

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

Services this coming Sunday, 13th September:

- 9.15am – Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.45am – Holy Communion at SS&SJ **Church Hall**
- 6.30pm – Prayers to end the day on Facebook

The Bible readings for our morning services will be from Exodus 12:1-14 (p51 of the pew Bibles) and Matthew 26:17-19; 26-30 (p808 of the pew Bibles).

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.

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. Donations of cakes will be gratefully received; please sign list in church or speak to Carol (07971746167). There will be no morning service at St Mary's on this day.

PCC meetings –

- Elmeſthorpe Parochial Church Council (PCC) met on Tuesday 8th September. The following issues were discussed:
 - Parish Contribution - This is the amount we give to the Diocese to pay for clergy and other services such as safeguarding support. PCC members felt that we were in a position to increase the Parish Contribution for 2027 by 10% to £16,243. We would like to thank everyone who gives to the church and raises funds to ensure our ministry can continue. Thank you!
 - Admission of children to communion - We discussed the admission of children to communion and would take the next steps towards introducing this.
- 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.

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.

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!

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. On 14th September, prayers to start the day will take place on Facebook instead of in the church.**

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 communities that are struggling and for the churches who serve them.
- for the family and friends of the late Pat (Patricia) Colson, who was a churchwarden at St Mary's and whose funeral takes place next week.

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 God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in 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:

