

St Christopher's Church

Trenant Road Saffron Lane LE2 6UA



Memory verse

'...it is by grace you have been saved'

Ephesians 2: 5b (NIV)

October 2022

St Christopher's Church Services for October

Ephesians Series

Harvest Sunday 2nd	10.00am Morning Worship (Groups)	Readings Topic Led by Preacher	Ephesians 2: 1-10 and tbc Alive in Christ Mr C Collins Mr C Collins
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Please remember to bring some non-perishable foods for **Open Hands**

**Followed by a 'Bring and Share' lunch
Please bring one of your favourite foods!**

Sunday 9th	10.00am Holy Communion	Readings Topic Led by Preacher	Ephesians 2: 11-22 and tbc True Reconciliation Mr C Ndigirwa Mr C Ndigirwa
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Sunday 16th	10.00am Morning Worship (Groups)	Readings Topic Led by Preacher	Ephesians 3: 1-13 and tbc God's Wisdom revealed Mr C Collins Mr C Collins
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Sunday 23rd	10.00am All Age Holy Communion	Readings Topic Led by Preacher	tbc tbc Mrs C Griffin Mr C Collins
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Sunday 30th	10.00am All Age Morning Worship	Readings Topic Led by Preacher	tbc tbc Mr C Collins Mr C Ndigirwa
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Scouts (10-14 years)

Meeting night Mondays - 5.30-7.00pm
Adventurous Activities also at other times
For further details ring Roger
on 07766456239

Little Angels

Mondays and Fridays
9.15-11.15am

**No meetings - Monday
17th and Friday 21st**

Diary Dates

- Monday 3rd/Wednesday 5th/Thursday 6th - Final Discipleship Book Group session (day and time tbc)
- Tuesdays 4th, 11th & 25th - 7pm - **Alpha course**
- Wednesday 12th - 7-9:30pm - Diocesan night at St Martins House: '*After the Flood*'
- Thursday 13th - TGSA Christian staff/governors get-together (tbc)
- Monday 17th-Friday 21st - Half-term break for schools
- Monday 31st - Chris taking TGSA KS1/2 assembly
- Monday 31st - **Angels and Heroes** in evening (tbc).

Prayer Topics

As we celebrate the Harvest, it gives us the chance to say thank you to God for all of the good gifts that we have. BUT Harvest is also a time to remember and pray for the many people across the world who are suffering from food shortages.

Pray for:

- the **Alpha course**, that people would keep coming and the Lord would lead them to a personal trust in Jesus...
-the leaders of the Alpha course - Charles, Neil, Jayne & Chris - for Christlikeness in their leading, through the power of the Holy Spirit
- those in our community being hit by **the cost-of-living crisis**, that they would find pathways for support if they need it...
-St C's to play its role in this, under God's guidance
- 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)
- **Steve Joyce**, following the recent loss of his brother Neil, and the continuing health struggles of his mum
- **Stef's** recovery, following her recent heart attack and her having contracted Covid
- **Lou**, that she will recover from her recent set backs
- **our country** with the recent changes to the government and a new King
- **peace between Ukraine and Russia.**

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Mission for the month

Open Hands

We have been supporting the work of Open Hands in helping the most vulnerable families and individuals in Leicester for some time. We have often displayed testimonies from people whose lives have been transformed by their work. Like many charities, Open Hands are currently finding themselves under considerable pressure from increased demand and urgently need our continued support. Their most critical services such as hot meals, clothing and food banks continue to operate as normal.

However, they are currently unable to operate some of their more bespoke programmes, such as the furniture restoration service and the Next Steps course. Furniture is still being provided to those on the waiting list, but no new referrals can be accepted. The next steps course is aimed at helping people back into work and is currently suspended. I know these have been hard choices as Open Hands don't only aim to help people through a crisis, but to get them re integrated into wider society.

Please support Open Hands if you are able, through donations, but if your circumstances make that difficult through your prayers. They will be collecting special treats from November onwards to give out at Christmas - details to follow.

(Neil Tansley)

Vicar's Comment

So far in our new Ephesians series we've seen how much we are blessed in Christ, and how exalted He is. And that means his people are protected - there's nothing that can prise us away from Him. As we progress further in the book - and most of it is yet to come - I hope we together will see the riches that are ours as God's children. We might feel powerless, or unimportant or ineffective at times....but the Bible teaches us that everything we need is found in the Lord.

I encourage you all to access every talk in this Ephesians series (whether in person or online), and to really seek the Lord's voice as He speaks to us through the book. May He build us in Christ together! And may we always remember that our salvation in every respect comes from Him. As our Memory Verse says, '*....it is by grace you have been saved*' Ephesians 2: 5b (NIV).