

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

Services this coming Sunday, 11th October:

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

The Bible readings for our morning services will be from Exodus 17:1-7 (p56 of the pew Bibles) and 1 Corinthians 10:1-6 (p931 of the pew Bibles).

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!

Cursillo Group Reunion – The next meeting is on Saturday 17th October, 10am – 11am at the vicarage.

Concert – Hinckley Choral 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 Sturges 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*.

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.

Parish Contribution: At its meeting on 21st September, SS&SJ PCC (church council) discussed the Parish Contribution - the amount we give to the diocese to cover the costs of having a stipendiary (paid) minister in the benefice which includes salary, housing, NI and pension contributions. This is around £69,000 per annum. The PCC agreed to make up the shortfall within the benefice for this year (2026), and to give £52,500 (approximate figure) next year (2027) which, along with St Mary's contribution, would mean we would give the full £69,000.

Tithing: The PCC 'tithes', that is to say, sets aside, 10% of its income from regular giving, dividends and interest, to give to other charitable organisations which support the mission of the church. It was agreed to give donations of £1394 to each of the Church Mission Society, The Children's Society, Christians Against Poverty and Barwell and Earl Shilton Street Pastors and £696 to each of Mercy Ships and Home for Good.

Elmhurst Friends Food and Flowers Initiative will be holding their next coffee morning on Saturday 31st October, 10.00am - 11.30am at Elmhurst 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).

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

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

Everyone welcome! 11am for an 11.15am start.

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.

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 work of The Children's Society in supporting vulnerable children and their families; for support workers working face to face with young people, that the love of Jesus may break into their lives.
- for SS&SJ School and Townlands School as they celebrate harvest, and for the appointment of a Children, Young People and Families Minister to support and develop our ministry within the church and the schools.

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:

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible verse of the month to learn:

'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

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:

