

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

Services this coming Sunday, 19th April:

- 10.45am – Morning worship at SS&SJ
- 2.30pm – Afternoon worship at St Mary's
- 6.30pm – Prayers to End the Day on Facebook

The Bible readings for our services will be Luke 24 v 13-35 (p860 of the pew Bibles) and Matthew 28 v 16-20 (p812 of the pew Bibles).

N.B. There is NO 9.15am service at St Mary's this week.

Minster Community Day – Saturday 18th April; 9.30am for refreshments ahead of a 10.00am start at St Simon & St Jude Church Hall. The meeting will finish by 4pm at the latest and lunch is included.

This is to start the more detailed conversations with other churches about what's happening in different areas of ministry across the minster community area at present and to start to explore what our needs and hopes are for the future and how we can encourage and support each other. All are invited and welcome to attend.

Induction service – Phil Evans' induction service will be on Sunday 19th April at 4pm at LBC Earl Shilton (the Baptist church). We are all invited and food and refreshments will be served afterwards. It would be great if as many of us as possible could attend to support Phil and Beth and LBC. Please pray for them as they begin this new stage of ministry.

SS&SJ School worship – Monday 20th April, 2.30pm in SS&SJ Church with refreshments from 2.00pm. You are welcome to attend.

Going the Distance - 22nd April, 7.30pm at One Church, Leicester, LE3 5AG. This event is an opportunity for couples to explore simple and effective ways to strengthen their relationship and stay intentional about choosing each other when life crowds in. There will be plenty of humour involved and it is suitable for couples at any stage of their relationship. For more information, go to cff.org.uk/goingthedistance

Elmesthorpe Friends Food and Flowers Initiative will be holding their next coffee morning on Saturday 25th April, 10.00am - 11.30am at Elmesthorpe Village Hall, raising money for the church and other charities. Theme: celebrating Shakespeare's birthday. Bring your favourite poem. All Welcome!

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

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

SS&SJ Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) - SS&SJ APCM is to be held on Sunday 26th April after our normal church service. The APCM serves as the main forum for parishioners to:

- Review the life and mission of the church.
 - Receive reports on finances and activities.
 - Elect members to the **Parochial Church Council (PCC)** and **Deanery Synod**.
 - Ensure the **church electoral roll** is up to date, which determines who can vote and stand for election.
- You are all encouraged to join the meeting and your presence would be most appreciated.

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.

Food Bank – Hinckley Area Food Bank thanks SS&SJ for your kind donation of ~£100.22 worth of food and toiletries and also for your £32 donation from the 40p x 40 lent appeal. It is much appreciated and needed. Please continue to give if you can. There are donation boxes at the back of both churches.

Please pray:

- for Phil Evans as he is inducted as the minister of LBC Earl Shilton; for his wife, Beth, and family.
- for Anabelle who is being baptised at St Mary's this Sunday afternoon.

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:

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Bible verse of the month to learn:

'Through Jesus, God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.' Colossians 1 v 20

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:

