

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

Services this coming Sunday, 25th October:

- 9.15am – Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10.45am – Holy Communion at SS&SJ

The Bible readings for our morning services will be from 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 (p959 of the pew Bibles) and Matthew 22:34-end (p804 of the pew Bibles).

Sunday Club - Join us in SS&SJ Church Hall on Sunday 25th October, 10.00am – 12 noon, for breakfast, games, craft, Bible-teaching and fun! All children welcome. Pre-school children need to be accompanied by an adult. Do ask for more information!!

Earl Shilton PCC – There will be a meeting of St Simon & St Jude PCC (Church Council) on 26th October 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.

Youth Café – starting Wednesday 28th October! 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.

Elmeſthorpe Friends Food and Flowers Initiative will be holding their next coffee morning on Saturday 31st October, 10.00am - 11.30am at Elmeſthorpe Village Hall, raising money for the church and other charities. Theme: Seasonal, of course!! Fancy dress encouraged! Soup and savouries for refreshments! Donations always welcome for local food banks.

At the coffee morning the ***St Mary's Subscription Draw*** will take place.

Memorial Service – Our annual memorial service will be on Sunday 1st November at 4.00pm at SS&SJ. You are all welcome to attend. If you have any names of loved ones who are no longer with us that you would like to be read out in the prayers, please forward them to Beth in the church office (parishchurch@gmx.co.uk).

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!

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.

SS&SJ Finance sub-committee and Finance Officer - As trustees, members of the PCC have a responsibility to ensure that the resources we have are invested wisely and carefully managed. The PCC has therefore undertaken to do two things:

- First, to form a finance 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.
- Second, to employ a Finance Officer to maintain and monitor the churches finances. The current role of PCC Treasurer has changed significantly over the last few years and requires additional work to manage the finances. This role would be overseen by the Chair of the Finance Committee.

Harvest donations – Hinckley Area Foodbank are very grateful for your generous harvest donations. St Mary's collected 50kg of food worth ~£144, equating to ~115 meals for local people in need. SS&SJ collected 131.8kg of food worth ~£379.58, equating to ~280 meals for local people in need.

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 Youth Cafe starting next week in the Parish Hall - for Helen C and the Methodist church who are running it, and all who are volunteering.
- 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.
- for peace in Sudan and other areas experiencing conflict.

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:
 - before 26th October - please contact Canon David Jennings on 01455 698805 or on 07710 205582.
 - from 26th October - please contact Martin Castle on 07759 002660.

Prayer for the week: Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	Bible verse of the month to learn: <i>'In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets'. – Matt. 7 v 12.</i>
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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:

