

## The Parish of Hugglescote with Donington-le-Heath, Ellistown and Snibston

### DURING THIS WEEK PLEASE PRAY FOR :-

<b>Monday</b>	victims & survivors of abuse and all who work to make our churches safe for children and vulnerable adults
<b>Tuesday</b>	all who are anxious or lonely, particularly those who feel that they can no longer be part of the Church of England
<b>Wednesday</b>	the appointment of a new archbishop, and for all those dioceses seeking to appoint a new bishop, and for all bishops, priests, deacons and lay ministers that we may persevere in our calling.
<b>Thursday</b>	parish and diocesan finances, that God would supply all our needs, and make us generous in giving to others
<b>Friday</b>	the Living in Love and Faith process that we may learn to live well together in our differences
<b>Saturday</b>	all those exploring their vocation to ministry in the church – and for many more people to come forward in response to God's call

### THE WEEK AHEAD (week beginning Monday 10th March 2025)

<b>Monday</b>	
10am-12 noon	Coffee & Chat, St. Christopher's
2:45 pm	Open the Book performance, Hugglescote School
6:30 pm	Church Lads' & Girls' Brigade, Community Centre
<b>Tuesday</b>	
9:00 am	Little Bears Group, St. John's
6:00 pm	Evening Prayer, St. Mary's
<b>Thursday</b>	
3:00 pm	After School Clubs, St. Christopher's
<b>Friday</b>	
8:00 pm	Bellringing Practice, St. John's

### NEXT SUNDAY – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion, St. Mary's</b>
<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Parish Communion, St. John's</b>

## LOOKING AHEAD AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The After School Clubs at St. Christopher's will run on a Tuesday at 3:00 pm rather than Thursday from the beginning of April.**

**Brightlights Theatre School** are putting on a performance of **Footloose** at Loughborough Town Hall on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> June 3:00pm and 7:00pm – tickets 01509 646647 or see flier at the back of church. Evie and Evan Cole will be performing. Evan will be taking part in all performances and Evie will be taking part in Sunday's Performances– it would be great if you could get to see the production and support Evie and Evan.

### **National COVID-19 Day of Reflection – Sunday 9 March is a chance to**

**remember those who lost their lives and to stand together with those who are grieving.**

2025 marks five years since the pandemic began and we continue to honour and remember those affected. There are many ways for churches to get involved and support their communities, alongside resources including a guidance pack and prayers.

Suggested things to do include:

- Toll the church bell just after noon to mark the end of the minute's silence.
- Encourage people to phone or send a card to anyone who may feel bereaved.
- Invite people to plant a seed, a bulb, a bush as a sign of hope.
- Light a special candle at church and say the prayer – record it on your phone or tablet and share the film on social media.

You'll find more information on the [Church of England website](#).

### **Prayer and Fasting**

It has been suggested that, in view of all that has been happening in the Church of England, we should devote ourselves to prayer and fasting for the diocese and wider church.

Initially, we were unsure about this – after all the safeguarding crisis is absolutely not about the church – it is first and foremost about victims and survivors of abuse. How you do this is entirely up to you. You might choose to take an individual retreat, or you might choose to gather with others in your church, or you might simply mark the beginning and ending of the

day in prayer. However you choose to do it, you might find the themes on our weekly prayer list helpful.

**Hugglescote Village Fair June 7<sup>th</sup> on the Millfield Recreation Ground** we will have a Children's Tombola and Unwanted gift stall to raise money for the Church. We'd be very grateful of any donations you may have. Please let Janet Hemsley or Ann Duckworth have them. Thanks.