

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

Services this coming Sunday, 14th June:

- 10.00am – Joint service of Holy Communion and Confirmation of Laura W and Poppy W at SS&SJ, led by the Bishop of Leicester
N.B. There will be no service at St Mary's this Sunday – we will all worship together at SS&SJ.
- 6.30pm – Prayers to End the Day on Facebook

The Bible readings for our service will be Romans 5:1-8 (p917 of the pew Bibles) and Matthew 9:35 – 10:8 (p790 of the pew Bibles).

St Simon & St Jude's Spring Clean – SS&SJ are having a spring clean this Saturday, 13th June, from 10am. If you are able to come and help with some cleaning, that would be fantastic. Even if you've got half an hour to spare, we would appreciate your help. Refreshments will be provided as well.

Cursillo Group Reunion - Saturday 13th June, 10am at the vicarage for about 45 minutes.

Services on Sunday 21st June:

- 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 Romans 6:1b-11 (p917 of the pew Bibles) and Matthew 10:24-39 (p791 of the pew Bibles).

Elmesthorpe Friends Food and Flowers Initiative will be holding their next coffee morning on Saturday 27th June, 10.00am - 11.30am at Elmesthorpe Village Hall, raising money for the church and other charities. Theme: World Cup Wonders – topical music and world cup quiz!

At the coffee morning the **St Mary's Subscription Draw** will take place.

Services on Sunday 28th June:

- 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 Romans 6:12--end (p917 of the pew Bibles) and Matthew 10:40--end (p791 of the pew Bibles).

Sunday Club - Join Catherine and Siobhan in SS&SJ church hall on Sunday 28th June, 10.30am – 12 noon, for games, craft, Bible-teaching and fun! All children welcome. Do ask for more information!!

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.

Art exhibition and local crafts – Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th June, 11am – 4pm at All Saints Church, Thurlaston. Artwork from members of Peckleton Art Club will be on display and the church will be open for you to explore and learn about its heritage. Refreshments, cake and ice creams also available.

Earl Shilton Town Cricket Club President's Day – Sunday 28th June from midday. All are welcome to attend. The bar will be open and there will be food and stalls. For more information, call 846483.

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Mix & Mingle –

- **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.

Safeguarding Survey - Everyone is invited to take part in the independent INEQE safeguarding audit for the Diocese of Leicester, designed to strengthen and support best practice in safeguarding in the Church of England. The surveys provide an opportunity to share your experiences and perspectives of safeguarding across the Diocese of Leicester and Leicester Cathedral, including what's working well and where things could be better. There are different surveys for Parish workforce, victims and survivors, children and young people, and other church members. Your participation will be appreciated. Please visit the follow link or see the QR code on the posters in church. <https://www.leicester.anglican.org/audit>

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:

- for Laura and Poppy who are being confirmed at SS&SJ on Sunday, that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit.
- Remember those who mourn, especially those mourning the loss of Zena Elliott and Joy Clarkson.
- for the appointment of a CYPF minister, that the Lord will continue to open doors for that appointment.

Contacting us –

- For general church enquiries please contact Beth Evans in the church office on 01455 843961 or parishchurch@gmx.co.uk . N.B. The church office is closed until 29th June.
- For pastoral matters or if you need to speak to a church minister, please contact Martin Castle on 07759 002660.

Prayer for the week:

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Bible verse of the month to learn:

'[Jesus] will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire'. Matthew 3 v 11