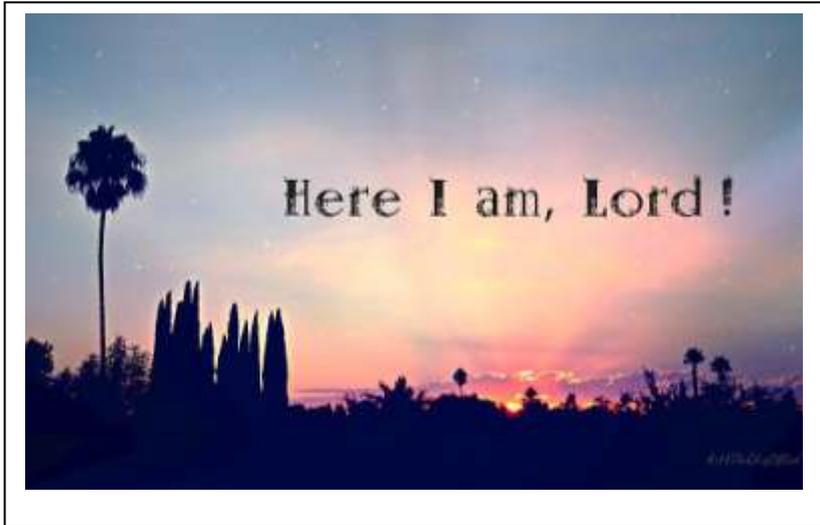


St Christopher's Church

Trenant Road Saffron Lane LE2 6UA



Memory verse

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
"Whom shall I send? And who will go for
us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

(Isaiah 6:8, NIV)

October 2021

St Christopher's Church Services - October

Theme - Being Church in a post-Covid world

Sunday 3rd	10.00am Morning Worship	Readings <i>Topic</i> Led by Preacher	Psalm 98 and John 17: 6-9 <i>Simple obedience</i> Revd C Collins Mr C Ndigirwa
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Harvest Sunday 10th	10.00am Holy Communion	Readings <i>Topic</i> Led by Preacher	Matthew 4: 18-22 and 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11 <i>Every member ministry</i> Revd C Ndigirwa Revd C Ndigirwa
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Please do not bring any produce for Open Hands but a money donation would be great!	Followed by a 'Bring and EAT' lunch (Rather than our usual 'Bring and Share' lunch, due to Covid.)		
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Sunday 17th	10.00am Morning Worship	Readings <i>Topic</i> Led by Preacher	John 14: 1-7 and Hebrews 10: 19-25 <i>Personal access to the God of the universe</i> Revd C Collins Revd C Collins
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Sunday 24th	10.00am All Age Holy Communion	Readings <i>Topic</i> Led by Preacher	John 21: 20-25 & Hebrews 11: 13-16 <i>Correcting our focus</i> tbc Revd C Collins
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Sunday 31st	10.00am All Age Morning Worship	Readings <i>Topic</i> Led by Preacher	tbc tbc tbc Revd C Ndigirwa
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Regular Activities				
<p>Little Angels Mondays and Fridays 9.15-11.15am No meetings Monday 18th and Friday 22nd (Half-term)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Scouts (Provisionally)</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; vertical-align: top;"> <p>Scouts and Cubs (Cubs 8 plus, Scouts 10½ plus) (Not currently meeting)</p> </td> <td style="text-align: center; vertical-align: top;"> <p>Explorers (14 plus) Thursdays - 7.00-9.00pm for details ring Roger on 07766456239</p> </td> </tr> </table>		<p>Scouts and Cubs (Cubs 8 plus, Scouts 10½ plus) (Not currently meeting)</p>	<p>Explorers (14 plus) Thursdays - 7.00-9.00pm for details ring Roger on 07766456239</p>
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Dates for October

- Sunday 3rd October -2pm - **Charles' ordination service** (Spaces limited due to COVID, but hoping that the service can be accessed on line)
- Sunday 31st - **Angels & Heroes** (tbc).

Diary Dates for November

- Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th **Bishop's Big Weekend.**

Prayer Topics

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 and we would become a truly multi-cultural, multi-national church which reflects the Christian population of our local community.

Pray for:

- Charles as he begins his curacy with us; that the Lord would make him fruitful in the work He has for him
- Little Angels, that new parents and little ones would be welcomed and blessed by the group and for Rita, Sarah and Charles as they serve our community through it...that they will serve with joy and also find opportunities to share their faith with guests
- Bev as she self-isolates for two weeks following a recent hospital procedure
- Hazel; that the Lord would guide and bless her as she looks towards her move to Sheffield
- Tudor Grange Samworth Academy, in their recruiting of a new Head of Secondary
- Nia's plans to return to China
- A positive response to COP26 which starts on the 31st October.

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Mission for the month - Open Hands

2021 has been an exciting and challenging time for Open Hands, with plenty to be thankful for. We are currently in the process of opening up our new centre near the St Matthews estate which we expect to be fully up and running in October. From here we will continue to serve the homeless and vulnerable families. All our usual services providing food, clothing, furniture and counselling support will operate from here. We thank God for the provision of a new building and trust him to provide as he has done faithfully in the past.

Please continue to pray for those who use our services that they may feel welcomed and loved. The need for larger premises has been fuelled by increasing demand, so please pray for decisions to be made in government that will help stem this increase.

Finally, if you are able to make a donation during this month please do.

Please note that we won't be collecting food items during this harvest season as these will restart later in the year. If you want to find out more about Open Hands or about other ways in which you can help please visit - openhandsleicester.org.uk.

Neil Tansley

Vicar's Comment

Our memory verse for this month reminds us that the Almighty God uses tiny, sinful human beings. Isaiah the prophet has had an amazing vision of the throne room of God. Earlier in the vision Isaiah had despaired of his sin, and how unworthy he was to be in God's presence. But then a burning hot coal was touched upon his lips meaning that his guilt was taken away and his sin atoned for. Almost straight after this, and as seen in our memory verse, Isaiah volunteers for one of God's missions.

You may have heard the phrase 'God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called', and this passage neatly depicts this truth. Left to ourselves we are powerless and fragile, but when we come to Jesus we are forgiven, sanctified, restored and adopted as God's children. And then we are given a role in God's mission and sent back out into the world.

Charles' ordination this month reminds us of this 'sent-ness'. But each Christian's calling is just one part of the whole. So the question for us is: are we available to God?