

St Christopher's Church

Trenant Road Saffron Lane LE2 6UA



Memory Verse

"Those who know your name will trust in you,
for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who
seek you".

Psalm 9: 10

April 2024

St Christopher's Church Services for April

Sunday 7th	10.00am All Age Morning Worship	Reading Topic Led by Preacher	Luke 24: 13-35 The Road to Emmaus Mrs P Ndigirwa Mrs P Ndigirwa
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Sunday 14th	10.00am Holy Communion	Readings Topic Led by Preacher	Luke 24: 36b-48 and Acts 3: 12-19 Good news to all nations Mr C Ndigirwa Mr C Ndigirwa
Tea, chat and pray - 5pm-7pm at the Early's 22 Suffolk Close			

Sunday 21st	10.00am Morning Worship	Readings Topic Led by Guest Preacher	tba Meeting our patrons - CPAS Mr C Collins Mr M Duff
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Sunday 28th	10.00am All Age Holy Communion	Reading Topic Led by Preacher	1 Kings 8: 55-61 God's Big Picture (6) The Partial Kingdom, part 3 Mr C Collins Mr C Collins
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Curate's Comment

A three-year-old girl stands hesitantly on the edge of the pool. Her father, waist deep in the water, stretches out his hand and says, "Jump, I will catch you". The girl jumps trusting that her dad will catch her. This girl might think her father can catch her, but without her knowing and having a close relationship with her father, she will not be able to trust him and make that leap of faith and, she is very unlikely to jump.

Our God who loves us is saying come to me and let me have a close relationship with you, put your trust in me as I am good, and I love you and will give you good gifts. You will find me if you search for me. I will be here to catch you if you fall or fail. I will never let you down. *Psalm 9:10 states "Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you".*

Trust is the critical element of our faith. The Bible teaches us that we trust God by believing His Word is true, by obeying his will, and by depending on Jesus Christ alone for our Salvation. We can trust God completely because He is completely trustworthy and He loves us, that's why Jesus came. But the Question is - are we going to put out total trust in Him regardless of our circumstances?

Diary Dates for April

- Monday 1st-Saturday 6th (inclusive) - Chris and Charles on leave
- Tuesday 9th, 16th, 23rd - 7pm (study starts circa 7:50pm) - **Lent/Easter** small group at St C's
- Monday 15th - Neil and Chris at TGSA Governors meeting
- Thursday 18th and 25th - 1pm at St C's **Hope Explored** course, (if enough interest!)
- Monday 22nd - 7:15pm in-person - Additional PCC meeting (single item: **Patronage**)
- Tuesday 23rd - 11:30am - Chris and Charles at Diocesan Deprivation Panel.

Prayer Topics

Pray for:

- 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.
- Sandra and the family: for Ikenna to find an optician's placement so as to join the family in the UK and for the family as they settle into a new home in Leicester.
- 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 (including us). Also for their decision-making regarding future commitments where they were previously living in Africa.
- Nia who is in England for a three week break this month.
- a peaceful way forward for the conflicts in Gaza, Ukraine, Yemen and Sudan, and that the gospel of Jesus, the Prince of Peace would be received by many in those conflict zones.
- Haiti, which whilst not suffering from a conventional conflict is suffering from very serious gang violence and a political power vacuum.

Mission for the Month Arab World Ministries (AWM)

10 Ways to Avoid Becoming a Missionary (Written by an AWM Missionary)

- **Ignore Jesus' request in John 4:35 that we take a long hard look at the fields.** Seeing the needs of people can be depressing and very unsettling.
- **Focus your energies on socially legitimate targets.** Go after a bigger salary. Focus on getting a job promotion, a bigger home...
- **Get married to somebody who thinks the "Great Commission" is what your employer gives you after you make a big sale.** After marriage, embrace the socially accepted norms of settling down.
- **Stay away from missionaries.** Their testimonies can be disturbing. The situations they describe will distract you from embracing whole-heartedly the materialistic lifestyle of your home country.
- **If you happen to think about missions, restrict your attention to countries where it's impossible to openly do missionary work.** Think only about North Korea, Saudi Arabia, China and other closed countries. Forget the vast areas of our globe open to missionaries...
- **Think how bad a missionary you would be based on your own past failures.** Don't even think about Moses, David, Jonah, Peter or Mark, all of whom overcame failures.
- **Always imagine missionaries as talented, super-spiritual people who stand on lofty pedestals.** Convincing yourself that God does not use *ordinary* people as missionaries.
- **Agree with the people who tell you that you are indispensable where you are.** Listen when they tell you that your local church can't do without you.
- **Worry incessantly about money.**
- **If you still feel you must go, go out right away without any preparation or training.** You'll soon be home again and no one can ever blame you for not trying!

Little Angels

Mondays and Fridays
9.15-11.15am
Restarts Monday 8th April

Scouts

Meeting night Mondays
Cubs 5.30-7.00pm
Scouts 7-8.30pm
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