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Memory Verse

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge

Proverbs 1:7a NIV

Summer 2021

St Christopher's Church Services Summer 2021

JULY

Sunday 4th	10.00am Morning Worship	Readings Psalm 23 and Matthew 11:28-30 Theme <i>Re-imagine part 5- Recover</i> Led by Mr C Ndigirwa Preacher Revd C Collins
	Followed by church picnic at Aylestone Park	

Sunday 11th	10.00am AA Holy Communion	Readings and Theme preacher's choice Led by Mr C Ndigirwa Preacher Revd Sami Lynsey (St John's Clarendon Park)
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Wisdom - a 6 week summer series

Sunday 18th	10.00am AA Morning Worship	Reading Proverbs 4:5-7 and Luke 2:41-52 Theme <i>What is wisdom?</i> Led by Mrs C Griffin Preacher Mr C Ndigirwa
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Sunday 25th	10.00am AA Holy Communion	Reading Proverbs 1:1-7 and Luke 10:21-24 Theme <i>Wisdom in life</i> Leader and preacher Revd C Collins
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Comment from Charles - 'our new curate'

The dictionary defines hope as '*a feeling of expectation and desire for a particular thing to happen*'. Isaiah 40:31 states that '*those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint*.' It is a very positive picture that we get here. Isaiah is reminding us to focus our eyes on the Lord.

I feel the word hope has been significant for all of us especially during this lockdown. We are all hoping that this July will be the end of lockdown; whether this happens or not, it is important to remain with such a hope, because without this hope people will be worn out and with no expectation for things to get better. There is a danger of remaining drained and exhausted if we don't see or feel like there will be an end to this struggle. The only way out is to remain positive and expectant for things to get better at some point soon.

From my experience, even when things have been difficult and challenging, I have found comfort and strength when I have laid it down before the Lord. When I have submitted myself to Him and say '*Lord, I have no more strength to deal with this, please help me*', I have found a new lease of life and a sense of peace knowing that He is there carrying me through. Let this month of July be the month when we come to the Lord and offload our burden to Him as He invites and says '*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest*.' The invitation is for everyone. Whatever is happening in your life, let us bring it to the Lord, and He will sustain us and renew our strength and dispel our weariness.

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AUGUST

Sunday 1st	10.00am AA Morning Worship	Reading Proverbs 17:17, 18:24, 27:9 and John 15:9-15 Theme <i>Wisdom in friendship</i> Led by Miss Louise Warner Preacher Mr C Ndigirwa
Sunday 8th	10.00am AA Holy Communion	Reading Proverbs 1:7-8, 10:1, 17:6 and Luke 7:11-17 Theme <i>Wisdom in family</i> Led by Mr C Ndigirwa Preacher Revd C Collins
Sunday 15th	10.00am AA Morning Worship	Reading Proverbs 10:4, 12:11, 14:23 and Mark 12:28-31 Theme <i>Wisdom in work</i> Led by Revd C Collins Preacher Mrs C Griffin
Sunday 22nd	10.00am AA Holy Communion	Reading Ecclesiastes 3:9-11, Mark 6:60-69 Theme <i>Wisdom for eternity</i> Led by Revd C Collins Preacher Mr C Ndigirwa
Sunday 29th	10.00am AA Morning Worship	Reading and theme tbc Led by Miss C Warner Preacher Revd C Collins

Pray as we continue in our season of reflection, prayer and thinking about the future, that God would shape us as He wills. That we would joyfully and obediently play our part in His plans for us and our area. That His Kingdom would come.

Pray for:

- all at St C's, whether they have summer holiday plans or not - for refreshment and blessing in Christ
- Charles as he begins his curacy with us; that the Lord would make him fruitful in the work He has for him
- Hazel after her recent house sale setback; that the Lord would guide and bless her as she looks to move to Sheffield
- Tudor Grange Samworth Academy, in their recruiting of a new Head of Secondary
- Fred & Jo and Nia's future plans
- the end of the global pandemic, and for the continued effectiveness of the vaccination process both in the UK and worldwide.

Mission for July - Open Hands

For those who don't know, Open Hands is a Leicester, Christian run Charity supporting the homeless and vulnerable families. Support comes in the form of hot meals, furniture, clothing and food banks, mentoring programmes, English classes and job seeking support.

Open Hands is currently in an exciting new phase of development. Demands for its services have outgrown its old premises and they are currently in the process of relocating to a new warehouse in the Dysart Way area of the city.

Beth from Open Hands writes : Whilst our emergency services continue we are excited to be entering into the next phase of works on our building project! We're about to install the electrics, water, drainage, and all that is needed to prepare the warehouse ready for building our internal rooms.

Thank you for your support and investment that has enabled us to build this far - we have another £50-100k left to raise to complete all that we had originally planned and we're confident that God will make a way for the Centre to be in operational use by September/October time.

One of the outstanding jobs is to complete the new kitchen from which guests can be served a hot meal or hot drinks and a snack while waiting to have referrals for clothes or furniture processed. It would be wonderful if St C's could make a financial donation through our mission of the month giving towards the cost of the kitchen (instead of food donations during this month). Maybe if we all were able to donate at least the cost of one meal that would be an enormous help.

Mission for August - CPAS - Falcons

It looks as if Falcon Holidays will be able to go ahead this year! With all restrictions due to be eased by 19th July the hope is that by the summer they won't need any restriction in place. But with the first of twenty holidays due to start on 24th July they are preparing for all possibilities, for example numbers may be smaller, there may have to be testing for volunteers and children over 11, face covering may have to be used indoors and there may be bubbles of 15 children socially distanced from other bubbles.

But with children missing out so much during the last year and a half, **please pray** that the holidays will go ahead and that the children will learn about the good news of the gospel in a fun, active and enjoyable environment.