

St Christopher's Church

Trenant Road Saffron Lane LE2 6UA



**Fairtrade Fortnight:
Monday 9th to Sunday 22nd September**

Memory verse

"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

John 3:17 (NIV)

September 2024

St Christopher's Church Services - September

Sunday 1st (Groups)	10.00am Morning Worship	Readings	Leviticus 22: 1-3 and Hebrews 7: 23-28
		Topic	Forever on our side
		Leader	Mr C Ndigirwa
		Preacher	Mr C Collins

Sunday 8th	10.00am Holy Communion	Readings	Exodus 25: 1-9 Hebrews 8: 1-6
		Topic	Shadow and Reality
		Leader	Mr C Collins
		Preacher	Mr C Ndigirwa

Sunday 15th	10.00am Holy Communion	Readings	tbc
		Topic	tbc
		Leader	Mr C Collins
		Preacher	Martyn Snow (Bishop of Leicester)

Sunday 22nd (Groups)	10.00am Morning Worship	Readings	Exodus 19: 3-6 and Hebrews 8: 7-13
		Topic	Knowing God personally
		Leader	Mr C Collins
		Preachers	Mr C Collins/Mr C Ndigirwa

Sunday 29th	10.00am All Age Holy Communion	Readings	tbc
		Topic	God's Big Picture The prophesied Kingdom (Part 2)
		Leader	Mr C Collins
		Preacher	Mr C Collins

Diary Dates for September

- Monday 2nd - Little Angels re-starts
- Monday 2nd - 7:15pm - Special PCC meeting (Minster Communities)
- Tuesday 3rd - Chris at Diocesan Synod
- Monday 9th - 7:15pm - Standing Committee by Zoom
- Thursday 12th - Chris & Neil at TGSA Secondary open evening
- Monday 16th - 7:15pm - PCC
- Tuesday 17th - Chris, Charles (?) & Amy (?) at Raising Generations training
- Tuesday 24th - Chris at Diocesan Deprivation Panel.

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Harvest Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October Bring and Share Lunch follows Morning Worship.

## Mission for the month - Tearfund

Right now, more than 130 million people around the world are in need of humanitarian aid because of disasters or conflict. Some of these crises make it into the news regularly, but there are others that don't make it to media attention as often.

One which gets little attention is **South Sudan**. With humanitarian needs expected to reach a record high in 2024, the country is mired in a complex and deepening emergency that has displaced millions of people, destroyed livelihoods, and forced millions to the brink of starvation. An estimated nine million South Sudanese - or about 75% of the population - are projected to need humanitarian assistance in 2024, including 7.1 million people facing acute food insecurity. More than 4.4 million people remain displaced within South Sudan and neighbouring countries due to internal armed conflict and climate shocks (ie deviation from the normal climate pattern).

### Pray for South Sudan for:

- a lasting peace
- resilience for those who have faced long periods of difficult circumstances - through conflict and financial hardships.
- people who have been displaced from their homes and ask God to help them as they rebuild their lives.
- local churches - that they will be salt and light in their communities and that they will actively help people to find practical solutions to transform their lives and to be released from poverty.

### Pray for:

- Our local schools as they start a new academic year. For a smooth positive start to term for both staff and pupils, and for there to be opportunities for both to respond to the gospel of Jesus this year.
- All who have a new beginning this academic year; from moving into school from Little Angels, right up to going to University or starting work for the first time.
- guidance in our outreach towards TGSA this coming academic year, following a well-received Prayer Space at the end of last term.
- Miri's upcoming scan, which will determine the effectiveness of her treatment. Pray that she is cancer-free!
- Chris' dad who has recently and suddenly been in hospital due to being unwell. Pray for his recovery and to come to know Jesus personally.
- Shaped by God Together process (ie Minster Communities). That we might see God's Kingdom would come through the decisions that are made, and that wise approaches are brought about throughout the Diocese.
- a peaceful way forward for the conflicts in Democratic Republic of Congo, Gaza, Ukraine, Yemen & Sudan, and that the gospel of Jesus, the Prince of Peace would be received by many in those conflict zones.

## Fairtrade Fortnight Monday 9<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

It's 30 years since Fairtrade products first hit the shelves and this year for Fairtrade Fortnight, they are spotlighting how YOU can Be the Change, by choosing Fairtrade every time.

Their goal is more than people just being aware; it's about them encouraging an active choice to support over 2 million Fairtrade farmers and workers across 58 countries, wherever possible, to ensure they can earn a fairer wage.

### Curate's Comment

What causes us to approve of some people and not others? Too often it comes down to appearance or performance. We don't like the way someone looks, or we don't like something they've done. Or perhaps the shoe's on the other foot and we've found it hard to win the approval of someone we love or work for. Sometimes we never will, no matter how good we look or how well we perform.

But there's another kind of approval that is never based on performance or appearance. It is the unconditional love we all long for. In a good family, you'll find love and acceptance no matter how you look or what you've done. This is a picture of what it's like to be in God's family, and this is affirmed by God himself.

We all have a need to feel affirmed; to know that our life has value and is valued by others. But people don't always offer the affirmation we desire, and as a result, we might feel rejected, alone, or worthless. In such times, we can find affirmation in our almighty God, who created us in his image and longs to live in relationship with us. As John 3: 17 puts it - **"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."**

God loves and accepts you not for what you've done, but for who you are. We are passionately loved. The fact that God has created you, gives you great worth and he affirms you, values you, even to the point of sacrificing his own Son to die for your sins so that you could have the opportunity to live with him forever. God's words and actions toward us affirm that we not only matter to him, but he desires us more than anything else!

**Always remember this truth.**

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