

Martin's Message



At a recent funeral at St Simon and St Jude's, we celebrated the life of a well-loved member of the church. Morgan was in his 90s and had lived a long and active life. One of the things that was mentioned was how he was always polite and courteous. At the theatre with his grandchildren, they would always be the last to leave as he would say 'after you' to everyone at the end of a row of seats.

It got me thinking about my own attitudes and how polite I am, even when engaging in a robust conversation. Does my courteousness go out of the window when I fear I may miss out if I don't get to the front of the queue?

We live in a busy world where it is easy to get frustrated. When we can't get through on the phone to someone who can help us sort out our internet connection it is easy to get angry – I've been there and done it!

We may have the attitude that people must earn our respect, and if they are rude to us, we have no obligation to be polite to them. Yet it seems that Jesus teaches differently saying 'in everything, do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.' (Matthew 7 v 12).

Jesus promised a day when the 'meek will inherit the earth'. Being meek is not about being trampled over, but a

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conscious decision to be humble, putting others before ourselves and to treat everyone with dignity and respect. It is not a sign of weakness but demonstrates a strength of character. It is an act of faith and trust in God, as we seek to honour him in the way we lead our lives.

The next time I'm at the theatre or cinema, I wonder whether I will be the first or the last to leave!

Martin Castle – Priest-in-charge



It was great to welcome the Bishop of Leicester, Martyn Snow, to SS&SJ on Sunday 14th June to confirm two members of our congregation, Laura Ward and Poppy Watsham. Confirmation is an opportunity to declare our faith in Jesus Christ and, for many, a chance to affirm the promises that were made on our behalf by our parents and godparents if we were baptised as infants. The Bishop prayed that each candidate would be anointed by the Holy Spirit to serve God each and every day.

If you are interested in being baptised or confirmed or want to explore the Christian faith, then please get in touch with Martin, our Priest-in-charge.

JULY/AUGUST SERVICES

Sunday 5th July

9.15am – All-age Worship at St Mary's
10.45am – All-age Worship at SS&SJ followed at
12 noon by a short service of Holy Communion
6.30pm – Prayers to end the day on Facebook

Sunday 12th July

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

Sunday 19th July

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

Sunday 26th July

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

Sunday 2nd August

9.15am – All-age Worship at St Mary's
10.45am – All-age Worship at SS&SJ followed at
12 noon by a short service of Holy Communion
6.30pm – Prayers to end the day on Facebook

Sunday 9th August

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

Sunday 16th August

10.45am – Morning worship at SS&SJ
2.30pm – Afternoon worship at St Mary's
6.30pm – Prayers to end the day on Facebook

Sunday 23rd August

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

Sunday 30th August

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

Prayers to start the day at 9am as follows:

Monday – St Simon and St Jude's
Tuesday & Thursday – St Mary's
Wednesday – Facebook

Please check the church website for any alterations



St. Mary's Subscription Club

LUCKY NUMBERS

Lucky membership numbers and prize monies drawn at the May event:

1st **106** (£40), 2nd **123** (£25),

3rd **84** (£15), 4th **31** (£10) &

5th **117** (£10)

June event:

1st **97** (£40), 2nd **41** (£25),

3rd **75** (£15), 4th **42** (£10) & 5th **74** (£10)

JULY EFFFI COFFEE MORNING & DRAW

10am to 11.30am

on Saturday 25th July.

'Celebrating 250 years of American Independence'

Come and celebrate like the Americans do! American style food and entertainment! Dress in theme!

AUGUST EFFFI COFFEE MORNING & DRAW

10am to 11.30am

on Saturday 29th August.

'Seaside Special'

Appropriate beach style games and activities and a competition – bring the best beach photo you have ever taken.

At the end of July we will also be celebrating five years of running the Saint Mary's Subscription Club - a huge thank you to everyone involved in the regular running and administration of this - a lot of unseen work is involved to ensure that the draw is correctly administered every month and participants kept advised of results and prizes delivered, with quarterly financial results being filed with Blaby District Council.

If you wish to get in touch please contact the church office:

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