

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

Services this coming Sunday, 24th May:

- 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 services will be Acts 2:1-21 (p885 of the pew Bibles) and John 20:19-23 (p883 of the pew Bibles).

Sunday Club - Join Catherine and Siobhan in SS&SJ church hall on Sunday 24th May, 10.30am – 12 noon, for games, craft, Bible-teaching and fun! The children will be going over to SS&SJ church at 11.30am to join the rest of the congregation for the Holy Communion part of the service. All children welcome. Do ask for more information!!

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*** by 24th May (in an envelope with your name, please).
- 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.

MAFIA quiz - There is a forthcoming MAFIA (that's Men And Faith In Action) quiz to be held at the Wentworth Arms on Thursday evening, 28th May. 6pm if you are eating and the quiz starts at 7.30pm. Always a good evening of fellowship and a good quiz guaranteed.

Church bells – A peal will be rung on SS&SJ Church bells on Saturday 30th May, 9.30am – 12.30pm.

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.

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/>

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

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 Monday 25th May.**

Please pray:

- for the appointment of a Children's, Young People's and Families' Minister at SS&SJ.
- for teachers and children during the half term break, that they will get good rest and refreshment, and for those who are doing exams at the moment.

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 Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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:

