

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

Services this coming Sunday, 23rd November:

- 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 Colossians 1 v 15-20 (p956 of the pew Bibles) and Luke 23 v 33-38 (p859 of the pew Bibles).

Sunday Club - Join Catherine and Siobhan in SS&SJ church hall this Sunday, 23rd November, 10.30am – 12 noon, for games, craft, Bible-teaching and fun! All children welcome. Do ask for more information!!

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.

St Mary's Christmas lights switch-on – Friday 5th 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 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.

Easyfundraising – is now up and running at SS&SJ church and will be coming soon at St Mary's. 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. More details will follow shortly, and we will be explaining it in church, but for those of you who want to get going for SS&SJ church visit:

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 5th December, that many will attend and that we will all be drawn deeper into the true wonder of Christmas.
- for all those who have no home – for refugees, the homeless and those struggling to put down roots.

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:

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful
lives: set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your
goodness and your glory in 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:

