

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

Services this coming Sunday, 25th January:

- 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 Isaiah 9 v 1-4 (p555 of the pew Bibles) and Matthew 4 v 12-23 (p785 of the pew Bibles).

Sunday Club - Join Catherine and Siobhan in SS&SJ church hall on Sunday 25th January, 10.30am – 12 noon, for games, craft, Bible-teaching and fun! All children welcome. Do ask for more information!!

Funeral - The funeral of Joyce Steptoe, a well-loved member of St Mary's, Elmesthorpe, will take place on Tuesday 27th January at St Mary's Church at 11.30am. The family invite you to attend the service and afterwards from 12.30pm at the Conny Club on Station Road, Earl Shilton, even if you cannot make the service, so that you can have a drink on Joyce!

Elmesthorpe Friends Food and Flowers Initiative will be holding their next coffee morning on Saturday 31st January, 10.00am - 11.30am at Elmesthorpe Village Hall, raising money for the church and other charities. Theme: Burns Night Bingo! Wear something tartan! Donations always welcome for local food banks. For more information, please contact Richard Coleburne 846534 or Jenny Orton 840787.

At the coffee morning the **St Mary's Subscription Draw** will take place.

Children, Young People and Families Worker - Are you looking for an exciting opportunity to work with children, young people and families? If you are (or know someone who is), check out the advert for the post that SS&SJ are currently advertising. This paid role will initially involve working with the two Church of England Schools in Earl Shilton, as well as SS&SJ Church, to enable children, young people and families to grow

in their spiritual lives through the Christian faith. For more details see the following link: <https://www.leicester.anglican.org/job-vacancies/children-young-people-families-cypf-worker--earl-shilton.php> or get in touch if you have any questions.

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. Prayers to start the day will not take place on 28th January, 2nd February, 4th February, 16th February, 18th February.

Please pray:

- that SS&SJ will, with God's guidance, be able to discern the right person to be appointed to the children, young people and families worker post, and that there will be a strong field of candidates.
- As we draw to the end of the season of Epiphany, that we will renew our hope in Jesus Christ, and pray 'your Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven'.

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 all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible verse of the month to learn:

'When [the Wise Men] saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy'. Matthew 2 v 10