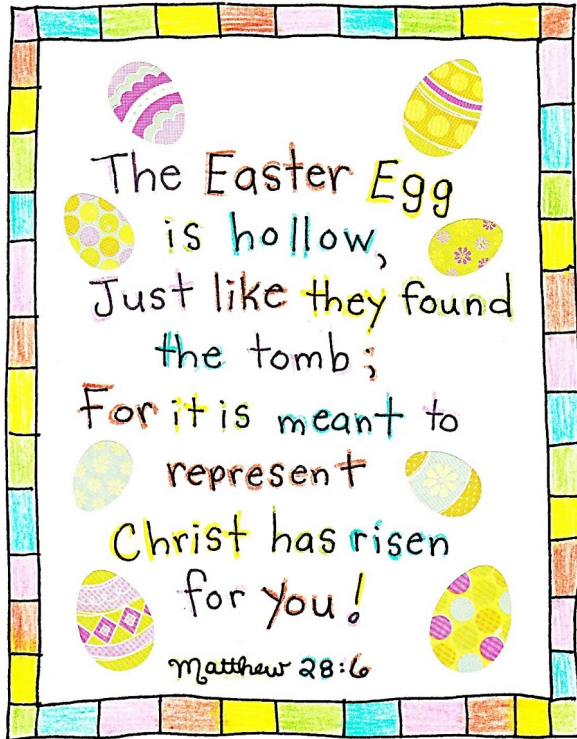


# St Christopher's Church

Trenant Road Saffron Lane LE2 6UA



## Memory verse

'By his wounds, we are healed.' Isaiah 53:5 (NIV)

# March 2024

## St Christopher's Church Services for March

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| <b>Tearfund<br/>Sunday<br/>3<sup>rd</sup></b> | 10.00am<br>Morning<br>Worship | Readings | Mark 1:14-18 and Mark 6:34-44 |
|   |                               | Topic    | In word and deed - Tearfund   |
|   |                               | Led by   | Mr C Collins                  |
|   |                               | Preacher | Mr C Collins                  |

**The second part of the service will concentrate on the work of Tearfund**

**This will be followed by a Hunger Lunch.**

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| <b>Mothering<br/>Sunday<br/>10<sup>th</sup></b> | 10.00am<br>Holy<br>Communion | Readings | Isaiah 66: 10-13 and<br>2 Corinthians 1: 3-11 |
|   |                              | Topic    | <i>The God who Comforts</i>                   |
|   |                              | Led by   | Mr C Ndigirwa                                 |
|   |                              | Preacher | Mr C Ndigirwa                                 |

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| <b>Sunday<br/>17<sup>th</sup></b> | 10.00am<br>Morning<br>Worship | Reading  | tbc                                  |
|                                   |                               | Topic    | <i>Following Jesus, being Church</i> |
|                                   |                               | Led by   | Mr C Collins                         |
|                                   |                               | Preacher | Mr C Collins                         |

**Followed by the APCM and 'Bring and Share' Lunch**

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| <b>Palm<br/>Sunday<br/>24<sup>th</sup></b> | 10.00am<br>Holy<br>Communion | Readings | Psalms 118: 1-24 and Mark 11: 1-11 |
|  |                              | Topic    | <i>The King has come</i>           |
|  |                              | Led by   | Mr C Collins                       |
|  |                              | Preacher | Mr C Ndigirwa                      |

**Maundy Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> - 7pm Holy Communion (with foot washing)**  
Leader and preacher Mr C Ndigirwa, Exodus 12: 1-14 and John 13: 1-35

**Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> - 2-3pm Meditations - led by Mr C Collins**

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| <b>Easter<br/>Day<br/>31<sup>st</sup></b> | <b>Remember clocks go forward!</b>      |              |                                 |
|   | 10.00am<br>All age<br>Holy<br>Communion | Reading      | Acts 10: 34-43 and Mark 16: 1-8 |
|   |   | Topic        | <i>He is Risen!</i>             |
|   |   | Led by       | Mr C Ndigirwa                   |
|   | Preacher                                | Mr C Collins |                                 |

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## Diary Dates for March

- **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Women's World Day of Prayer** - This service was written by a group of **Palestinian Christian women** before the current conflict and deals with their own personal experiences. **Local services** will be at 2pm at St James the Greater, London Road and at 7.30pm at Christchurch, Clarendon Park Road. (Or look for a service on-line.)
- Tuesdays 5<sup>th</sup>-Thurs 7<sup>th</sup>; Tues 12<sup>th</sup>-Thurs 14<sup>th</sup>; Tues 19<sup>th</sup>-Wed 20<sup>th</sup> - Charles and Chris taking TGSA secondary assemblies
- Tuesdays 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> - 7pm - **Lent small group** at St C's
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - PCC meeting - 7.15 (in person)
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> - Chris and (possibly) Charles and Amy at 'Raising Generations' training at Holy Trinity church Leicester
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> - Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), following church service
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> - Chris, Charles and (possibly) Neil and/or Jayne helping with TGSA **Primary Easter activity** in Primary Hall and Church
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Chris, Charles and (possibly) Neil at TGSA **Whole School Easter Assembly**
- Last **Little Angels** before Easter and **end of Samworth's term**
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> **Good Friday walk of Witness**, starting at Victoria Park at 9am.

## Prayer Topics

### Pray for

- the family and other loved ones of Xielo Maruziva - the little boy who was tragically swept away in the River Soar, at Aylestone Meadows
- Bev, following the death in quick succession of her cousin/auntie Mary Daniel, her stepdad Dennis and her school friend Lucy. That she may know the Lord's comfort and guidance through this really difficult time
- Jenny following the funeral of her sister Bridget
- a full recovery for Manny after knee replacement and shoulder dislocation
- the increasing involvement of St C's with TGSA, that the growing number of contact points between church and school would be mutually enriching and that God would grant us wisdom to invest in the most fruitful activity.
- Fred and Jo and the family as Miri continues her treatment for bone cancer. That the treatment would be totally successful and that the family would feel the support of Christian brothers and sisters around them. Also for their decision-making regarding future commitments where they were previously living in Africa.
- a peaceful way forward for the conflicts between Gaza and Palestine, Ukraine and Russia and in Yemen, that the gospel of Jesus, the Prince of Peace would be received by many in those conflict zones.

## Mission of the month Tearfund It's a Rubbish Campaign!

'He lifts the poor from the dust and the needy from the garbage dump. He sets them among princes....' Psalm 113: 7-8 (NLT)

We're facing mountains of plastic pollution. 2 billion people have no safe way to dispose of rubbish, and it is people in poverty who are suffering the worst impacts of this rubbish problem. They are forced to live and work among piles of waste, which is making them sick, by releasing toxic fumes, flooding communities and causing up to a million deaths each year.

**But Jesus told his followers that even the smallest amount of faith can move mountains!**

So, Tearfund is asking us to put our faith into action and join them in demanding an end to plastic pollution. During April 2024, nearly 150 governments are meeting to develop the first-ever global treaty on plastic pollution. But it's not a done deal. Please add your voice to demand an end to plastic pollution and its harmful impact on people living in poverty.

If you would like to donate towards the work of St C's you can do so by using your smartphone by scanning this QR code.



### Vicar's Comment

The cross. It's not only in churches, it's in homes, it's on necklaces. It is almost certainly the symbol most associated with our faith, but its meaning is so often misunderstood or sanitised.

I remember as a curate doing an assembly at a local school where they had a cross covered in flowers. Beautiful yes, but is it conveying the essence of what happened on that day nearly 2000 years ago?

The death of the Godman Jesus of Nazareth was brutal. His suffering was unimaginably terrible. But beauty springs forth from it. Because through his death for our sins we are forgiven, we are restored, we are redeemed.

As the Prophet Isaiah says '**By his wounds, we are healed.**'

**(Isaiah 53: 5, NIV)**