

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

Services this coming Sunday, 12th October:

- 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 Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 (p638 of the pew Bibles) and Luke 17:11-19 (p852 of the pew Bibles).

Sing for Worship –

- Wedding at SS&SJ on Saturday 18th October at 1pm. All are welcome to join the singing group in the choir stalls to support the singing of hymns. Please come along no later than 12.40pm.
- Do come and join us for the following sessions, starting at 11.00 at SS&SJ:
 - Saturday 8th November
 - Saturday 13th December
 - Saturday 20th December
 - Carol services 21st December.

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.

Mix & Mingle

- **16th October - Crazy Golf and lunch** at Blaby Adventure Golf. Tee off at 10.30am; lunch at 12pm. Please indicate your menu choice on the sign-up sheet.
- **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).

Evening of music and fun in aid of Rainbows Hospice with *Gresley Male Voice Choir, Stephanie Addison (Soprano) and Earl Shilton Handbells* – Saturday 18th October, 7.00pm at St Mary's Church, BARWELL. Tickets £12 from 07939 012458 or 07582 015530.

Elmeſthorpe Friends Food and Flowers Initiative will be holding their next coffee morning on Saturday 25th October, 10.00am - 11.30am at Elmeſthorpe Village Hall, raising money for the church and other charities. Theme: "On the Piste" - forget the chills, come and join in cosy chat, hot chocolate and croissants!

At the coffee morning the ***St Mary's Subscription Draw*** will take place. The results of our latest draw: first prize £40 number 146, second prize £25 number 69, third prize £15 number 189, fourth prize £10 number 168, fifth prize £10 number 45.

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

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

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).

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 20th October.**

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 a lasting and meaningful ceasefire in Gaza.

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: Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	Bible verse of the month to learn: <i>'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</i>
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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:

