

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

Services this coming Sunday, 20th September:

- 10.45am – Morning worship at SS&SJ
- 2.30pm - Open-air service followed by afternoon tea at St Mary's
- 6.30pm – Prayers to end the day on Facebook

The Bible readings for our morning services will be from Exodus 14:19-31 (p53 of the pew Bibles).

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 this week.

Electrical repairs and AV installation update - Electrical repairs and enabling services for the AV installation are complete. AV installation is at a first fix level, with new speakers etc installed. Other elements of the system are unfortunately delayed due to supply and technical issues. As an interim measure, audio will be provided using temporary amplifiers.

PCC meeting – There will be a meeting of St Simon & St Jude PCC (Church Council) on 21st September 2026. If you have any comments on the life of the church for the PCC please speak to one of the PCC members who are: Revd. Martin Castle, Rob Allen, Barbara Bowley, Shaun Cobb, David Hall, Mitch Irving, Elizabeth Nteogwuija, Jean Styles, Robert Styles, Laura Ward, and Malcolm Higgins.

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.

Elmhurst Friends Food and Flowers Initiative will be holding their next coffee morning on Saturday 26th September, 10.00am - 11.30am at Elmhurst Village Hall, raising money for the church and other charities. Theme: "Last Night of the Proms!". Donations always welcome for local food banks.

At the coffee morning the ***St Mary's Subscription Draw*** will take place. For more information, please contact Richard Coleburne 846534 or Jenny Orton 840787. Blaby District Council Lottery registration no.: BGSL0177.

Sunday Club - Our next Sunday Club is on Sunday 27th September in the Parish Hall. This time we'll be starting with breakfast at 9.45am before doing some craft and having some fun. Come along and check it out!

Sing for Worship - Join us for fellowship and singing in the church on the following Saturdays:

- October 10th
- November 7th
- November 21st

- December 5th
- December 19th.

Everyone welcome! 11am for an 11.15am start.

Charity skydive – Donations for the food bank are significantly lower than usual so Pat, project manager for Hinckley Area Food Bank, is doing a sponsored skydive on 8th October to raise money for the food bank. If you would like to sponsor Pat, please go to <https://hinckleyarea.foodbank.me.uk/give/>. Every penny truly helps us support local people in crisis.

Mix & Mingle –

- Monday October 12th - Crazy Golf at Blaby Adventure Golf. Meet at 10.30am for golf, then stay for lunch at 12.15pm. Sign up in church.
- Saturday November 7th, 4.30pm - 7pm - Games in the Parish Hall with fish and chip supper and raffle. Sign up in church. Donations for Raffle prizes are welcome!

World Day of Prayer – If you would be interested in helping to organise next year's event (Friday 5th March), please let Beth know in the church office.

Please pray:

- for the development of our ministry among children, young people and families, and for the appointment of a CYPF minister.
- for our care of creation, that we may have a deeper appreciation of creation and see the work of God reflected in it.

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 creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Bible verse of the month to learn:

'No temptation has seized you except what is common to everyone. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted he will also provide a way out so you can stand up under it.' 1 Corinthians 10 v 13

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:

