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

***Services this coming Sunday, 8th November:***

- 9.15am – Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance at St Mary's
- 10.15am – United Remembrance Sunday service at Earl Shilton Methodist Church followed by Act of Remembrance at the war memorial at 10.50am
- 6.30pm – Prayers to end the day on Facebook

The Bible reading for our morning service at St Mary's will be from Matthew 26 v 47-54 (p809 of the pew Bibles).

***PCC Meetings:***

- ***Elmesthorpe PCC -*** There will be a meeting of St Mary's PCC (Church Council) on Tuesday 10th November 2026. If you have comments on the life of the church for the PCC, please speak to one of the PCC members who are Martin Castle, Carol Brown, David Elliott, Nigel Jackson, Ann Loveday, Gill Newell and Di Tingay.
- ***Earl Shilton PCC -*** There will be a meeting of St Simon & St Jude PCC (Church Council) on 16th November 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, Elizabeth Nteogwuija, Jean Styles, Robert Styles, Laura Ward and Malcolm Higgins.

***Evening of praise and worship –*** Sunday 15th November, 6.00pm at Gabriel Christian Fellowship, Earl Shilton Methodist Church Hall, Wood Street. An opportunity to give God the glory collectively in song and offer up a sacrifice of praise. Guest speaker: Mike Buck. Refreshments provided after the service.

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

- 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 <u>new</u> (*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.

***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

***Cursillo Group Reunion –*** The next meeting is on Saturday 5th December, 10.00am at the vicarage.

***Jubilee Singers & Earl Shilton Handbell Group Christmas Concert –*** Sunday 6th December, 3pm at LBC Earl Shilton, Mill Lane, LE9 7AW. FREE CONCERT – Everyone is welcome! An afternoon of wonderful festive music. Refreshments and cakes available. Donations kindly received in support of Hinckley Area Foodbank.

***St Mary's Christmas lights switch-on –*** Friday 11th December, 6.30pm. Do join us for the St Mary's lights switch-on including carols, refreshments and a thought for the season.

***Accord Singers Christmas Concert -*** 12th December 7:30pm at St Mary's Church Barwell. Accord Singers are an *a cappella* choir from the Hinckley area. The concert will feature of variety of music ranging from the 17th century to the present day. Tickets £7 which includes a door raffle and light refreshments. Available from Colin Sewell 01455 842944 or email Colin at sewell-colin@virginmedia.com

***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.

***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 ongoing process for the appointment of a Children, Young People and Families Minister - that we will be able to make an appointment soon.
- for service personnel who have been affected by their experiences in the battlefield, that the Lord will grant them healing in body, mind and spirit.

***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 refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
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*

**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:**