

St Christopher's Church

Trenant Road Saffron Lane LE2 6UA



Memory verse

'But thanks be to God! He gives us the
victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.'

1 Corinthians 15: 57, NIV

September 2023

St Christopher's Church Services - September

Series on Hebrews

Sunday 3rd (Groups)	10.00am Morning Worship	Readings	Luke 20: 41-44 and Hebrews 1: 1-5
		Topic	<i>The supremacy of Jesus</i>
		Leader	Mr C Ndigirwa
		Preacher	Mr C Collins
Followed by a Bring and Eat Lunch			

Sunday 10th	10.00am Holy Communion	Readings	Matthew 26: 59-64 and Hebrews 1: 6-14
		Topic	<i>Christ's eternal throne</i>
		Leader	Mr C Collins
		Preacher	Mr C Collins
Tea chat and pray - 5pm-7pm at the Early's 22 Suffolk Close			

Sunday 17th (Groups)	10.00am Morning Worship	Readings	Mark 10: 42-45 and Hebrews 2: 1-9
		Topic Leader Preacher	<i>Author of Salvation</i> Mr C Ndigirwa Mr C Collins

Sunday 24th	10.00am All Age Holy Communion	Reading	tbc
		Topic Leader Preacher	<i>New All Age Series</i> <i>Telling the Big Story 1.</i> Mr C Ndigirwa Mr C Ndigirwa

Little Angels Restarts Friday 1st September Mondays and Fridays 9.15-11.15am	Scouts Meeting night Mondays Cubs 5.30-7.00pm Scouts 7-8.30pm For further details ring Roger on 07766456239
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Diary Dates for September

- Monday 4th-Friday 8th - Charles on retreat at Launde Abbey
- Monday 11th - 7.30pm - Standing Committee by Zoom
- Tuesday 12th - 5pm - Neil and Chris at TGSA Governors' meeting
- Tuesday 12th, 19th, 26th - 7pm - Discipleship Book Group, (Generous Justice)
- Thursday 14th - Chris and Charles at Diocesan Deprivation meeting
- Thursday 28th - 7.15pm - PCC in church

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**Harvest Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October Bring and Share Lunch follows Morning Worship**

## Pray for:

- Our local schools as they start a new academic year. For a smooth positive start to term for both staff and pupils, and for there to be opportunities for both to respond to the gospel of Jesus this year.
- All who have a new beginning this academic year; from moving into school from Little Angels, right up to going to University or starting work for the first time.
- The new Cub group as it starts up and for the Cubs and their leaders.
- 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.
- the health of Linda's husband Andy, who experiences severe bleeding from his nose.
- Hazel H - previous member of St C's who has a number of age related problems.
- 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.
- Our Mission Partners as they return to challenging situations after their summer break, that the Lord would use them in the work of His Kingdom.
- 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.

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## Mission for the month – Tearfund

Tearfund tries to speak out where they see injustice affecting people's lives.

In theory, the laws and constitution of a country are meant to provide the basis of a just society. However, in practice, good laws on paper are not always implemented or enforced. In the book of Amos we read about the injustice being experienced by many people at that time. The rights of people living in poverty were not respected, bribery was common and those who stood up for justice and truth were despised.

The Bible makes it clear that Christians should share God's passion for justice. This does not simply mean trying to live good lives. We should also seek to change what is wrong in our society. This may be through prayer, practical caring or speaking out against injustice. Often it will be a combination of all of these.

God wants righteousness and justice to flow like the water in a fast-flowing river, and He wants to use His church to bring this about (Amos 5: 24).

### Vicar's Comment

In my old church on the Wirral, I was once really struck by the testimony of one lady, who was describing her own faith. She shared this from the front at a church service. She said something along the lines of 'I realised I was very small, but that I was in God's hands, and His hands are very big'. These words really stuck with me, and I've recalled them at various times whilst I've been signed off work.

It's been a really difficult time for me, but it's reinforced for me just how utterly dependent on the Living God we are. Left to ourselves we are powerless - powerless against sin, powerless against death, powerless against Satan and his forces of darkness. But if we are *in Christ*, we are safe. In fact, *in Christ* we are victorious. As the Bible says 'But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ' (1 Corinthians 15: 57, NIV). In this life we will always be vulnerable and small (I know I am!) but we are in God's hands and His hands are very big.