

# **St Christopher's Church**

**Trenant Road Saffron Lane LE2 6UA**



## **Memory verse**

**"And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast".**

**1 Peter 5: 10 NIV**

# **February 2024**

# St Christopher's Church Services February

<b>Sunday</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup></b> <b>(Groups)</b>	10.00am <b>Morning</b> <b>Worship</b>	Readings	Psalm 103: 6-22 and Hebrews 4: 14-16
		<b>Topic</b>	<b><i>Grace for time of need</i></b>
		Leader	Mr C Collins
		Preacher	Mr C Ndigirwa

<b>Sunday</b> <b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am <b>Holy</b> <b>Communion</b>	Readings	John 14: 1-6 and Hebrew 5: 1-10
		<b>Topic</b>	<b><i>Our eternal Priest</i></b>
		Leader	Mr C Ndigirwa
		Preacher	Mr C Collins

<b>Sunday</b> <b>18<sup>th</sup></b> <b>(Groups)</b>	10.00am <b>Morning</b> <b>Worship</b>	Readings	John 6: 35-40 and Hebrews 5: 11 - 6: 3
		<b>Topic</b>	<b><i>Spiritual food for living</i></b>
		Leader	Mr C Collins
		Preacher	Mr C Collins

<b>Sunday</b> <b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am <b>All Age</b> <b>Holy</b> <b>Communion</b>	Reading	tbc
		<b>Topic</b>	<b><i>Telling the Big Story 4 - The Partial Kingdom</i></b>
		Leader	Mr C Ndigirwa
		Preacher	Mr C Ndigirwa

<p><b>Little Angels</b></p> <p>Mondays and Fridays 9.15-11.15am</p> <p>No meetings Monday 19<sup>th</sup> or Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> (Half-term)</p>	<p><b>Scouts</b></p> <p>Meeting night Mondays Cubs 5.30-7.00pm Scouts 7-8.30pm</p> <p>For further details ring Roger on 07766456239</p>
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## Diary Dates for February

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> - PCC by Zoom - 7.15pm tbc
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> - Shrove Tuesday - ie Pancake Day!
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> - **Stephen Slatter's** funeral, 10am at St .Christopher's (but concluding at Broomleys Cemetery, Coalville)
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> - **Ash Wednesday service** (no ashing, time tbc)
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Half-term holiday
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> - Chris attending **General Synod** (remotely)
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> - Chris & Charles attending **New Wine Leaders conference**

(Please note: due to half-term and the above conference,  
**Lent/Easter group** will not start until March)

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### Advanced Notices

3<sup>rd</sup> March **Tearfund Sunday**,  
a soup and bread lunch will follow the morning service.  
17<sup>th</sup> March **APCM** follows the morning service  
This will be followed by a Bring and Share lunch

## Prayer Topics

### Pray for:

- Sandra's husband Ikenna; that he finds an optometry placement very soon so he can be reunited with family here in Leicester
- Jenny and her brother-in-law on the recent death of Bridget (her sister)
- a full recovery for Manny after knee replacement and shoulder dislocation
- those who have recently joined the scouts
- Fred & Jo and all the family as Miri is undergoing treatment for cancer of the spine (this is likely to take 9 months)
- those who are finding this a long cold winter, especially if they can't afford to heat their homes
- those affected by the recent flooding
- a peaceful way forward for the conflicts in Gaza, Ukraine & Yemen, and that the gospel of Jesus, the Prince of Peace would be received by many in those conflict zones
- General Synod meeting at the end of February; that the Synod would uphold biblical truth in their decision-making.

# Mission of the month Church Pastoral Aid Society

## CPAS: School Ventures

School Ventures are for Church of England Schools, with each Venture consisting of three or four schools each bringing 10-15 pupils from Years 4 and 5.

They combine a creative mix of indoor and outdoor activities and pursuits, arts, crafts, music and interactive teaching sessions. Pupils have the opportunity to explore the Christian faith, develop their personal ideas and ask questions.

They are the responsibility of CPAS Ventures and Falcons, and are led by carefully selected volunteers from CPAS's existing holidays and local churches, along with one or two teachers from each school.

Experienced Venture leaders and Local volunteers are joined by school staff, with a typical ratio of three children to one adult. CPAS's leaders are responsible for managing the team, overseeing safeguarding, health and safety, volunteer-led activities and the teaching programme. On site activity instructors are responsible for outdoor pursuits.

To make School Ventures available to all, half the cost is paid by CPAS.

### Curate's Comment

There are things that always need to be cared for and serviced very regularly in order to work or function well. As some of you will know, I like cycling. I like the feeling of the breeze and wind in your face and the good feeling factor after a long cycle. But one thing which I have noticed is that sometimes when I am riding my bike, everything might feel right except one or two things. For example, a chain might be making a certain noise or tripping off when I don't change gear at a certain time. I recognise that this issue needs to be fixed but sometimes I don't have time to sort it out. The problem is that the longer I leave it, the bigger problem it becomes, and the bike loses its performance. Unless I take it to the bike repairer to be mended, I might not enjoy the ride anymore because it is annoying me or not working properly. But once it is resolved, I can enjoy it better and its performance is restored and feels new again.

So, the question is, what is one thing in your life either spiritual or physical that needs attention? Where do you take it to be restored or fixed? This will be different for everyone. **1 Peter 5: 10** is inviting us to look at God as it says, "***And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast***".

So, let us evaluate one or two areas in our lives where we need God to repair or restoration. God is saying to you today, I am sending great change into your life. I have heard your prayers.