

St Christopher's Church

Trenant Road Saffron Lane LE2 6UA



Memory verse...

**"You will bring justice to the orphans
and the oppressed, so people can no
longer terrify them".**

Psalms 10:18

November 2023

St Christopher's Church Services - November

Sermon Series on Giving

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| Sunday 5th (Groups) | 10.00am Morning Worship | Reading tbc Topic <i>Giving 1</i> Led by Mr C Ndigirwa Preacher Mr C Collins |
| Remembrance Sunday 12th | 10.00am Holy Communi on | Reading tbc Topic <i>Giving 2</i> Led by Mr C Ndigirwa Preacher Mr C Collins |
| | Tea, chat and pray - 5pm-7pm at the Early's 22 Suffolk Close | |
| Sunday 19th (Groups) | 10.00am Morning Worship | Reading tbc Topic <i>Giving 3</i> Led by Mr C Collins Preacher Mr C Ndigirwa |
| Sunday 26th | 10.00am All Age Holy Communion | Reading tbc Topic <i>Telling the BIG Story Part 3</i> Led by Mr C Ndigirwa Preacher Mr C Ndigirwa |

Diary Dates for November

- Wednesday 1st - Chris at Leicester Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship
- Wednesday 1st - Charles taking TGSA Primary school assembly
- Thursday 2nd & Tues 7th - 7-9:15pm - **Discipleship Book Group** (in-person)
- Thursday 9th - 7:15pm - Additional PCC regarding finance
- Monday 13th-Wednesday 15th - Chris away at **General Synod**
- Thursday 16th - Chris attending Prayer Spaces in Schools day conference in Hinckley
- Tuesday 21st - 7.15pm - PCC in church
- Tuesday 21st - Chris & Charles at Diocesan deprivation panel
- Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th - Chris taking TGSA Primary school assemblies
- Tuesday 28th-Thursday 30th - Chris & Charles taking TGSA Secondary assemblies
- Thursday 30th - Chris at Leicester Diocesan Synod

Pray for:

- the various school assemblies in St C's which begin this month. That pupils and staff would sense the presence of God and hear Him speaking to them.
- Stephen S at Stonesby Lodge. That he would know Jesus and be comfortable as he receives care there.
- Lou in Alston care home that she would be happy in Jesus there and remain close to Him.
- Chris as he attends what could be a fractious sitting of General Synod; that fidelity to the Bible would prevail in all discussions.
- those who use our St C's Open Hands Foodbank 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 that their Harvest appeal would bring in plenty of supplies leading up the busy Christmas/winter period.
- Nia visiting Kenya to meet students who are planning to study in China and students from China.
- a peaceful way forward for the conflicts in Gaza and Israel, Ukraine and Yemen, and that the gospel of Jesus, the Prince of Peace would be received by many in those conflict zones.

Little Angels

Mondays and Fridays
9.15-11.15am

Friday 18th - Teddy Bears'
Picnic for **Children in Need**

Scouts

Meeting night Mondays
Cubs 5.30-7.00pm

Scouts 7-8.30pm
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Mission for the month – Christian Vision for Men (CVM)

As 2023 comes to an end, it has been a really 'busy' year with my work with "Christian Vision for Men" and "Edge Ministries".

After those really difficult 'Covid Years', it's been great to get back on the road and I have had the privilege of speaking at various men's events and conferences from Plymouth to Newcastle, and as I write, my diary is filling up with speaking engagements in Wolverhampton, Hull, Liverpool, Manchester and a 'mini tour' of the north east!

Our 'signature' summer men's event "*The Gathering*" attracted some 1,500 delegates 'in a field near Swindon' at which some 150 men met with Jesus for the very first time. Praise God.

We continue to produce resources to help men reach their mates. With this in mind, I've recorded a series of videos which we've called, "*The Mates MOT*", which is specifically aimed at men and mental health, a subject which is very close to my heart.

The New Year will also see the launch of "*The Men of Hope*" men's talking group which is loosely based on the national "*Andy's Man Club*" initiative.

So, there's much going on in "Gasky's world"!!

Best wishes and blessings as we enter a New Year which will be full of opportunities.

Paul Gask - Regional Director England (North).

Curate's Comment

We live in a fallen world that is filled with evil. One of the most common evils we see is injustice and terrible things that people are capable of doing. From killers getting away with murder, to identity thieves stealing people's lives, to whole people groups being oppressed, to bullies picking on more vulnerable children, injustice is everywhere. As humans, our God-given consciences cry out for justice, for the scales to be balanced, for debts to be paid. And yet, for most people our sinful natures often convince us that injustice is okay when it benefits us.

The Lord sees all of this. He is the source of all justice, and he will not allow injustice to continue forever. Jesus is the King of everything including justice. As we continue to read our book "*Generous Justice*", let us all remember that we can make a difference in bringing injustice to an end. However, we need to turn to him first who is the King of everything including justice; he will sustain and equip us to fight this battle. Psalm 10:18 says. **"You will bring justice to the orphans and the oppressed, so people can no longer terrify them".**