

# **St Christopher's Church**

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## **Memory Verse**

'Whoever has ears, let them hear.'

Matthew 13.9 NIV

# **Summer 2022**

**St Christopher's Church Services**  
**Summer preaching series 2022: Matthean Parables of Jesus**  
**JULY**

<b>Sunday</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>  (Groups)	10.00am <b>Morning</b> <b>Worship</b>	Readings    Matthew 13: 10-17 Theme <i>Parables with purpose</i> Leader and preacher    Revd C Collins
	Tea, chat and pray - 5pm-7pm at the Early's 22 Suffolk Close	
<b>Sunday</b> <b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am <b>Holy</b> <b>Communion</b>	Reading    Matthew 13: 1-9 and 18-23 Theme <i>The sower, the seed and the soil</i> Leader and preacher    Mr C Ndigirwa
<b>Sunday</b> <b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am AA <b>Morning</b> <b>Worship</b>	Reading    Matthew 5: 13-16 Theme <i>Being shiny and being salty</i> Leader and preacher    Mr C Ndigirwa
<b>Sunday</b> <b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am AA <b>Holy</b> <b>Communion</b>	Reading    Matthew 7: 24-27 Theme <i>Two ways to build, one way to fall</i> Led by        Mr C Ndigirwa Preacher     Miss L Warner
<b>Sunday</b> <b>31<sup>st</sup></b>	10.00am AA <b>Morning</b> <b>Worship</b>	Reading    Matthew 9: 14-17 Theme <i>Patches and Wineskins</i> Leader and preacher    Mrs C Griffin

### Vicar's Comment

I wonder if you have had a moment when a single breakthrough led to massive progress in some area of your life? In and of itself it could've been a small thing, but actually the effects of it led to massive change. If you're finding it difficult to visualise what I mean.... think about learning things at school. So for instance, learning the symbols for the numbers 1-9 and what they represent, opens up maths to us. Without understanding those numbers, we couldn't add, subtract, divide, and so on and so on.

In Matthew chapter 13, Jesus declares 'whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance' (v12a, NIV). For those who understand the basics of the gospel, there is a promise of greater understanding - indeed, an abundance. And where God can transform our understanding He can also transform our experience.

Whatever the summer looks like for you, I hope you have a blessed one, knowing the Lord's presence and power at work in your life. As we go through some of the parables from Matthew's gospel, seek from the Lord a greater understanding, seek from Him his abundance!

# Summer preaching series 2022: Matthean Parables of Jesus

## AUGUST

<b>Sunday</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am <b>AA</b> <b>Morning</b> <b>Worship</b>	Readings <b>Theme</b> Led by Preacher	Matthew 13: 24-30 and 36-43 <i>A farmer with a problem</i> TBC Mr C Collins
<b>Sunday</b> <b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am <b>AA</b> <b>Holy</b> <b>Communion</b>	Readings <b>Theme</b> Leader and preacher	Matthew 13: 31-35 <i>Small starts, big endings</i> Mr C Collins
<b>Sunday</b> <b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	10.00am <b>AA</b> <b>Morning</b> <b>Worship</b>	Reading <b>Theme</b> Led by Preacher	Matthew 13: 44-46 <i>The free Gift that costs everything</i> TBC Mr C Collins
<b>Sunday</b> <b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am <b>AA</b> <b>Holy</b> <b>Communion</b>	Reading <b>Theme</b> Led by Preacher	Matthew 13: 47-50 <i>Throwing the nets wide</i> Mr C Collins Mr C Ndigirwa

### Pray for:

- Charles as he starts his ministry as a newly-ordained presbyter (priest) here at St C's
- Those in our community being hit by the cost-of-living crisis, that they would find pathways for support if they need it. Also that St C's might play its role in this, under God's guidance (see also prayer item immediately below)
- St C's foodbank, as Charles looks to re-organise and re-establish it for local people
- Chris, Charles and Neil's planning for re-connecting with TGSA Year 5-6 pupils (the age group which previously came to Brightstars lunch club pre-pandemic)
- The work planned on our Sound System, that it would be straightforward and cost-effective
- Finding a simple and cost-effective new arrangement for our photocopier provision
- Neil as he retires at the end of term
- All church members taking time off this summer (whether going away or staying at home) that they would be able to have a restful break even as they love and serve the Lord!

## Mission for July - Open Hands

So far this year Open Hands have delivered furniture to 90 homes, helped over 500 families in their food store, had 85 enrol in English classes, served 512 meals and welcomed 30 new volunteers to the team - see the Open Hands website for opportunities - [www.openhandsleicester.org.uk/volunteer/roles/](http://www.openhandsleicester.org.uk/volunteer/roles/)

Please pray that volunteer numbers continue to grow so that Open Hands are able to invest more time into the lives of their guests. Pray that guests will continue to recognise the centre as a safe space and find access to the services they need.

Open Hands is currently appealing for '**Pamper Treats**'. This appeal is designed to show love for people by providing treats that make them feel extra cared for.

**They are looking for luxury toiletry items listed below:**

- Skin Care Products
- Perfume
- After Shave
- Shower Gel
- Deodorants
- Moisturiser
- Flannels

Donated items can be given to Neil Tansley on any Sunday.

## Mission for August - CPAS - Falcons

For the first time since 2019 CPAS can run their full Venture and Falcon holiday programmes. Falcons are affordable, subsidised, safe and exciting holidays for children and young people facing challenging circumstances in their daily lives. Around 20 Falcons will take place, this year, across the UK.

They give children and teenagers, who may not otherwise have a holiday an amazing opportunity to make friends, experience new things and have fun. They will engage in exciting varied activities and have the chance to explore life with Jesus in a relevant and creative way.

**Pray for:**

- the leaders as they return after the long Covid gap
- the children that besides having a wonderful holiday they will experience the love of Jesus.

## SUMMER DIARY DATES

### JULY

- o Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> - **Charles' ordination** as priest
- o Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> - Chris & Charles reading Bible stories in Early Years Foundation Stage classes
- o Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> - Chris & Charles delivering Assemblies for KS2 classes
- o Friday 8<sup>th</sup> - Charles delivering talk at TGSA **End-of-term Assembly**
- o Friday 8<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> - Chris away at **General Synod**

### AUGUST

- o Tuesdays 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> - **Discipleship Book Group**, time 7:15pm tbc, venue tbc.