

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

### ***Services this coming Advent Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> November:***

- 9.15am – Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.45am – Holy Communion at SS&SJ
- 6.00pm – United Advent service at Earl Shilton Methodist Church (there will be no prayers to end the day this week)

The Bible readings for our morning services will be Isaiah 2 v 1-5 (p550 of the pew Bibles) and Matthew 24 v 36-44 (p806 of the pew Bibles).

***Churches Together Advent Service*** – Come and join us at Earl Shilton Methodist Church this Sunday (30<sup>th</sup> November), 6.00pm, to celebrate Advent together.

***St Mary's Christmas lights switch-on*** – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30pm. Do join us for the St Mary's lights switch-on including carols, refreshments and a thought for the season.

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

- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December
- Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December
- Carol services 21<sup>st</sup> December

***Christingle Service*** – Our all-age Christingle services will be on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December. During the service we will be making Christingles and exploring their meaning. Everyone is welcome to come and join in (9.15am at St Mary's; 10.45am at SS&SJ). We will be collecting donations for the work of The Children's Society. Candle-shaped collection boxes are available in church or alternatively you can give online using this QR code:



***Earl Shilton PCC*** – At their recent meeting SS&SJ Parochial Church Council (PCC):

- Backed the Easyfundraising scheme (see details on this notice sheet)

- Authorised the spending of £1,650 for the replacement of the bell ropes in the tower.
- Discussed how to prioritise repairs to the church without delaying the re-ordering of the church.
- Heard about delays with the Diocesan Advisory Committee for the approval of the AV System for the church.

***Easyfundraising*** is now up and running. It is a simple way of raising money for the church while shopping online or in store. When you make a purchase using the Easyfundraising app, the shop or company you are purchasing from will give a donation to the church at no cost to you. For more information:

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=401283&invite=lhtper&referral-campaign=c2s&utm\\_campaign=web-referral](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=401283&invite=lhtper&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_campaign=web-referral)

### ***Please pray:***

- for St Mary's lights switch-on on 5<sup>th</sup> December, that many will attend and that we will all be drawn deeper into the true wonder of Christmas.
- for the approval of the AV System at SS&SJ – that there will be no further delays.

### ***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:***

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. 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