

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

### **Services this coming Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> July:**

- 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 readings for our service will be from Acts 9 (p893 of the pew Bibles).

**PCC meeting** - There will be a meeting of St Mary's PCC (Church Council) on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 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.

### **Funerals -**

- The funeral of Zena Elliott will be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 11.00am at SS&SJ.
- The funeral of Joy Clarkson will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 1.15pm at the Heart of England Crematorium.

Please hold their families in your prayers.

**Cursillo Group Reunion** - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 10am at the vicarage for about 45 minutes.

**Earl Shilton Town Cricket Club President's Day** – As President of Earl Shilton Town Cricket Club, I wish to thank Martin, Rebecca and family plus many friends from SS Simon & Jude, for their support at the recent President's Day event. The whole day was a resounding success and attended by over two hundred people throughout the day, and a wonderful community spirit prevailed. Kind regards, Geoff Coe.

### **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.

**Elmesthorpe Friends Food and Flowers Initiative** will be holding their next coffee morning on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July, 10.00am - 11.30am at Elmesthorpe 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 coffee morning the **St Mary's Subscription Draw** will take place. The results of our latest draw: first prize £40 number 97, second prize £25 number 41, third prize £15 number 75, fourth prize £10 number 42, fifth prize £10 number 74.

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.

**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>

The Church of England has recently apologised for its role in certain adoption practices in Church of England run children's homes particularly from the 1940's - 1970's. For the report and apology please visit <http://www.churchofengland.org/adoption>.

The National PAC-UK Advice Line provides independent, confidential advice and information for people affected by adoption, special guardianship and other forms of permanent care. The service is staffed by qualified and experienced PAC-UK counsellors and social workers with specialist expertise in these areas. Website: <http://www.family-action.org.uk/pac-uk>. Email: [advice@pac-uk.org](mailto:advice@pac-uk.org). Phone: 0300 1800 090.

**Resuscitation training programme** – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July at SS&SJ Church Hall. Session 1: 4pm – 5.30pm; session 2: 6pm – 7.30pm. The event is being run by Heath Lane Patient Participation Group and Heartwize and is open to all patients of Heath Lane Surgery. £5 minimum donation to Heartwize collected on the evening. Please email [Heathlane.surgery@nhs.net](mailto:Heathlane.surgery@nhs.net) with your name and preferred session by 6<sup>th</sup> July to book.

**Food Bank** – Hinckley Area Food Bank thanks SS&SJ for your kind donation of ~£96.77 worth of food and toiletries. It is much appreciated and needed. Please continue to give if you can. There are donation boxes at the back of both churches.

**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 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July will be on Facebook and NOT in church.**

**Please pray:**

- 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.
- for the schools in our community as they prepare for the summer break.

**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:**

Gracious Father,  
revive your Church in our day,  
and make her holy, strong and faithful,  
for your glory's sake  
in 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