

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

Services this coming Sunday, 27th September:

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

The Bible readings for our morning services will be from Exodus 16:2-15 (p55 of the pew Bibles) and John 6:48-56 (p868 of the pew Bibles).

Leaflet drop – Churches Together will be leafleting the new estates off Leicester Road and Thurlaston Lane on Monday 28th September. If you would like to help, we will be meeting at LBC Earl Shilton (Mill Lane) at 6.30pm and walking from there.

Harvest services – Our all-age harvest services will be on Sunday 4th October. Do come and celebrate with us! If you would like to, and are able to give, our monetary offerings will be going to Christian Aid's harvest appeal <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/harvest-appeal>. Donations of food and toiletries will be gratefully accepted too which will be distributed as follows:

- from St Mary's – fresh produce will go to the Salvation Army and tinned/packet food to the food bank.
- from SS&SJ - tinned/packet food will go to Lawrence House in Hinckley, the food bank and others who live locally.

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!

Concert – Hinckley Choral Union and Earl Shilton Handbell Ringers will be performing at SS&SJ on Sunday 18th October at 3pm. The concert will include popular music featuring medleys from Glen Miller, Andrew Lloyd Webber and The Sound of Music. Tea and cake available. Tickets £7 from Barbara Bowley or Chris Sturgess or on the door.

Deanery Day - Sustainable Living - The annual Deanery Day is taking place on Saturday 17th October at St John's, Hinckley. The title for this year's event is "Sustainable Living" and it will give attendees the opportunity to explore how we can steward God's creation in the way that we live day by day. Guest speakers will be at the event which is open to all, and it would be wonderful to see a good number of people there from our two churches. The meeting starts at 9am and runs until 2pm. Refreshments will be

provided but bring your own lunch. To find out more, speak to Robert or Jean Styles. You can also phone us on 07905 283595. This promises to be a very interesting event. Thank you. *Robert and Jean Styles.*

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 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:

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of 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:

