

# St Christopher's Church

**Trenant Road Saffron Lane LE2 6UA**



## **Memory Verse**

'Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him,  
my Saviour and my God,'

Psalm 42:11b (NIV)

# **February 2022**

# St Christopher's Church Services February

<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am <b>Morning Worship</b>	Readings <i>Topic</i>	Ephesians 2: 11-22 and Acts 6: 1-6 <i>Church for a post-covid world - Inter-cultural Worshipping Community Part 2</i>
		Led by Preacher	Mr C Ndigirwa Mr C Collins/Mr C Ndigirwa

<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am <b>All Age Holy Communion</b>	Readings <i>Topic</i>	tba tba
		Led by Preacher	Mr C Ndigirwa Mr C Ndigirwa

<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am <b>Morning Worship</b>	Readings <i>Topic</i>	tba <i>Church for a post-covid world - A Vision for community</i>
		Led by Preacher	Mr C Collins Mr C Collins

<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am <b>All Age Holy Communion</b>	Readings <i>Topic</i>	tba <i>Church for a post-covid world - Generous Giving Part 2</i>
		Led by Preacher	tba tba

## Diary Dates for February

- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Christian TGSA staff/governors chat and prayer time
- Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> - St C's Men's meal and skittles evening
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> - Brian Heggs' funeral (9am, Gilroes crematorium)
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> - Chris and Neil at TGSA Governors' meeting
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>-Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> - Chris away at General Synod
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Pat's funeral (11:30am at St Andrew's Church Aylestone, service concludes at Countesthorpe crematorium)

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Advanced notice for 6<sup>th</sup> March - Tearfund Sunday, with soup and bread lunch

## Regular Activities

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| <b>Little Angels</b>                                                                                                                                    | <b>Scouts</b>                                                                               |                                                                                |
| Mondays and Fridays<br>9.15-11.15am<br>No LA on Mondays 7 <sup>th</sup> ,<br>or during half-term-<br>Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> or Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Scouts and Cubs</b><br>Mondays - 5.30-7.00pm<br>(Cubs 8 plus,<br><b>Scouts</b> 10½ plus) | <b>Explorers (14 plus)</b><br>Will be meeting on a<br>Saturday each month tba. |

## Prayer Topics

### Pray for:

- Roger and the family, in the wake of Pat's passing. For God's comfort and love to be known by them, that they would be drawn closer to Him.
- The same prayer for the friends of Brian Heggs, in the wake of his passing.
- The Collins' family that they quickly recover from Covid and have no long term side effects.
- Elaine, who recently started a new role as Community Development Worker for the charity 'Together Leicester'.
- The different 'gathered church' expressions of our St C's church family, that they would enable us to grow as disciples of Christ (this will be the focus of our service on 20<sup>th</sup> February)
- The work planned on our Sound System, that it would be straightforward and cost-effective.
- Saju Mathalaly, the new Bishop of Loughborough. For God's guidance and blessing on him and his family as he takes up this new post in our Diocese.
- Any decisions made at General Synod in February: that God's guidance and glory would be manifest in our decision-making.
- Tudor Grange Samworth Academy, in their recruiting of a new Head of Secondary.

And **give thanks** for the safe arrival of Joshua Paul to Fred and Jo.

### Vicar's Comment

I wonder how you cope during difficult times? Are you tempted to throw yourself into things that you find fun, in order to cheer you up? Or are you more tempted to withdraw from the world a bit? For me it's the latter. Since Christmas I've not always been in the best frame of mind. Perhaps it's a bit of the post-Christmas blues, but I'm not sure about that.

At times of feeling more 'down' than 'up', I've gone to Psalms 42 & 43 (which our memory verse is from). In those Psalms we find the Psalm writer share his anguish, his longing....and ultimately also his hope (look at that in more detail if you want to dig deeper). For followers of Christ, whatever less-than-brilliant present we live in, it's not the final word. It will be transitory. So, 'Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Saviour and my God' (Psalm 42:11b, NIV).

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**Mission for the month**  
**Church Pastoral Aid Society CPAS**  
**Ventures and Falcons**

Looking back to last year, when everything began in uncertainty, CPAS wants to praise God for what turned out to be a fantastic summer and autumn season, with 54 events impacting over 1,800 young people. To quote 14 year old Harry, '*It was my best holiday ever!*'

This year CPAS are hoping to reach even more young people and hope that there will be no restrictions on this year's holidays. The bookings are now open for 54 Ventures and 20 Falcons, (holidays for children from disadvantaged backgrounds.)

Pray that all the holidays will go ahead and for the leaders as they plan the holidays and for the recruitment of volunteer helpers. These volunteers, who must be committed Christians, are really crucial to the smooth running of the holidays and come from all walks of life - from students to retirees. Their skills range from leading a small group, helping to run games and activities, organising crafts, leading worship and Bible Studies, giving talks and helping with trips off site and cooking and washing up.



**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February -  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

This year, the focus of Fairtrade Fortnight is **climate change**, and the growing problems this poses to farmers and workers within Fairtrade. community.

**Kashenye Water Project**

The photo on the front cover highlights that this project is still alive! In fact from just 1 tap, we now have 4 taps. This has reduced the queue significantly. Importantly, the water is very clean and perfect for drinking without boiling it.

Many thanks again!      *from Charles*