

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

Services this coming Sunday, 31st May:

- 10.45am – Holy Communion 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 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 (p944 of the pew Bibles) and Matthew 28:16-end (p812 of the pew Bibles).

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.

Mix & Mingle –

- **"Let's get together afternoon!"** - Join us for refreshments, chat and Mix & Mingle updates! Monday 1st June, 2pm-3.30pm at St Simon & St Jude's Church. Tea, coffee, (donations of cake / biscuits welcome).
- **Day visit to Ely Cathedral** (entry fee payable), museums, shopping etc. - Thursday 10th September £31 pp. ***Payment must be received*** in advance in an envelope with your name, please. Further details can be obtained from Ruth on 07905482713.
- Ruth and Sally are inviting you for help organising M & M events. If you would like to join us, get in touch or speak to us personally.

Picnic in the park – Sunday 7th June, 12pm – 5pm in Queen Elizabeth II Hall Field park. SS&SJ Church will be open for refreshments. There will also be an opportunity to have a go at bell-ringing and spaces for you to take time out, pause and pray. Do come along to see us - you will be most welcome. If you would like to help out on the day or provide a cake, please speak to Barbara.

Funeral – Morgan Reynolds' funeral will take place on Monday 8th June at 12 noon at SS&SJ Church.

Archdeacon's Visitation - Monday 8th June, 7.30pm at St John's, Hinckley. This is the service where our churchwardens are sworn in. Do come along to support them.

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.

St Mary's treasurer - Gill Newell is retiring as St Mary's PCC treasurer at the end of this year. If you are interested in taking on this role or have someone in mind who might, please get in touch with Martin.

St Mary's, Elmesthorpe – appeal for readers – If you are interested in taking part in our services by reading Bible passages or prayers of intercession, and this is something you are willing to do, please speak to Carol Brown so that your name can be added to the rota. Martin is happy to give guidance. Thank you, Carol.

Foodbank Project Manager Vacancy – extended application date – More information about this role is available at <https://hinckleyarea.foodbank.org.uk/2026/04/03/vacancy/>

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.

Growing in Pastoral Care - Five sessions to develop confidence, skills and experience in pastoral care. Suitable for people with some experience and those beginning to explore pastoral care.

Saturday 19 September – 10am-3pm, venue TBC

Tuesday 29 September – 7pm-9pm on Zoom

Tuesday 6 October – 7pm-9pm on Zoom

Tuesday 13 October – 7pm-9pm on Zoom

Saturday 31 October – 10am-1pm, venue TBC

For more information or to book a place email liz.rawlings@leicestercofe.org

Please pray:

- for the appointment of a Children’s, Young People’s and Families’ Minister at SS&SJ.
- for Harry as he is 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:

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
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:

