

# **St Christopher's Church**

**Trenant Road Saffron Lane LE2 6UA**



## **MEMORY VERSE**

'... the grace of God has appeared, bringing  
salvation for all people'

Titus 2: 11 (ESV)

# **December 2022**

## St Christopher's Church Services December 2022

<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Groups</b>	10.00am <b>Morning Worship</b>	Readings <b>Theme</b> Led by Preacher	Matthew 3: 1-12 and Isaiah 11: 1-5 <b>Making straight paths for the Lord</b> Mr C Collins Mr C Ndigirwa
	<b>6.30pm Prayer and Praise</b>		

<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am <b>Holy Communion</b>	Readings <b>Theme</b> Led by Preacher	Matthew 11: 2-11 and Psalm 146: 5-10 <b>John and Jesus</b> Mr C Ndigirwa Mr C Ndigirwa
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<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Groups</b>	10.00am <b>Morning Worship</b>	Reading <b>Theme</b> Led by Preacher	Matthew 1: 18-25 and Romans 1: 1-7 <b>God with us, saving us</b> Mr C Collins Mr C Collins
	<b>7.15pm Carol Service</b>		

<b>Christmas Day 25<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am All age <b>Holy Communion</b>	Reading <b>Theme</b> Led by Preacher	John 1: 1-14 <b>The Lord has come</b> Mr C Ndigirwa Mr C Collins
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### Advent Meditations

Tuesdays 29<sup>th</sup> November,  
6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> December  
and probably  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December  
7:15pm - Group-based **Bible  
study**, prayer and conversation  
The **Meditations** will start at 8pm

### Christmas Cards

Many people in church prefer to  
give just one card to the whole  
church family at Christmas.  
Why not use the money saved to  
give to **Tearfund?**  
**Just pop it in the Pringles tin!**

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## Diary dates

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> - 9:30am - Chris at TGSA Founders' Day service
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> - Charles doing TGSA Primary assembly
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> - Chris doing TGSA Primary assembly
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> - 8:35am-12pm - **Warm Space** at St C
- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> - 3pm - **Door-to-door** team visiting homes
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> - Chris and Charles reading Christmas story in TGSA Early Years classes
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> - (Probably) Chris & Charles at TGSA **Whole School Christmas assembly**
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> - **Carol singing at Stonesby Lodge**, tbc
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> - **Carol singing outside Iceland**, starting either 4:30 or 5pm (tbc).

### Pray for:

- our various **Carol singing** opportunities (see Dates) - that God may use them to build people up & point them to Jesus
- the planned '**Hope Explored**' evangelistic course in Jan/Feb: that the Lord would draw people to attend and bring people to faith in Jesus through it
- St C's **Warm Space** happening on Wednesday mornings, that it would be effective in serving local people who may struggle to pay heating bills & that it might generate opportunities to talk about Jesus
- **Craft Café** that God would work through it to bring people to personal faith in Jesus
- Ann's granddaughter Sam, for recovery from ill health
- the various school assemblies/class visits taking place in December, that God would use the words of truth that are spoken
- the delayed St C's replacement sound system, that it might be installed very early in 2023.

### World global crises pray for:

- **the famine** in East Africa, affecting Somalia, Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia
- a swift and **peaceful resolution** to the ongoing war in Ukraine and for the Ukrainian people as winter sets in and their power supplies are very limited
- those affected by the massive **flooding in Pakistan**.

# Mission for the month

## Tearfund

### Looking back at COP27

Tackling the climate crisis is never just about a two-week conference. The crisis is a daily reality for millions of people, and demands a daily response. In the weeks and months ahead, we will need actions that meet the scale of the crisis, and leaders who will step up to their responsibilities and turn climate action into a daily commitment. People in poverty cannot afford another wasted year.

And so Tearfund will not stop praying, taking action and speaking up - holding our leaders to account for keeping their promises and urging wealthier nations to step up to their responsibilities. And we will continue to choose hope, and to keep our eyes fixed on God, who can do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine.

#### Please pray:

- for those who are already experiencing the worst impacts of the climate crisis, and who will be most affected by the decisions made at COP27
- that the agreement to establish a **loss-and-damage fund** will be turned into reality, and that leaders of high-emitting nations will continue to strengthen their climate plans over the coming months.

#### World AIDS Day

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Pray for those who are affected by this disease.

### Vicar's thought

Our memory verse points to the fact that when Jesus came, salvation came: 'the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people' (Titus 2:11, ESV). We see this idea in the names of Jesus too - Jesus is a Greek version of the name Joshua, which means 'God saves us'. And of course there is the title Emmanuel 'God with us'. In the Bible names can mean a lot!

Remember this Christmas that Jesus coming = salvation coming. Some people might think of salvation in terms of an idea, an ethos, a political ideology or a cause.....the Bible tells us that true salvation is wrapped up in a Person, Jesus Christ. And unlike an idea, ethos, political ideology or cause, we can have a personal relationship with the Person who is Jesus Christ.

Our world is so full of competing ideas about life, the universe & everything. So let's pray for those in our lives who don't know the Lord to come to know He Who is salvation incarnate - Jesus Christ.