

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

Services this coming Sunday, 17th May:

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

The Bible readings for our services will be Acts 1:6-14 (p884 of the pew Bibles) and John 17:1-11 (p879 of the pew Bibles).

Results of Elmesthorpe APCM - Carol Brown was re-elected as churchwarden; Dave Elliott has retired as churchwarden and we thank him for all that he has done in that role over the past few years. He was elected as a member of the PCC. The other PCC members are: Martin Castle, Nigel Jackson (Deputy Warden), Di Tingay (Secretary), Ann Loveday and Gill Newell (Treasurer).

SS&SJ School worship – Monday 18th May, 2.30pm in SS&SJ Church with refreshments from 2.00pm. You are welcome to attend.

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.

Praise in the Mead – The second *Praise in the Mead* gathering is being held in Argents Mead, Hinckley, from 1pm to 3pm on Saturday 23rd May. The event is organised by *Men And Faith In Action* and *Hinckley Churches Together*. Last year it attracted 400 during the two hours of prayer and worship songs. All welcome.

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.

Picnic in the park – Sunday 7th June, 12pm – 5pm in Queen Elizabeth II Hall Field park. SS&SJ Church will be open for refreshments. 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.

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 our churchwardens as they start their terms of office for this coming year: Carol Brown, Laura Ward and Rob Allen; that they will seek the Lord's wisdom and grace to carry out their roles.

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 have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven:
help us to seek and serve you,
that we may join you at the Father's side,
where you reign with the Spirit in glory,
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

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**St Simon &
St Jude's:**



St Mary's:

