

# St Christopher's Church

**Trenant Road Saffron Lane LE2 6UA**



## **Memory verse**

'Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly  
realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ'

Ephesians 1:3 (NIV)

# September 2022

# St Christopher's Church Services - September

<b>Sunday</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup></b> (Groups)	10.00am <b>Morning</b> <b>Worship</b>	Readings <b>Topic</b> Led by Preacher	Psalm 67 and John 6; 35-51 <b>New season, same Gospel</b> Mr C Ndigirwa Mr C Collins
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## Ephesians Series

<b>Sunday</b> <b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am <b>Holy</b> <b>Communion</b>	Readings <b>Topic</b> Led by Preacher	Psalm 100 and Ephesians 1; 1-14 <b>Grace upon Grace</b> Mr C Ndigirwa Mr C Ndigirwa
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Tea, chat and pray 5pm-7pm at the Early's,  
(22 Suffolk Close)

<b>Sunday</b> <b>18<sup>th</sup></b> (Groups)	10.00am <b>Morning</b> <b>Worship</b>	Readings <b>Topic</b> Led by Preacher	Psalm 93 and Ephesians 1: 15-23 <b>Knowing God better</b> Mr C Collins Mr C Collins
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<b>Sunday</b> <b>25<sup>nd</sup></b>	10.00am <b>All age</b> <b>Holy</b> <b>Communion</b>	Readings <b>Topic</b> Led by Preacher	<i>tbc</i> <i>tbc</i> Mr C Ndigirwa Mr C Collins
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## Back to School

### The new school year - pray for:

- all schools, colleges and universities in Leicestershire, especially for our local schools, Samworth Academy, Marriott and Holy Cross Primaries
- all head teachers and their staff (teaching and non-teaching), especially new staff
- all Christian staff that they may be salt and light in the school community.
- all governors
- a positive start to the term for all pupils and students, especially those beginning at a new place of education.

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## Diary Dates for September

- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> - 7:30pm - **Discipleship Book Group** at Chantal & Manny's house, (days for following weeks in September TBC)
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - 7.30pm - Standing Committee (by Zoom)
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> - 11:30am - Chris and Charles at Diocesan Deprivation Panel
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> - 7pm - **Alpha course** starts (assuming participants!) at Church,
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - 5pm - Chris and Neil at TGSA governors' meeting,
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - 7:15pm - PCC meeting.in church.

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## October

- Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Harvest service, followed by a **Bring and Share** lunch.

## Prayer Topics

### Pray for:

- the **Alpha course**, that people would come 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
- the St C's **foodbank**, as Charles looks to re-organise and re-establish it for local people
- Chris, Charles & 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
- **Grace** admitted to hospital for removal of and abscess
- the family of **David Samworth**, who died recently.

### 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  
Restarts Monday 5<sup>th</sup>  
September

## Mission for the month - Tearfund Floods in Pakistan

Pakistan is a negligible contributor to the overall global carbon footprint, but it is still among the top ten countries that are vulnerable to climate change and this year they have experienced extreme weather events including heat waves, forest fires, multiple glacial lake-outburst floods and now disastrous monsoon floods.

More than one third of Pakistan is submerged as the country faces the worst flooding in history. From June to August, the country received nearly three times the 30-year average rainfall and the rain continues to fall...

The number of deaths is currently over a thousand and this is expected to rise, while 12,000 have been injured. At least 33 million people have been affected by the flooding - around 15% of the country's population.

Disasters are even worse for people with additional needs; these could be people with disabilities, pregnant women and new mothers, people with mobility issues and the elderly.

Tearfund's local partners are on the ground. They are providing food, shelter, safe water and mosquito nets to those affected, but the need is vast and their resources are small.

**It can be hard to know how to pray in situations like this. But prayer is powerful and can make a difference. Please join us as we continue to pray for the people of Pakistan.**

### Vicar's Comment

Our first Sunday theme for September is **'New season, same Gospel'**. When I say new season, I don't just mean Autumn, though indeed that arrives in September. Rather I refer to a season in the church's life; because it does feel to me as though a church's annual cycle of ministry sort of starts at the beginning of a new academic calendar year (though those of you without school age children may feel differently!).

We have a number of things to get to grips with - the return of many ministries such as Little Angels, Craft Cafe and a 'rebooting' of our Foodbank.

However, one new ministry reminds us that whatever the season is, the gospel is to be proclaimed. The ministry I have in mind is Alpha, which starts this month (if people come!). I do hope you will consider coming yourself and/or inviting someone to come along, because the gospel of Jesus Christ is what every man, woman and child needs. And it's good news for EVERYONE who will receive it. As Jesus says in John 6:37 *'whoever comes to me I will never drive away'* (NIV).