

# **St Christopher's Church**

**Trenant Road Saffron Lane LE2 6UA**



**Kabul**

## ***Memory verse***

'Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and  
Christ will shine on you.' Ephesians 5:14 NIV

# **September 2021**

# St Christopher's Church Services September

## Theme - Being Church in a post-Covid world

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| <b>Sunday<br/>5th</b> | 10.00am<br><b>Morning<br/>Worship</b> | Readings<br><i>Topic</i><br>Led by<br>Preacher | Mark 7: 1-13 and 2 Timothy 3: 10-17<br><i>The Authority of God's Word</i><br>Mr C Ndigirwa<br>Revd C Collins |
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| <b>Sunday<br/>12<sup>th</sup></b> | 10.00am<br><b>Holy<br/>Communion</b> | Readings<br><i>Topic</i><br>Led by<br>Preacher | Daniel 7: 13-14 and Mark 1: 14-15<br><i>The Gospel of the Kingdom</i><br>Mr C Ndigirwa<br>Revd C Collins |
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| <b>Sunday<br/>19<sup>th</sup></b> | 10.00am<br><b>Morning<br/>Worship</b> | Readings<br><i>Topic</i><br>Led by<br>Preacher | Ephesians 4: 1-13 and John 13: 31-35<br><i>All in it together</i><br>Mr C Ndigirwa<br>Revd C Collins |
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| <b>Sunday<br/>26<sup>th</sup></b> | 10.00am<br><b>All Age<br/>Holy<br/>Communion</b> | Readings<br><i>Topic</i><br>Led by<br>Preacher | Psalm 47 and Matthew 22: 15-22<br><i>Jesus is Lord - all the time</i><br>Mr C Ndigirwa<br>Revd C Collins |
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### Diary Dates

- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> - morning - Chris and Charles speaking at Diocesan ordinands and ministers meeting
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> - 7pm - Bev, Chantal, Chris and Charles at Diocesan BAME Project meeting
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - 7:15pm - PCC
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> - 5pm - Chris and Neil at Samworth Academy Governors' meeting.

### Regular Activities

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| <b>Little Angels</b><br><b>Restarts on</b><br><b>6<sup>th</sup> September</b><br>Mondays and Fridays<br>9.15-11.15am | <b>Scouts</b> (Provisionally)  |   |
|  | <b>Scouts and Cubs</b><br>(Cubs 8 plus,<br><b>Scouts 10½ plus)</b><br>Monday - 5.30-7.00pm | <b>Explorers</b> (14 plus)<br>Thursdays - 7.00-9.00pm<br>for details ring Roger on<br>07766456239 |

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## Prayer Topics

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

### Pray for:

- **Charles** that he and we would understand the curacy God wants to carve out for him. For his family members moving from Holy Trinity church to us....that they would be welcomed and blessed in joining us
- the planned **re-starting** of different St C's ministries in the coming month or months; that God would guide us, and for grace in adapting to things different or new. That people previously connected to St C's through such ministries would be re-connected
- **Hazel** in her move to Sheffield (now predicted to happen September), that the house sale would complete straightforwardly and that she would settle in easily and soon find a new church family to be part of
- Samworth Academy, in their recruiting of a new **Head of Secondary**
- the planning of the '**Bishop's Big Weekend**' here at St Cs, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> November. That God would bless us through it, bless Martyn and those with him through it, and bless our local community through it
- **Afghanistan**, in all its current turmoil. For safety and aid to come to those most vulnerable, and for the gospel of Christ to ring out across the nation. Also for Afghans fleeing the country and coming to the UK, that they would experience the welcome and care of local churches.

## Mission for the month - Tearfund

**Currently Tearfund has two emergency appeals running; Afghanistan (see back page) and Haiti.**

Haiti was struck by a deadly earthquake on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August, a 7.2-magnitude earthquake struck at Les Cayes, 75 miles west of the capital of Port-au-Prince. This was followed by Tropical Storm Grace on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August, causing flash floods and mudslides and further devastation on the island.

To date the earthquake has claimed more than 2,200 lives, injured almost 12,000 people and destroyed 130,000 homes. At least 344 people are still missing. Families are seeking safety wherever they can with nothing but the clothes on their backs. The people of Haiti are resilient but how much more can they take?

**Pray that Tearfund partners are able to help those in most need.**

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### What's happening in Afghanistan?

Tearfund has long-established partners inside Afghanistan who are well positioned to respond to those in need. Currently, they've had to suspend their activities as they wait for the situation to stabilise. But funds donated now mean our partners can act swiftly, as soon as they can safely resume relief and protection efforts in Afghanistan.

#### Pray for:

- The humanitarian situation in Afghanistan which continues to deteriorate as the country becomes more and more unstable.
- The many Afghans who have been displaced from their homes.
- Those who have left Afghanistan in fear of their lives, that they will be made welcome in the receiving countries.
- Those in Afghanistan who are hungry - even prior to the recent situation this was 14 million people or one in three people and included 2 million children who are malnourished.

#### Comment from Charles

Good relationships of any kind make life better and easy to maintain. However, if the relationship becomes strained for any reason, it is very difficult to maintain it and keep going. Most of the time our relationships with each other need to be worked at and sometimes we see them as conditional. If the conditions are not fulfilled, then relationships can easily breakdown or become difficult to heal.

But our God, who chose us, is a good example of unconditional Love and relationship. He chose us and created us in his own image so that we can have a relationship with Him. **Deuteronomy 7:6** says "*For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession*". This promise was given to the Israelites, but we know that when we give our life to Jesus, we become God's treasured possession. In Christ, we are loved, redeemed, and blessed. That means we are members of the body of Christ. And in Him, we find our true identity, not in ourselves. His blood and his grace enable us to be adopted into God's family. The Word of God, Jesus Christ, became human and died for us so that we can be in that perfect relationship with God.

Let us walk with confidence knowing that we are forgiven and chosen to be God's children and we can call Him our Father (A good father, who loves and cares for his children).