

St Christopher's Church

Trenant Road Saffron Lane LE2 6UA



Bishop Martyn

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

Memory verse

**'Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the
earth; for I am God, and there is no other.'**

(Isaiah 45:22, NIV)

November 2021

St Christopher's Church Services - November

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| Sunday 7th | 10.00am Holy Communion | Readings tbc Topic <i>Mission</i> <i>(Part of the Bishop's Big Weekend)</i> Led by Revd C Collins Preacher Bishop Martyn |
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| Remembrance Sunday 14th | 10.00am Holy Communion | Readings Isaiah 2: 1-5 and Luke 19: 41-44 Topic <i>A World united in Christ</i> Led by Revd C Collins Preacher Revd C Collins |
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| Sunday 21st | 10.00am Morning Worship | Readings Matthew 6: 25-34 and 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15 Topic <i>Generous Giving</i> Led by Revd C Ndigirwa Preacher Revd C Ndigirwa |
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| Advent Sunday 28th | 10.00am All Age Holy Communion | Readings tba Topic <i>tba</i> Led by Revd C Ndigirwa Preacher Revd C Collins |
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Vicar's Comment

By the time you read this, we may already have had our 'Bishop's Big Weekend'...if so, I hope you were blessed by it! Doing such things as a church community may still feel a bit strange given how the pandemic has affected our lives in the last couple of years. But some things are needed no matter what is going on - and for Christians outreach and evangelism is one of those things.

Our Memory verse for this month reminds us that the good news of Jesus Christ is for everywhere on earth - '*Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other*' (Isaiah 45:22, NIV). Given the scope of that, it is a task which is always before us. My hope and prayer is that Bishop Martyn's visit will be used by God to rediscover how each of us can be used in this great work of His.

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Diary Dates for November

- Monday 1st - 7.30pm - Standing Committee
- Tuesday 2nd - Chris & Charles at Diocesan 'Shaped by God together' day
- Friday 5th - 12 Noon - **Book Club** at the Pork Pie library
- Saturday 6th - Sunday 7th **BISHOP'S BIG WEEKEND!** Details see back page
- Monday 15th-Wednesday 17th - Chris away in London for **General Synod**
- Thursday 18th-19th - Chris doing **assemblies** for TGSA Primary pupils
- Monday 22nd - 7.15pm - **PCC** in church.

Prayer Topics

Pray for:

- Our **Bishop's Big Weekend**, that God would use it to draw people to Christ. Please also pray the same prayer *after* the weekend for those people who came along (whether your own guests or those brought by others). In terms of our own church family, pray that the Spirit would build us up in Christ through the weekend. Practically speaking, please also pray that the weekend's events go off without issue.
- **Hazel**; having now moved to Sheffield - that she would be blessed in settling into her new home and area. That she would quickly settle into a new church family.
- **Louise**; as she continues to struggle with virus symptoms
- **Chris**; as he begins his term on **General Synod** this month. That he and other delegates would campaign for biblical faithfulness in all matters discussed during the next Synod term.
- St C's **Book Club** which has re-started with potentially three new members
- **Nia** hoping to fly to China on the 9th and facing a month of quarantine/isolation
- **Fred** facing travel disruptions
- TGSA, in their recruiting of a new **Head of Secondary**.

Regular Activities

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| <p>Little Angels</p> <p>Mondays and Fridays 9.15-11.15am</p> | <p>Scouts</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center; vertical-align: top;"> <p>Scouts and Cubs</p> <p>Mondays - 5.30-7.00pm</p> <p>(Cubs 8 plus, Scouts 10½ plus)</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center; vertical-align: top;"> <p>Explorers (14 plus)</p> <p>Thursdays - 7.00-9.00pm</p> <p>for details ring Roger on 07766456239</p> </td> </tr> </table> | | <p>Scouts and Cubs</p> <p>Mondays - 5.30-7.00pm</p> <p>(Cubs 8 plus, Scouts 10½ plus)</p> | <p>Explorers (14 plus)</p> <p>Thursdays - 7.00-9.00pm</p> <p>for details ring Roger on 07766456239</p> |
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Mission for the month – Christian Vision for Men (CVM)

Almost Normal.....? by Paul Gask

As you can see from my addition of the question mark to the above title, that word, 'normal' is a very difficult one to articulate as we all come to terms with the events of the last 18 months or so due to The Pandemic.

As with all charities, it has proved to be a very difficult time for my role with '*Christian Vision for Men*'. With no possibility of any festivals, tours, etc, our annual signature event, '*The Gathering*' went on-line in 2020 and this year too.

Fundraising therefore has proved to be a real challenge which has sadly meant many changes for us as a ministry. As a consequence, we have had to make some redundancies and 'cut our cloth' accordingly resulting in us 'losing' some key members of what was a small team already.

Some of those fellas on the periphery of the movement have also had to readjust and some of them have left too due to the enforced cutbacks. This has meant that my role as '*Regional Director (England) North*' came to an end at the turn of this year.

However, telling men about their Saviour is very much in my DNA and I agreed to now represent '*CVM*' on a purely voluntary basis as, '*Voluntary Network Enabler (England) North*'.

Things have therefore been practically very difficult and challenging at times, but I believe that God has not lost interest in seeing men introduced to Jesus!! I will therefore 'crack on' with what I believe my calling to be. God's faithfulness has not waned, and I am so grateful to Him.

BISHOP'S BIG WEEKEND!

Saturday 6th - Sunday 7th

- Saturday 10.30am-2pm - **Parish day** with Bishop Martyn and others at St Christopher's (lunch provided)
- Saturday 6pm-8pm(ish) - **Fish & Chip Supper** with pub-style quiz, with short talk on the Christian from Martyn.
- Sunday Morning service with Martyn preaching on the subject of **Mission**, then 'Bring & eat' lunch immediately afterwards
- Sunday 6pm-7.30pm(ish) - **Theme night: *Where is God in all the suffering?*** Interview with Bev then short talk from Martyn.