

St Christopher's Church

Trenant Road Saffron Lane LE2 6UA



Harvesting Coffee

Memory verse

'Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will'.

Romans 12: 2 (NIV)

October 2023

St Christopher's Church Services - October

Continuing the Series on Hebrews

Harvest Sunday 1st (Groups)	10.00am Morning Worship	Readings Luke 13: 10-17 Hebrews 2: 10-18 Topic <i>The Brother we need</i> Leader Mr C Collins Preacher Mr C Ndigirwa
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Followed by a Bring and Share Lunch

Sunday 8th	10.00am Holy Communion	Reading Deuteronomy 18: 15-19 Hebrews 3: 1-11 Topic <i>Faithful over God's house</i> Leader Mr C Collins Preacher Mr C Ndigirwa
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Sunday 15th (Groups)	10.00am Morning Worship	Readings Matthew 11: 16-19 Hebrews 3: 12-19 Topic <i>Today is the day</i> Leader Mr C Ndigirwa Preacher Mr C Collins
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Sunday 22nd	10.00am All Age Holy Communion	Reading tbc Topic <i>Telling the Big Story: Part 1</i> Leader Mr C Collins Preacher Mr C Collins
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Clocks go back! Sunday 29th	10.00am All Age Morning Worship	Reading tbc Topic <i>Telling the Big Story: Part 2</i> Leader tbc Preacher Mr C Ndigirwa
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Little Angels
 Mondays and Fridays
 9.15-11.15am
 No meetings Monday 16th and
 Friday 20th half-term

Scouts
 Meeting night Mondays
 Cubs 5.30-7.00pm
 Scouts 7-8.30pm
 For further details ring Roger
 on 07766456239

Diary Dates for October

- Monday 2nd - 8:30-9:15pm - Chris and Charles **praying** for church and community - all church members welcome to join
- Tuesday 3rd, 10th, 24th, - 7pm - **Discipleship Book Group**
- Tuesday 10th - 7pm - Chris and Charles at Local Churches Network meeting
- Wednesday 11th - 11am-12pm - Chris and Charles **praying** for church and community all church members welcome to join
- Monday 16th - Friday 20th - half-term
- Monday 23rd - 8:30-9:15pm Chris and Charles **praying** for church and community - all church members welcome to join
- Tuesday 31st - Angels and Heroes.

Pray for:

- guidance in our schools work - that we might do the things that God wants and which will produce Kingdom fruit. Not just TGSA, but also Marriott and Holy Cross Primary schools
- Anne K's health as she struggles with heart deterioration, which is affecting her stamina and ability to do things
- Stephen S at Stonesby Lodge. That he would know Jesus and be comfortable as he receives care there
- Lou in Alston care home in Aylestone. That she would be happy in Jesus there and remain close to Him
- those who use our St C's **Open Hands Foodbank** in the coming autumn term. That we offer a warm welcome along with the food, and that opportunities come from these contacts for building relationships and sharing the gospel
- **Open Hands** generally, that their Harvest appeal would bring in plenty of supplies leading up the busy Christmas/winter period
- those affected by the recent **Moroccan** earthquake
- those seeking to bring aid in **Libya** following the recent floods, that supplies would be able to get to those most in need
- those who will be affected, especially in **East Africa**, by the smaller grain harvest in **Ukraine**, because of the continuing war.

Mission for the month - Open Hands

It seems appropriate that as we start our current book series 'Generous Justice', we have Open Hands as our mission for the month for October. Open Hands continues to offer a range of services to the most vulnerable in Leicester: Meals, food bank, clothing, counselling, and English Language courses. Inspired by Jesus' own words from Isaiah about bringing good news to the poor and release for captives, Open Hands continues to show compassion to all sections of our community. We have opportunities this month to donate non perishable food and/or toiletries as a small way of sharing 'generous justice'. At a time when resources are stretched, please give as you are able.

(Neil Tansley)

Vicar's Comment

Modern life might feel bewildering at times. The world seems so complex! Technology opens up relationships with people on the other side of the world, and can do so in an instant. The internet has increased access to information (and disinformation!) well beyond what newspapers could. And although many regulations are designed to protect people (which is good), it might feel like the sheer amount of terms, conditions, legislation & regulations leaves your head spinning.

In our current Discipleship Book Group, where we are reading a book about biblical justice called 'Generous Justice', I am very aware that making lines between what the Bible teaches and how to live it out in my life is something I can very easily neglect. I mean, where do we start!? Life seems so complex! The answer is surely that we start *somewhere*. Christians will always be works in progress this side of eternity, but by God's grace we are able to serve Him & others by faith, even with our imperfect efforts. So let's ask God to help us.

As the Apostle Paul says in our Memory verse in Romans 12:2 '*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is —his good, pleasing and perfect will*' (NIV).

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