

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

### ***Services this coming Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> July:***

- 9.15am – Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.45am – Holy Communion at SS&SJ

The Bible readings for our morning services will be from Romans 8:12-25 (p919 of the pew Bibles) and Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (p794 of the pew Bibles).

### ***Mix & Mingle –***

- Due to circumstances beyond our control, our meal at Barwell Bowls Club on Wednesday July 22<sup>nd</sup> is now cancelled, however a booking has been placed for lunch at The Longshoot at 12:00 midday as an alternative. Please confirm that you wish to join us on this day. Text to Sally - 07982 175731 or Ruth – 07905482713.
- Deposits of £10 pp for our Christmas meal at Bosworth Hall are due by Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup>. Please place in an envelope with your name and hand to Sally or Ruth.
- **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.

**Elmhurst Friends Food and Flowers Initiative** will be holding their next coffee morning on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July, 10.00am - 11.30am at Elmhurst Village Hall, raising money for the church and other charities. Theme: Celebrating 250 years of American Independence. Come and celebrate like the Americans do! American style food and entertainment! Dress in theme!

At the end of July, we will also be celebrating five years of running the Saint Mary's Subscription Club - a huge thank you to everyone involved in the regular running and administration of this - a lot of unseen work is involved to ensure that the draw is correctly administered every month and participants kept advised of results and prizes delivered, with quarterly financial results being filed with Blaby District Council.

**Sunday Club** – There will be **NO** Sunday Club this month. The next Sunday Club will be on **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**, 10.30am – 12 noon in SS&SJ Church Hall with games, craft, Bible-teaching and fun! All children welcome. Do ask for more information!!

**Deena Gittings** - We have received the sad news of the death of Deena Gittings, the wife of the late Reverend Graham Gittings, former Vicar of St Simon and St Jude's and Rector of St Mary's. Deena died on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2026 and her ashes will be interred with her husband in Caverswall Churchyard in the near future. May Deena rest in peace and rise in glory.

**Assistant Foodbank Manager/Fundraiser** – Hinckley Christian Community Action, the Charity running Hinckley Area foodbank, is delighted to be offering the post of Assistant Foodbank Manager/Fundraiser. Closing date for applications: 31<sup>st</sup> July 2026. Further information and application forms are available from Hinckley Area Foodbank:

- By email from [info@hinckleyarea.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@hinckleyarea.foodbank.org.uk)
- By mail to The Project Manager, Hinckley Area foodbank Office, Barleyfield, Hinckley LE10 1YE.

**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. **N.B. Prayers to start the day on Mondays and Wednesdays and prayers to end the day on Sundays will not take place for the next 2 weeks from 13<sup>th</sup> July. Tuesday and Thursday prayers will continue as normal.**

***Please pray:***

- that the summer holidays will provide a good opportunity for people to get a break from the normal routines and to enjoy some time off.
- 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](mailto:parishchurch@gmx.co.uk) .
- For pastoral matters or if you need to speak to a church minister, please contact Revd Philip Watson on 01455 446993.

***Prayer for the week:***

Generous God,  
you give us gifts and make them grow:  
though our faith is small as mustard seed,  
make it grow to your glory  
and the flourishing of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

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

*'Jesus said 'You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.'* John 15 v 16

**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:**

