

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

The church community is very saddened at the sudden passing of our dear Zena Elliott, a much-loved member of St Mary's. We hold Dave and the family in our hearts and our prayers, with the faith that nothing can separate us from God's love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### ***Services this coming Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> June:***

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

The Bible reading for our services will be Genesis 12 v 1-7 (p8 of the pew Bibles).

***Picnic in the park*** – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

***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.

***PCC meeting*** - There will be a meeting of St Mary's PCC (Church Council) on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026. If you have comments on the life of the church for the PCC please speak to one of the PCC members who are Martin Castle, Carol Brown, David Elliott, Nigel Jackson, Ann Loveday, Gill Newell and Di Tingay.

***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.

***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. The results of our latest draw: first prize £40 number 106, second prize £25 number 123, third prize £15 number 84, fourth prize £10 number 31, fifth prize £10 number 117.

***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 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

***Mix & Mingle*** –

- **Day visit to Ely Cathedral** (entry fee payable), museums, shopping etc. - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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](mailto:Liz.Rawlings@LeicesterCofE.org)

**Journey in Faith Course 26/27** - Journey in Faith is a three-term course that provides time, space and companionship to:

- grow in knowledge of the Christian faith
- deepen your relationship with God
- explore how to live out faith in the whole of life.

Introductory Session:

Saturday 26 September, 9.30am-12.30pm – St Martins House. Three course groups are planned:

- Tuesday evenings – Frisby on the Wreake
- Wednesday evenings – Western Park, Leicester
- Thursday evenings – Market Harborough

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Please consider a donation of £40 per term to cover course costs. If you have any questions, please speak to Martin.

**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 those who are bereaved, that they may know God's comfort and peace.
- for the appointment of a Children's, Young People's and Families' Minister at SS&SJ.
- that the Town Council's picnic in the park will be a good, joyful afternoon and that many will visit the church for refreshments and to ring the bells.

**Contacting us –**

- For general church enquiries please contact Beth Evans in the Church Office on 01455 843961 or [parishchurch@gmx.co.uk](mailto: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:**

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

**Bible verse of the month to learn:**

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