

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

Services this coming Sunday, 5th October:

- 9.15am – All-Age Harvest Festival Service at St Mary's
- 10.45am – All-Age Harvest Festival Service at SS&SJ

N.B. There will be no Prayers to End the Day on Facebook this week.

The Bible reading for our morning services will be John 6 v 1-15 (p867 of the pew Bibles).

Harvest Festival – At St Mary's, any harvest gifts brought 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>

School Harvest Services – The school harvest services are taking place at SS&SJ Church as follows:

- Townlands – Tuesday 7th October, 10.00am.
- SS&SJ – Wednesday 8th October, 10.00am.

Please come and support our Church of England schools at these services.

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.

Barwell & Earl Shilton Lions' Autumn Fayre – Saturday 11th October, 10am – 3pm at SS&SJ Parish Hall. Includes local crafters and stalls, cakes, raffle prizes... Free entry.

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.

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.

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 Thursday 9th October or Monday 20th October.**

Please pray:

- for local organisations who do much for our local communities, particularly thinking of the Barwell & Earl Shilton Lions.
- 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 of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through 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*

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:

