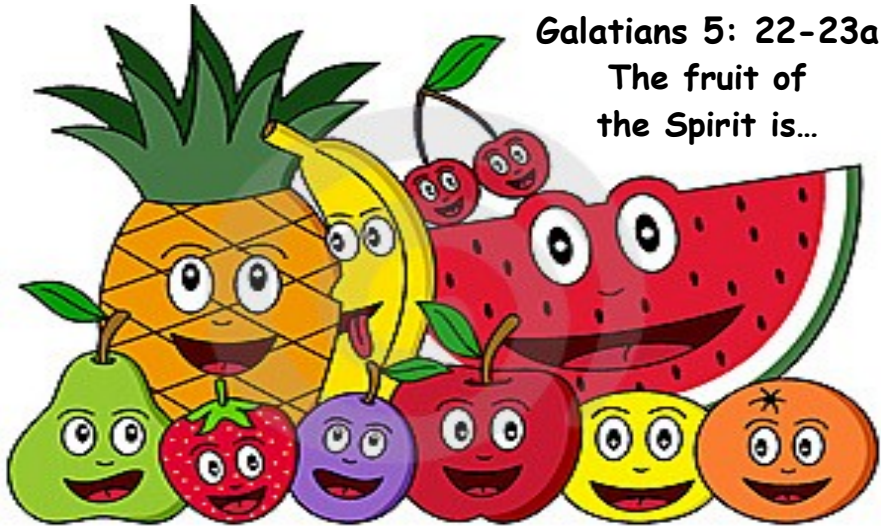


# St Christopher's Church

**Trenant Road Saffron Lane LE2 6UA**



Galatians 5: 22-23a

The fruit of  
the Spirit is...

...love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,  
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

## Memory Verse

"For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave  
again to fear, but you received the spirit of sonship  
(adoption) and by Him we cry, Abba, Father"

Romans 8:15

# Summer 2023

# St Christopher's Church Services

Note: changes may be made in who leads and preaches

## JULY

### Continuing the Theme: Community

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| Sunday<br><b>2<sup>nd</sup></b><br><br>(Groups) | 10.00am<br><b>Morning<br/>Worship</b>                           | Readings Psalm 34 and Hebrews 4: 14-16<br><b>Theme Community of Vulnerability</b><br>Leader and preacher- Mr C Ndigirwa |
|   | Tea, chat and pray - 5pm-7pm at the Early's<br>22 Suffolk Close |   |

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| Sunday<br><b>9<sup>th</sup></b> | 10.00am<br><b>Holy<br/>Communion</b> | Reading Romans 12: 3-8 and Matthew 19: 13-15<br><b>Theme Community of Belonging</b><br>Leader and preacher- Mr C Ndigirwa |
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### Summer All Age Services: Continuing the Theme: *The fruit of the Spirit - Galatians 5: 22-23a*

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| Sunday<br><b>16<sup>th</sup></b> | 10.00am AA<br><b>Morning<br/>Worship</b> | Reading Romans 15: 1-13 and 1 Timothy 1: 15-17<br><b>Theme Patience</b><br>Leader and preacher - Mr C Ndigirwa |
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| Sunday<br><b>23<sup>rd</sup></b> | 10.00am AA<br><b>Holy<br/>Communion</b> | Reading Luke 6: 35 and Ephesians 4: 32<br><b>Theme Kindness</b><br>Leader and preacher - Mrs C Griffin |
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| Sunday<br><b>30<sup>th</sup></b> | 10.00am AA<br><b>Morning<br/>Worship</b> | Reading Titus 3: 1-11<br><b>Theme Goodness</b><br>Leader and preacher - Mrs P Ndigirwa |
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### Mission for July - Open Hands

**Open Hands is a local, Christian-run charity whose "primary purpose is to show compassion, support and care to those in need, to invest hope in and through people and to empower individuals to work towards a better future".**

St Christophers has helped this charity since 2019 by money, time and food donations and in prayer. Although Open Hands aims to provide a wide variety of support, the recent cost of living increase has put particular pressure on the 'Food Bank' aspect of its operation. Encouraging people to work towards a better future and so avoid becoming dependent on charity, whilst providing timely and compassionate help, is tough love and a real challenge.

So as well as praying for vulnerable needy people, please pray for wisdom for staff and volunteers of Open Hands as they demonstrate God's love through this practical help.

Mike Early following a recent training session at Open Hands

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## AUGUST

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| <b>Sunday</b><br><b>6<sup>th</sup></b>  | 10.00am AA<br><b>Morning<br/>Worship</b> | Readings I Thessalonians 3: 1-13<br><b>Theme Faithfulness</b><br>Leader and preacher - TBC                        |
| <b>Sunday</b><br><b>13<sup>th</sup></b> | 10.00am AA<br><b>Holy<br/>Communion</b>  | Readings Ephesians 4: 1-16<br><b>Theme Gentleness</b><br>Leader and preacher - Mrs P Ndigirwa                     |
| <b>Sunday</b><br><b>20<sup>th</sup></b> | 10.00am AA<br><b>Morning<br/>Worship</b> | Reading 2 Timothy 1: 1-14<br><b>Theme Self-Control</b><br>Leader and preacher - Mrs C Griffin                     |
| <b>Sunday</b><br><b>27<sup>th</sup></b> | 10.00am AA<br><b>Holy<br/>Communion</b>  | Reading Leviticus 20: 7-8 and Acts 26: 1-32<br><b>Theme Sanctification</b><br>Leader and preacher - Mr C Ndigirwa |

### Mission for August CPAS - Falcons

A group of laughing children splash in the sea, squealing in delight, while others pick their way through rock pools on the hunt for hidden crabs. It's a typical seaside scene - but for these children, it's extra special. They've never visited the beach or paddled in the sea before. In fact, most have never been on holiday before.

This is a Falcon Holiday and these children are not only experiencing simple joys for the first time - they're discovering what it means to be part of God's family.

### Prayer Topics

#### Pray for:

- Chris that he will soon be restored to full health
- Charles with his increased work load
- those known to us who are unwell including Hazel Frampton - previous member of St C's who has recently been in hospital
- all who have recently left school as they transition into the world of work or further education
- New Wine '**Raising Generations**' initiative in Leicester and for the need of two leaders from our church to be trained to assist in this endeavour.
- all church members taking time off this summer (whether going away or staying at home) that they would be able to have a restful break.

## Curate's comment

God seeks to make us His children by adoption. In a normal process of adoption as we know it, children brought into a family by adoption usually have little or nothing to say about the process. But this happens when parents who are seeking a child start this process alongside social workers who are helping to make that a reality. I recently spoke to someone who is going through this process. This person was sharing with me how hard this process can be. How many meetings and training him and his wife have attended and how costly it can be financially. However, he concluded that, even though they are finding the process to be difficult and complicated, they can't wait to complete the process and have these children home with them.

In a sense our God has done the same, He has invested and done so much in order to bring us into relationship with Him. The death of Jesus on the cross is the perfect example of how much it cost God to bring us into that relationship with Him. It cost Him everything yet He is still working so hard every day to make sure this process of adoption that He completed, should continue to be a reality for all of us. And we have been given this gift, by the Holy Spirit of becoming His sons and daughters. We can be safe and secure in this relationship as His children and need have no fear that this relationship will ever change or end because of the great price God has paid to make this special relationship possible.

**Romans 8:15 states "For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the spirit of sonship (adoption) and by Him we cry, Abba, Father". Come, Spirit of God and equip us, we pray.**

### Diary Dates

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - **Treasure Hunt** and followed by optional Fish and Chips - meet at Blaby carpark (for Iceland and St John's Court) from 6pm

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July - 7.30-9pm - **Open Deanery Synod meeting** - refreshments from 7pm. The Climate and the Church - All Saints Scraptoft

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July - **Open Doors** - Coffee Morning 10.30-1.30 - at Neil and Jayne's (18 Brimsmead Road)

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July - **Samworth Academy** closes for summer - reopens Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August..