

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

Services this coming Sunday, 3rd May:

- 9.15am – All-age worship at St Mary's
- 10.45am – All-age worship at SS&SJ
- 6.30pm – Prayers to End the Day on Facebook

Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs):

St Mary's APCM will be on Sunday 10th May following a shortened service of Holy Communion at 9.15am. 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.

News from SS&SJ APCM – Catherine Leach has stepped down as a PCC member as she is moving to Costa Rica. Rob Allen and Laura Ward were elected as churchwardens. Barbara Bowley remains as deputy churchwarden but David Hall has retired from the role – we thank him for all his work. Malcolm Higgins was elected to the PCC.

Great Birmingham Run – Cris Batstone and his nieces will be running the Great Birmingham Run this Sunday morning, raising money for charity in memory of their mum, Natasha. If you would like to sponsor them, please go to https://www.gofundme.com/f/half-marathon-for-the-british-red-cross-and-memorial-garden?utm_campaign=fp_sharesheet&utm_medium=customer&utm_source=instagram_story&lang=en_GB

Mix & Mingle - Regrettably, The Mix & Mingle event on May 8th (ten pin bowling and lunch at The Grove) is now cancelled.

Calling for Everyone - How can I live out my faith more fully? What could God be calling me to? What opportunities are there for me to serve? If you are asking these questions, come along to one of our exploration days:

- Saturday 16 May – St Wilfrid's Church, Kibworth
- Saturday 6 June – Venue TBC (NW Leicestershire)

All events are from 10am to 3pm with refreshments available from 9.30am. Please bring a packed lunch. For more information contact Liz.Rawlings@LeicesterCofE.org . To book, contact MMBookings@LeicesterCofE.org

Jubilee Singers summer concert – Sunday 31st May, 3pm, LBC Earl Shilton, Mill Lane. An afternoon of wonderful music, sacred and secular, old and new. Refreshments and cakes available. Everyone is welcome at this free concert. Donations kindly received in support of the Hinckley Area Foodbank.

Confirmation Service - Sunday 14th June, 10.00am at SS&SJ. The Bishop of Leicester will be coming to confirm Laura W and Poppy W. There will be no service at St Mary's that morning – we will all worship together at SS&SJ.

Jigsaw stay-and-play – Thursdays, 9.15am – 11.15am At Earl Shilton Methodist Church. No booking required, just turn up! There is a very small charge.

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 Mondays 4th and 25th May or Thursday 14th May.**

Please pray:

- for the appointment of a Children's, Young People's and Families' Minister at SS&SJ.
- the cell groups, that they will enable deeper discipleship, fellowship and knowledge of the Bible.

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:

'So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.' Colossians 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:

