

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

Services this coming Sunday, 10th May:

- 9.15am – Holy Communion at St Mary's followed by the APCM
- 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 17:22-31 (p902 of the pew Bibles) and John 14:15-21 (p877 of the pew Bibles).

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 12th May** at <https://churchmissionsociety.org/blog/events/tea-for-tanzania/>

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

PCC meeting - There will be a meeting of St Simon & St Jude PCC (Church Council) on 18th May 2026. If you have any comments on the life of the church for the PCC, please speak to one of the PCC members who are: Revd. Martin Castle, Rob Allen, Barbara Bowley, Shaun Cobb, David Hall, Mitch Irving, Elizabeth Nteogwuija, Jean Styles, Robert Styles, Laura Ward and Malcolm Higgins.

Pentecost Sunday – 24th May. You are invited to wear something red, orange or yellow to represent the fire of the Holy Spirit at our Pentecost services, if you would like to.

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!!

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.

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

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.

Great Birmingham Run – Congratulations to Cris Batstone and his nieces who completed the Great Birmingham Run last Sunday morning, raising money for the British Red Cross and a memorial garden in memory of their mum, Natasha.

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 St Mary's APCM, that the Lord will guide the meeting and that we move into the future God has for us, trusting in his goodness and love.

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,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
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:

