

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

Services this coming Sunday, 26th 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 8:26-end (p919 of the pew Bibles) and Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 (p795 of the pew Bibles).

Sunday Club – There is **NO** Sunday Club this Sunday. The next Sunday Club will be on **Sunday 23rd 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!!

Mix & Mingle –

- Deposits of £10 pp for our Christmas meal at Bosworth Hall were due by Sunday July 19th, however if you or your family members wish to join us for this event, please contact Sally (07982 175731) or Ruth (07905 482713). We can still book you a place.
- 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.

Cursillo Group Reunion – The next meeting is on Saturday 8th August, 10am at the vicarage for about 45 minutes.

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: 31st July 2026. Further information and application forms are available from Hinckley Area Foodbank:

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

Flower festival – August Bank Holiday at St Mary's, Barwell. Theme: *Beauty in creation and In man's God-given creativity*. Opening times: Saturday 29th, 10am – 5pm; Sunday 30th, 2pm-5pm; 6pm songs of praise; Monday 31st, 10am – 4:30pm.

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 our new prime minister, Andy Burnham, and his cabinet; that they will seek God and serve our country well.
- for the appointment of a CYPF minister, that the Lord will continue to open doors for that appointment.

- for the safety of fire crews as they tackle numerous wildfires across the country and for all affected by the fires.

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:
 - before 28th July, please contact Revd. Philip Watson on 01455 446993.
 - from 28th July onwards, please contact Martin Castle on 07759 002660.

Prayer for the week:

Lord God,
 your Son left the riches of heaven
 and became poor for our sake:
 when we prosper save us from pride,
 when we are needy save us from despair,
 that we may trust in you alone;
 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:

