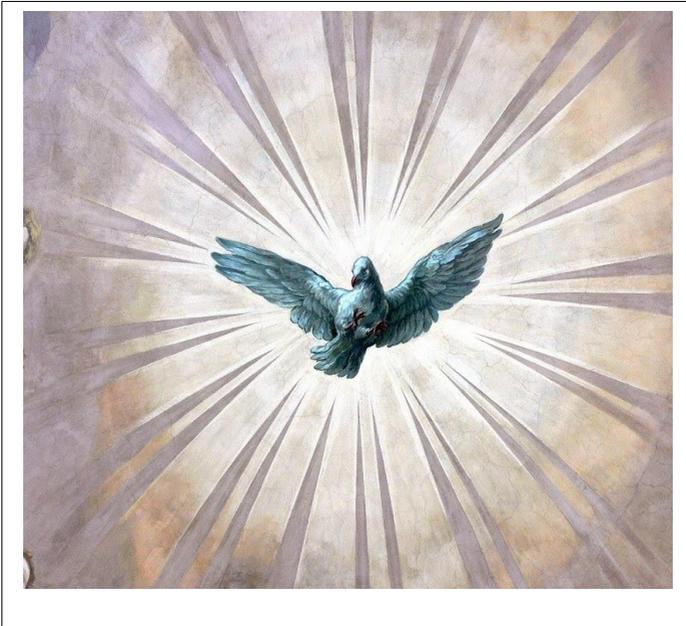


St Christopher's Church

Trenant Road Saffron Lane LE2 6UA



Memory Verse

'He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit".'
John 20:22 (NIV).

May 2022

St Christopher's Church Services for May

Sunday 1 st	10.00am Morning Worship	Readings <i>Topic</i> Led by Preacher	Acts 9: 1-20 and John 21: 1-19 <i>Transformation when we encounter God</i> Mr C Ndigirwa Mr C Ndigirwa
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Sunday 8 th	10.00am Holy Communion	Readings <i>Topic</i> Led by Preacher	Mark 10: 28-31 and tba <i>Church for a post-covid world: Singleness Part 2</i> Mr C Collins Mr C Collins
Tea, chat and pray - 5pm-7pm at the Early's 22 Suffolk Close			

Series on Acts

Sunday 15 th	10.00am Morning Worship	Readings <i>Topic</i> Led by Preacher	Matthew 3: 11-12 and Acts 1: 1-11 <i>The promise of the Holy Spirit</i> Mr C Ndigirwa Mr C Collins
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Sunday 22 nd	10.00am Holy Communion	Readings <i>Topic</i> Led by Preacher	Luke 24: 45-49 and Acts 1: 12-26 <i>A new witness to the risen Jesus</i> Mr C Ndigirwa Mr C Ndigirwa
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Sunday 29 th	10.00am All Age Morning Worship	Readings <i>Topic</i> Led by Preacher	John 7: 37-39 and Acts 1: verses tba <i>Total reliance on our God</i> tba Mr C Collins
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Diary Dates

- Monday 9th - 7:15pm - PCC in the church
- Tues 3rd & 10th - 7:15pm - Saints Alive! Course (10th at Neil and Jayne's
- Wed 11th May - Chris & Charles at Leicester Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship at Emmanuel Church, Loughborough
- 26th May (Ascension Day) - 5th June (Pentecost) - Thy Kingdom Come.

Prayer Topics

Pray for:

- our ongoing 'Saints Alive!' course, that participants would experience the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.
- the different 'gathered church' expressions of our St C's church family, that they would enable us to grow as disciples of Christ.
- the work planned on our Sound System, that it would be straightforward and cost-effective.
- wisdom for how to use the opportunities to serve and outreach into TGSA.
- young people as they face the pressures of exams.
- the new Principal of TGSA, Aiden Bannon, as he settles into the role.
- peace to prevail in the conflicts in Ethiopia, Ukraine, Yemen and other war-ravaged countries....
- wisdom for political leaders, and for protection and provision for the vulnerable, for supplies to get through to those who need it. And that the gospel will be received in those places, and the Kingdom of God will come.
- the worsening food crisis in the Horn of Africa, where up to 20 million people could be affected this year.

Mission for the Month Crosslinks

Crosslinks mission partners are serving in a huge array of ministries, cultures and contexts. At the centre of all their work is the remit of taking **God's word to God's world**.

One country they are working in is **Moldova**. Humanly-speaking, Moldova doesn't have much going for it. It is a small, landlocked country between Romania and Ukraine and is riddled by poverty, corruption and the significant effects of mass-emigration. Young people see so little hope in their country that they are leaving the country in droves.

Moldova remains shackled to her Soviet past, where communism largely succeeded in draining people of hope. Most Moldovans are nominally Orthodox Christians but there is a significant number who have been raised as atheists in the Soviet Union.

Pray that:

- Christians will be able to point their fellow citizens to the hope that is found in Jesus
- believers will stay in Moldova for the sake of Jesus and the advancement of the gospel
- the evangelical churches will be firmly rooted in grace instead of legalism; rooted in Scripture rather than evangelical tradition.

And now with the war in Ukraine there are already 300,000 refugees in the country and it is feared that it may be the next country that Russia invades.

Vicar's Comment

The Welsh preacher Martyn Lloyd-Jones once said 'When God acts, he can do more in a minute than man with his organizing can do in fifty years' (*Revival*, pp. 121-122). We probably all agree with this in theory, but do our programmes, activities, outlooks and attitudes align with it? When we looked at John chapter 20 at one of our recent Sunday gatherings, we saw how the risen Jesus appeared to the disciples and commissioned them to go and take the gospel to the world. And then - in what I take to be a prophetic picture of what would happen at Pentecost - He breathed on them and said "Receive the Holy Spirit" (20:22, NIV).

They could not see the Kingdom of God come without the power of the Holy Spirit at work. Indeed, we cannot serve God fruitfully without his Holy Spirit at work. We can do nothing for Him without the Holy Spirit at work.

The Saints Alive! Course that we are running has a focus on the Holy Spirit, and our need for his power and presence in our lives. It's been great, but we should not stop paying attention to the Spirit once the course ends. So whether you've been on the course or not, please join with me in seeking the Spirit's power and presence that we may see the Kingdom of God come, and the name of Jesus glorified in our church and in our community. Personally speaking, I have seen the Spirit work wonderfully to touch and bring healing to people in recent weeks and am seeking for more - to God be the glory!

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Regular Activities

Little Angels	Scouts	
Mondays and Fridays 9.15-11.15am No meetings Monday 30 th May and Friday 3 rd June - half-term	Scouts and Cubs Mondays - 5.30-7.00pm (Cubs 8 plus, Scouts 10½ plus) For further details ring Roger on 07766456239	Explorers (14 plus) Will be meeting on a Saturday each month date tba.