th November, 10.00am - 11.30am at Elmeſthorpe Village Hall, raising money for the church and other charities. Theme: "Peacetime Thanksgiving" - wartime teatime and musical memories.

At the coffee morning the **St Mary's Subscription Draw** will take place. Results from the draw held on draw held on 25th October 2025: first prize £40 number 32, second prize £25 number 135, third prize £15 number 10, fourth prize £10 number 78, fifth prize £10 number 151.

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.

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. **N.B. There will be no prayers to start the day on Monday 3rd or Wednesday 5th November.**

Hinckley Area Food Bank –

- **A big thank you to St Mary's Church** for your generous and kind harvest food donation. You collected 75.2kg of food, which is equivalent to ~170 meals!
- **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:

- for the memorial service on Sunday afternoon, that many may come and receive God's comfort and peace.
- for those who serve on Earl Shilton Town Council and Elmhurst Parish Council.

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:

God of glory,
touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit,
that we with all creation
may rejoice to sing your praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Bible verse of the month to learn:

'See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and this is what we are.'
1 John 3 v 1

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:

