

St Christopher's Church

Trenant Road Saffron Lane LE2 6UA



Memory verse...

'... that you may be filled to the measure of all the
fullness of God.'

Ephesians 3: 19b (NIV)

November 2022

St Christopher's Church Services - November

Ephesians Series

Sunday 6th (Groups)	10.00am Morning Worship	Reading Topic Led by Preacher	Ephesians 3: 14-21 The dimensions of love Mr C Ndigirwa Mr C Collins
Remembrance Sunday 13th	10.00am Holy Communion	Reading Topic Led by Preacher	Ephesians 4: 1-16 Gifts from on high Mr C Ndigirwa Mr C Ndigirwa
	Tea, chat and pray - 5pm-7pm at the Early's 22 Suffolk Close		
Sunday 20th (Groups)	10.00am Morning Worship	Reading Topic Led by Preacher	Ephesians 4: 17-32 Putting on the new self Mr C Collins Mr C Collins

Advent Series

Advent Sunday 27th	10.00am All Age Holy Communion	Reading Topic Led by Preacher	Matthew 24: 36-44 An unexpected arrival Mr C Ndigirwa Mr C Collins
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Diary Dates for November

- Tuesday 1st - Chris & Charles at Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship
- Tuesday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th - **Alpha sessions**
- Wednesday 2nd - Chris doing KS1/2 Assembly at TGSA
- Thursday 3rd - TGSA Christian staff & governors prayer and chat drop-in
- Monday 7th - Standing Committee on Zoom (time tbc)
- Tuesday 15th - Chris & Charles at Diocesan Deprivation Panel
- Wednesday 16th - 7:15pm PCC on Zoom
- Friday 18th - Little Angels Teddy Bears' Picnic for **Children in Need**
- Saturday 19th - 6pm - **Fish & Chip** Supper with Quiz
- Tuesday 29th - Chris & Charles at Bishop's Study day.

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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
 - the plans for St Cs to be used as a '**Warm space**' one day per week, in view of the rising price of heating homes
 - those in our community being hit by the cost-of-living crisis, that they would find pathways for support if they need it.
 - our **Fish & Chip Supper** with Quiz - that it would be really good fun and also that God would use it to bring people to personal faith in Jesus
 - **Craft Café** that God would work through it to bring people to personal faith in Jesus
 - Ann's granddaughter Sam that she would recover from her ill health
 - a fruitful opening to connect with TGSA secondary pupils (we have good contact with primary pupils already)
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Curate's comment

The wonderful colours of autumn are all around us and we know we are into the next season. Seasons herald a change and to a certain extent there is predictability about what the next season will bring; you know that during the winter it will get cold and there is a great chance that it may snow. During the summer, you know that it will be warmer and can hope it will be sunny at some point.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 states "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens".

As Christians we know we will face challenges in our lives and there is a temptation to think that these challenges will never go away. Therefore, we can be discouraged and feel like we will never get through them. But when we read Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 we are reminded that whatever happens in our lives now are part of life, but things will change. There will be seasons when things are great but also seasons when things may be difficult. As people of God, we are called to put our trust in God in every situation, so let's rely on God to be the source and strength in these different seasons of our lives.

Proverbs 3:5 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding..."

Mission for the month – Christian Vision for Men (CVM)

This year has seen "Christian Vision for Men" very much 'rise from the ashes' following a very difficult two years of the pandemic, the effect of which has meant that we've had to make some really difficult decisions resulting in redundancies.

As a consequence, although my role is now 100% voluntary and changed from 'Regional Director England (North)' to that of 'Voluntary Network Enabler England (North)', I am encouraged that God hasn't given up on seeing men introduced to His Kingdom, so I crack on!!

So, our annual weekend event, "*The Gathering*" went ahead in the summer with some 1,500 men 'in a field near Swindon'. Some 150 men made a first-time commitment to follow Jesus and we've been working with those churches around the country to help them grow in their faith.

Once restrictions caused by the pandemic were lifted, I was able to 'fire the Mission Motor' back up and get on the road. I've been very privileged to be invited for speaking events and in churches in Northampton, Newcastle, Birmingham, Leeds, York, Warrington and Sheffield with dates in the diary for 2023 too. Praise God!

One highlight was being used by God to lead a fella to Christ in a pub in Gateshead when I spoke to a men's group there. He initially challenged me saying that he was a Satanist!

However, after agreeing to let me pray with him, he was touched by The Holy Spirit and is now a member of a Christian motorcycle group up in the North East. Only God can do that!

Paul Gask

A Prayer for the Season of Remembrance

As the war in Ukraine and other conflicts continue we pray for all those living under the threat of war and in the midst of violence.

- For communities struggling on with their daily lives under the shadow of war, fearing for their lives, and the lives of their children
- For those who grieve because they have lost loved ones
- For those whose lives have been devastated by life changing injuries
- For the millions displaced from their homes to refugee camps.

We pray for an end of conflict and the return to peace.