

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

Services this coming Sunday, 26th April:

- 9.15am – Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.45am – Holy Communion at SS&SJ followed by the APCM
- 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 John 10 v 1-10 (p872 of the pew Bibles).

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!!

APCMs:

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.

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

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

MAFIA quiz (Men And Faith In Action) - Thursday 30th April at the Wentworth Arms; 6pm if you are eating and the quiz will start at 7.30pm. Always a great night.

Tea for Tanzania - Saturday 16 May, 1pm – 3.30pm at St Martins House, Leicester. Join Church Mission Society and Bishop Martyn Snow for an afternoon of stirring stories and a glimpse of what mission looks like in a minority context over afternoon tea. Come and find out how you can support Church Mission Society and their newest mission partners, Revd Dave and Tricia Rollett, who will soon be swapping life in the Diocese of Leicester for East Africa, where they will walk alongside local Christians and help them work together to be a loving witness to their neighbours of other faiths. Tickets are free. Book online by 2nd May at <https://churchmissionsociety.org/blog/events/tea-for-tanzania/>

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.

Induction service – Phil and Beth Evans would like to thank all who attended Phil's induction service at LBC Earl Shilton last Sunday. They really appreciate your support and prayers.

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.

Please pray:

- that peaceful solutions will emerge from the talks between the USA and Iran.
- that SS&SJ APCM encourages us to see where God is at work among us.

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:

