

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

Services this coming Sunday, 30th August:

- 9.15am – Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.45am – Morning worship with baptism at SS&SJ
- 6.30pm – Prayers to end the day on Facebook

The Bible reading for our morning services will be from Exodus 3:1-15 (verses 1-5 only at SS&SJ) (p44 of the pew Bibles).

Flower festival – This August Bank Holiday weekend 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.

SS&SJ September services – On 6th and 13th September SS&SJ services will be taking place in the parish hall on High Street (opposite Kingsfield Court) while the new AV system is being installed in the church.

Cursillo Group Reunion – The next meeting is on Saturday 12th September, 10am at the vicarage for about 45 minutes.

Funeral – We are sad to hear that Pat Colson, a former churchwarden at St Mary's, has died. Pat's funeral will take place on Wednesday 16th September, 10.30am at St Mary's Church, and the family invites you to join them for drinks at Badgers Mount afterwards.

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.

Growing Faith for Everyone - Saturday 12th September, 10am-3pm, St Martins House, Leicester.

Resourcing churches to engage with schools, families and households to enable them to explore and grow in faith. Suitable for people with some experience and none. For more information:

Liz.Rawlings@LeicesterCofE.org. To book a place: MMBookings@LeicesterCofE.org.

Diocesan Centenary Worship Gathering - Sunday 13th September, 2.30pm-5.30pm – Athena Events Venue, Leicester. Join us for an afternoon celebrating the life of Leicester Diocese over its 100 years, in worship, prayer and liturgy, with food and drink, presentations, and more, with very special guest The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Dame Sarah Mullally. Tickets can be booked at

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/diocesan-centenary-worship-gathering-tickets-1990950498536?aff=oddtcreator>. **The deadline for booking is 9am on 3rd September.**

Open-air service followed by afternoon tea – Sunday 20th September, 2.30pm at St Mary's. All welcome. If you have any folding chairs, please bring them with you. There will be no morning service at St Mary's on this day.

Ratby Daytime Brass Band concert – Wednesday 23rd September, 12.30pm – 2.15pm at SS&SJ. Light bites available from 12pm; drinks and cakes served in the interval. Free admission. All welcome. Voluntary donations welcome.

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 and explore how to live out faith in the whole of life.

Introductory Session: Saturday 26th 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

For more information: Liz.Rawlings@LeicesterCofE.org. To book a place: MMBookings@LeicesterCofE.org. Please consider a donation of £40 per term to cover course costs.

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. There will be no prayers to start the day on Monday 31st August. On 7th and 14th September, prayers to start the day will take place on Facebook instead of in the church.**

Please pray:

- for the appointment of a CYPF minister, that the Lord will continue to open doors for that appointment.
- for those affected by the floods in Nepal and Tibet.
- for the staff at SS&SJ and Townlands CofE primary academies as the new term continues.

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, please contact Martin Castle on 07759 002660.

Prayer for the week:

Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Bible verse of the month to learn:

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5 v 17.

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:

