

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

Services this coming Sunday, 1st November:

- 9.15am – All-age worship at St Mary's
- 10.45am – All-age worship at SS&SJ
- 4.00pm – Memorial service at SS&SJ

The Bible readings for our morning services will be from Genesis 2:5-8 (p2 of the pew Bibles) and Revelation 22:1-2 (p1008 of the pew Bibles).

SS&SJ AV installation – The AV installation is progressing. Please note that there is equipment in the church waiting to be installed. Please can you ensure that you and any children keep away from this equipment in order to protect it. Many thanks.

Memorial Service – Our annual memorial service will be on Sunday 1st November at 4.00pm at SS&SJ. It is an opportunity to remember and give thanks for the loved ones you have lost and to light a candle in their memory, should you so wish. It is also an opportunity to acknowledge grief and to receive God's peace and comfort. You are all welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Cursillo Group Reunion – The next meeting is on Saturday 7th November, 9.30am – 10.30am at the vicarage.

Sing for Worship - Join us for fellowship and singing in SS&SJ Church on the following Saturdays:

- November 7th
- November 21st
- December 5th
- December 19th.

Everyone welcome! 11am for an 11.15am start.

Mix & Mingle – 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!

Peal attempt – The bellringers will attempt to ring a peal on Monday 16th November at 10am.

Toy Appeal Service – Sunday 22nd November, 10.45 at SS&SJ. If you are able, please bring donations of new (not pre-loved) toys, gifts and books for ages 0-16 years for the *Hinckley and Bosworth Christmas Toy Appeal* on this date when Lynne Sharpe will be with us to talk about the appeal. Everyone is welcome to come along, whether you are able to donate or not. There will also be a collection bin in church.

Churches Together United Advent Service – Sunday 29th November, 6pm at LBC Earl Shilton, Mill Lane. All are welcome to join us as we celebrate the start of Advent together.

Earl Shilton PCC –

- Shaun Cobb is continuing his work on ensuring the repair and upgrading of the garage/storage facility at the Parish Hall. This is to ensure it is safe and secure for the regular users off the hall. This has included a new roof, new doors and improvements to the internal and external lighting and the acquisition of a COSHH cupboard as required under UK Health and Safety Regulations.
- Mitch Irving has stepped down from the PCC after many years of service. We would like to thank Mitch for his contribution as a PCC member and formerly as PCC secretary.
- **SS&SJ finance sub-committee** - a sub-committee of the PCC to oversee the church's financial affairs, ensuring effective stewardship, financial sustainability and sound governance, complying

with the legal requirements of the Charity Commission and the Church of England. If you might be interested in joining the finance sub-committee, please talk to Martin.

Youth Café – A safe space to hang out, be yourself and have fun for school years 7 – 10. Wednesdays, 6pm – 8pm in SS&SJ Church Hall. Application forms for young people who want to attend can be obtained from reception at Heath Lane Academy or from Earl Shilton Methodist Church Hall's The ARK Cafe and Tuesday Book Stall.

Memorial Safety Inspections, SS&SJ - Memorial safety inspections are to be carried out between November 2026 and March 2027. The inspections will consist of a visual check and hand test undertaken by trained staff in accordance with the Borough Council's memorial safety policy. If anyone is concerned as to what is planned, or wishes to be present during the inspection of memorials, contact Sue Chambers on 01455 255707 or susan.chambers@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk.

Rainbows Festive Fun Run - On Friday 4th December, around 4,000 pupils and hundreds of staff across Rise Multi Academy Trust schools (including SS&SJ School) will be taking part in our annual Fun Run, raising vital funds for Rainbows Children's Hospice. Together, we're taking on an exciting challenge to collectively travel 2,575 miles – the distance from Rainbows Hospice in Loughborough to Santa's Workshop at the North Pole! We're hoping to raise at least £5,000 to support children and families across the East Midlands. If you would like to donate/find out more, go to: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/risemat26>

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:

- Remember those who mourn as we gather for the memorial service on Sunday afternoon. Pray that we may find comfort through our faith in Jesus Christ.
- for the ongoing process for the appointment of a Children, Young People and Families Minister - that we will be able to make an appointment soon.

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:

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Bible verse of the month to learn:

'See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and this is what we are.'
1 John 3 v 1