

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

Services this coming Sunday, 4th October:

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

The Bible reading for our morning services will be from Deuteronomy 8:11-19 (p145 of the pew Bibles).

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 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.

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.

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*.

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. Results from latest draw: first prize £40 number 136, second prize £25 number 75, third prize £15 number 76, fourth prize £10

number 172, fifth prize £10 number 5. For more information, please contact Richard Coleburne 846534 or Jenny Orton 840787. Blaby District Council Lottery registration no.: BGSL0177.

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).

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.

Minster Community Update:

Martin Castle writes - *A working group met on Wednesday 16th September to talk through how a minster community could work in practice. I attended that meeting. We explored core principles as well as practical outcomes. Kim Ford (Interim Oversight Minister) and Beth Cluer (Minster Communities Enabler at the Diocese) are going to meet to put together a first draft which will be sent out for feedback. The PCCs will have an opportunity to provide feedback before the document is sent to the Diocese. The formal decision of each PCC will come once the document has been finalised.*

Please pray:

- for the development of our ministry among children, young people and families, and for the appointment of a CYPF minister.
- Give thanks to God for all his provision for us in the food we eat and the skills he has given us to produce and enjoy all that he has given.

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, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through 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:

