

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

Services this coming Sunday, 16th August:

- 10.45am – Morning worship at SS&SJ
- 2.30pm – Afternoon worship at St Mary's
- 6.30pm – Prayers to end the day on Facebook

The Bible reading for our morning services will be from Luke 1:26-38 (p831 of the pew Bibles).

Afternoon worship – This Sunday, the service at St Mary's will be at 2.30pm. There will be no morning service at St Mary's this week.

Sunday Club – 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!!

Elmhurst Friends Food and Flowers Initiative will be holding their next coffee morning on Saturday 29th August, 10.00am - 11.30am at Elmhurst Village Hall, raising money for the church and other charities. Theme: Seaside Special! Competition - The best beach photo you have ever taken!

At the coffee morning the **St Mary's Subscription Draw** will take place. **N.B. Annual subscriptions for the Saint Mary's Subscription are due before 29th August.**

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.

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.

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>.

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

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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 the appointment of a CYPF minister, that the Lord will continue to open doors for that appointment.
- for safety in hot weather.
- that we will take practical steps to stop further climate change.

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:

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
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:

