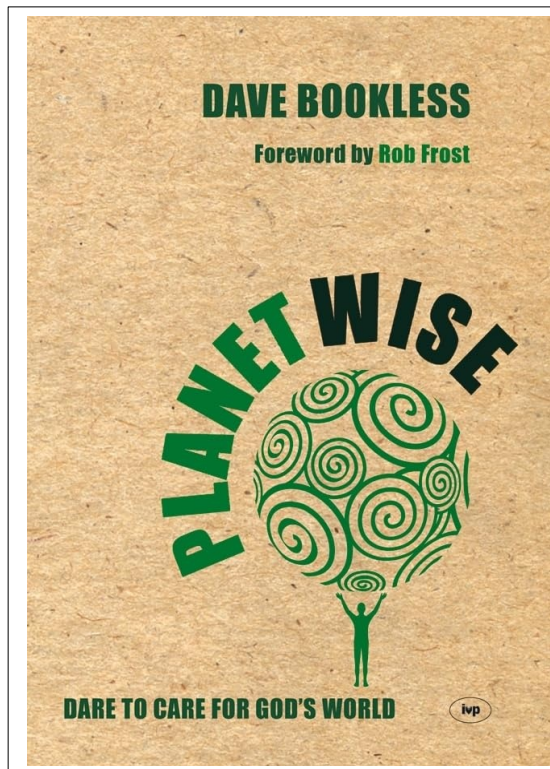


# St Christopher's Church

**Trenant Road Saffron Lane  
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Our summer book  
study

## Planet Wise

Dave Bookless  
takes us right into  
the heart of his  
family and shows how  
living simply, besides  
honouring God, can be  
an exciting adventure.

### Memory Verse

'Love your neighbour  
as yourself.'

(Matthew 22: 39b,  
NIV)

# June 2024

## St Christopher's Church Services for June

<b>Sunday</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	10.00am <b>Morning</b> <b>Worship</b> (Groups tbc)	Readings	Psalm tba and John 13: 31-35
		<b>Topic</b> Led by Preacher	<b>Love and Witness</b> Mr C Collins Rani Joshi (Evangelical Alliance guest preacher)

### Being salt and light for society - **General Election mini-series**

<b>Sunday</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am <b>Holy</b> <b>Communion</b>	Readings	Isaiah 40: 12-17 and Matthew 22: 15-22
		<b>Topic</b> Led by Preacher	<b>Whose image?</b> Mr C Ndigirwa Mr C Ndigirwa
Tea, chat and pray - 5pm-7pm at the Early's 22 Suffolk Close			

<b>Sunday</b> <b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am <b>Morning</b> <b>Worship</b> (Groups)	Readings	Psalm 47 and Roman 13: 1-7
		<b>Topic</b> Led by Preacher	<b>God's grace in government</b> Mr C Ndigirwa Mr C Collins

<b>Sunday</b> <b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	10.00am <b>Holy</b> <b>Communion</b>	Readings	1 Timothy 2: 1-7 and 1 Corinthians 10: 31-33
		<b>Topic</b> Led by Preacher	<b>Personal faith, public good</b> Mr C Collins Mr C Collins

<b>Sunday</b> <b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am <b>All age</b> <b>Morning</b> <b>Worship</b>	Reading	tba
		<b>Topic</b> Led by Preacher	<b>God's Big Picture - The Prophesied Kingdom</b> Mr C Collins Mr C Collins

#### Prayers for people:

- those struggling with **bereavement** at this time: Flora & Rod's family following the passing of Rod's mother and Sandra & Ikenna's family following the passing of Ikenna's mother.
- Fred and Jo and the family as Miri undergoes chemo and radiotherapy treatment for bone cancer, in Nottingham. That the treatment would be totally successful.
- Olive, for a full mental and physical recovery for her following her time of illness, and for her wider family.
- Steve J, as he recovers from a recent severe bout of Covid.
- Jamie waiting to have a complicated operation and his daughter Darcy who needs an operation on her ear.

## Diary Dates for June

- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> - 7pm and onwards - **Church Spring Clean** - Pizzas at 9pm
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> - 3-5pm - TGSA Christian staff+volunteers gathering,
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> - 6:45-8pm - Door-to-door team visiting homes,
- Mon 17<sup>th</sup> - 5:15pm - Standing committee by Zoom
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> - **Discipleship Book Group**, 7pm start for socialising  
7:45pm (ish) start for discussion group
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> - Chris away on retreat
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - 5pm - Neil and Chris at TGSA Governors' meeting,
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> - Chris, Charles, Neil and Jayne running a **Prayer Space** for TGSA pupils
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> - 6.05pm - **Treasure Hunt**, Wigston Magna with Fish and Chips,
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> - 6-8:30pm - Diocese of Leicester IWC (Inter-cultural Worship communities) partner churches evening (with food), St Chad's church.

## Prayer Topics

### Pray for

- our country as we face a **General Election**.
- the planning of the **Prayer Space**, undertaken in collaboration with TGSA, which will be taking place Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>-Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Pray for effective planning and teamwork, and that when it eventually happens pupils will encounter God.
- the Christian staff and volunteers at TGSA, as they gather together this month. That they may know the guidance, love and comfort of the Lord in their roles; that they may reflect the light of Christ to those around them at school.
- the **door-to-door team** - that God would guide them to people who are open and receptive to Jesus.
- Veronica as she moves to Antigua for the summer: for safety, blessing and fruitfulness in Christ during her time there.
- a **peaceful** way forward for the conflicts in Democratic Republic of Congo, 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 is suffering from very serious gang violence and a political power vacuum.

## Mission for the Month: Scouts by Roger Burdett



The Cub open day in January has proved to be a watershed moment for the Group with an encouraging big jump in numbers in the young section and engagement from new families and parents. We are striving to sustain a fun, interesting and challenging programme for them and their first camp is this month (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> June).

The Scout section, although very small, is perhaps the more challenging both in addressing their varied personalities and providing an age-related exciting programme; at the same time being unable to afford any great expense either by the Group or parents. We did take them to the Norfolk coast for the day in May which was good and our two oldest scouts have elected not to leave us for an Explorer Unit but to stay within the Group as 'Young Leaders'. In the Cub section initially, growing maturity and confidence is already apparent.

Please pray that what we do might be, as intended, a vehicle helping equip young people from this area for a useful, constructive, happy life, and that the bedrock of this might be the Lord's love apparent in our believing leaders. In what we do, what we say, and in the opportunities we have to communicate the good news within the constraints of respecting members from all backgrounds.

### Vicar's thought

I was chatting with someone recently about how we only notice certain things when they have a direct connection to us. So, we recently bought a new car, a Citroen Picasso, and since then I've noticed other Citroen Picassos on the road in a way I didn't before. Similar with advertising: it seems to me we normally only notice advertising when we are seeking a product like the one which is being advertised, if not then adverts will normally wash over us (unless they have a very catchy jingle!).

It can be like that with the question of politics. I mention this subject because of the sudden announcement of the General Election in recent days. We can feel detached from government and politics when we feel it doesn't really affect our lives. But when it does, we are more likely to notice. When that friend is having to wait a very, very long time for an operation - maybe then we think about it. Or when the prices in the supermarket go up a lot, maybe then we notice and start to ask the question 'why?'.

But however engaged or not you feel about politics, in the run up to the next general election please remember that we must always approach it with the good of our neighbours in mind....in line with Jesus' teaching that to love our neighbour is the second greatest commandment after loving God. If we vote (whoever we vote for), we should do so not simply for our own good, but for the good of others in our society (all of them!), and as part of our worship to God. To quote Jesus: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' (Matthew 22: 39b, NIV)