

# St Christopher's Church



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**Memory verse**  
*"I am the way,  
the truth, and  
the life. No one  
comes to the  
Father except  
through me".*

**John 14: 6 NIV**

# February 2023

# St Christopher's Church Services February

<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b> (Groups)	10.00am <b>Morning Worship</b>	Readings <i>Topic</i> Leader Preacher	Ephesians 6: 1-9 and Matthew 22: 35-40 <b>Kingdom Relationships</b> Mr C Collins Mr C Collins
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<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am <b>Holy Communion</b>	Readings <i>Topic</i> Leader Preacher	Ephesians 6: 10-23 and tbc <b>Standing firm in battle</b> Mr C Ndigirwa Mr C Ndigirwa
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<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b> (Groups)	10.00am <b>Morning Worship</b>	Readings <i>Topic</i>  Leader Preacher	tbc <b>Life in two Realms?</b> <b>Introduction to Lent groups</b> Mr C Collins Mr C Collins
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<b>Ash Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>Communion</b> 7.00pm	Readings  <i>Topic</i> Leading and Preaching	Isaiah 58: 1-12 and Matthew 6: 1-21 <b>True Devotions</b> Mr C Collins
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<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am <b>All Age Holy Communion</b>	Reading <i>Topic</i> Leader Preacher	Matthew 4: 1-11 <b>Challenge in the desert</b> Mr C Ndigirwa Mr C Ndigirwa
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<b>Little Angels</b> Mondays and Fridays 9.15-11.15am No meetings Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> or Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> Half-term	<b>Scouts (10-14 years)</b> Meeting night Mondays - 5.30-7.00pm Adventurous Activities, also at other times For further details ring Roger on 07766456239
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## Diary Dates for February

- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>-Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Chris away at Estates Evangelism Task Group (EETG) activity
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> - 12 to 2pm - **Book Club** at the Pork Pie Library (see Jenny for more details)
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup>-Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> - Chris away at **General Synod**
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> - 1pm Final '**Hope Explored**' daytime session (probably)
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup>-Friday 24<sup>th</sup> - half-term - Charles on Annual Leave (Chris too, for at least some of the weekdays)
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Shrove Tuesday - ie Pancake Day!
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Standing Committee by Zoom - time tba
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>-Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - Chris and Charles at New Wine Leaders' conference

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Advanced notice for 5<sup>th</sup> March - **Tearfund Sunday**,  
a soup and bread lunch will follow the morning service.

## Prayer Topics

### Pray for:

- those who have been on our '**Hope Explored**' evangelistic course in Jan/Feb: that they would be drawn to a saving faith in Jesus
- those who are finding this a long cold winter, especially if they can't afford to heat their homes
- the future of **St C's Warm Spaces**, after very little take-up. Pray for wisdom for what to do going forward
- **the elderly**; for Lou, Rita's sister Jean and Neil's mother all who have suffered from recent falls
- **Craft Café** that God would work through it to bring people to personal faith in Jesus
- the much delayed St C's replacement **sound system**, that it might be installed soon
- ourselves as we finish our preaching series through Ephesians; that God might shape us through what we have heard
- our **Mission Partners**; that the Lord would use them in the work of his Kingdom
- a **peaceful solution** to the continuing conflict in Ukraine.

## Mission of the month Church Pastoral Aid Society CPAS

CPAS is the largest evangelical patron with nearly 700 parishes, including St C's. They are involved in around 100 appointments each year, working collaboratively with the parish, the diocese and other patrons where relevant. Pray for all these new appointments as leading well is an ever-present challenge for all those involved in Christian leadership.

As the **Living in Love and Faith** process reaches its culmination, please pray that together we may discern the mind of Christ, in order that we may do God's work in God's way. Recently, the Bishops of the Church of England released their proposals for General Synod, which meets from 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> February.

This is a time for us to be praying for all those in leadership in the church. *'I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.'* **1 Timothy 2:1-4**

**So keep on praying!**

### Curate's Comment

It is only a month ago that we celebrated Christmas, the birth of Jesus. Lots of us received or gave presents to our loved ones to show how much we care and love them. Some of us had the opportunity to see family members or friends that we haven't seen for a long time. However, in less than a month we will start Lent as we mark 40 days of Jesus' temptation and enter a period of self-reflection when we confess our failings and sins leading up to Easter.

The Big question is how do we make these big events in our Christian calendar not just events but something that truly reminds us that Jesus makes a difference in our lives and is inviting us to tell others about who He truly is. Through His birth, death and resurrection we are assured of eternal life once we believe in Him. Jesus is reminding us in John 14: 6 as he says **"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me"**. I hope we all know this truth; however this is not only for us, but for everyone else too.

We are all commissioned to tell others about this great news. Pray that God will guide you and me to know the best ways of proclaiming the Gospel. Because the question that is posed to us is this *'How will they know if no one tells them?'* Can I please encourage you to read Romans 10: 1-15 as a motivation to share the Good News of Jesus.