

St Christopher's Church

Trenant Road Saffron Lane LE2 6UA



Memory verse...

*'It is God who is working in you both to will
and to work according to his good purpose.'*

Philippians 2: 13 (NIV)

November 2024

St Christopher's Church Services - November

Sunday 3rd (Groups)	10.00am Morning Worship	Readings	Psalm 16: 2 and Corinthians 1: 1-7
		Theme	<i>The comfort and encouragement of our God</i>
		Led by	Mr C Collins
		Preacher	Mr F Cavill

Sunday 10th	10.00am Holy Communion	Remembrance	
		Readings	Psalm 110 and Hebrews 9: 16-28
		Theme	<i>Once for all for our salvation</i>
		Leader and preacher	Mr C Collins

Sunday 17th (Groups)	10.00am Morning Worship	Readings	Mark 13: 1-8 and Hebrews 10: 1-18
		Theme	<i>The Saviour at God's right hand</i>
		Leader and preacher	Mr C Collins

Sunday 24th	10.00am All Age Holy Communion	Reading	tbc
		Theme	<i>God's BIG Picture - The Proclaimed Kingdom</i>
		Leader and preacher	Mr C Collins

Pray for:

- Fred and his family as they visit St C's, and for their ongoing ministry and family life.
- Charles and the family as he begins as prison chaplain at HMP Rye Hill near Rugby. Please pray for guidance and blessing for the family for the next chapter of their lives.
- God to work through TGSA's new lunchtime group for Secondary pupils called 'Fellows'. This is a gentle, conversational group exploring big questions and ideas around life and faith. It is led by a Christian member of staff called Jenny Saunders with Chris assisting.
- the people known to us suffering with physical illness at the present time, both within our congregation and beyond.
- the Leicester Diocese 'Shaped by God Together' process (ie Minster Communities). Given St C's PCC decision to 'press the pause button' on our involvement in the process, please pray for wisdom and guidance from God for both us and diocesan staff in finding a way forward.

Vicar's thought

Are you a feeler or a thinker? A listener or a talker? A doer or a planner? Perhaps you're not sure of the answers, or you don't think picking one option is straightforward. Each of us is, after all, a complex human being who other human beings probably need to take many years to know properly (if ever!). We can't reduce each others' personalities to just one or two words, though there are no doubt characteristics about us that are obvious to people we spend time with.

One of the things that stood out for me when working alongside Charles was to see his prayerfulness and the way he was careful to protect the different commitments in his life by not taking too much on. This challenged me as I am prone to having an idea and running with it immediately! So where is the balance? Is balance even the right word for it?

Being a disciple of Jesus Christ is not about sitting back and assuming that God will do his work without us, but neither is it about being endlessly busy without a prayerful reliance on God. Yes, He will do his work - but that includes working in and through us. As the apostle Paul says in Philippians 2:13 'it is God who is working in you both to will and to work according to his good purpose.' (NIV)

DATES

- Monday 4th - 8pm - Standing Committee meeting by Zoom
- Monday 11th - Tuesday 12th - (provisional) Chris at National Estates Churches Network Prayer Retreat
- Thursday 14th - (provisional) Chris at New Wine network day
- Monday 18th - 7.15pm - PCC meeting
- Tuesday 19th - Chris at Raising Generations training
- Thursday 21st - (provisional) Chris at Deanery Synod
- Monday 25th - Sunday 1st December - Fifth Plastic Treaty Session (INC-5) in South Korea
- Tuesday 26th - Chris at Deprivation Panel (at St C's)
- Thursday 28th - Chris at Bishop's Study Day.

Mission for the month – Christian Vision for Men (CVM)

Dear brothers and sisters at St Christopher's.

This last year has seen my ministry with "*Christian Vision for Men*", go from strength to strength and I have been so blessed to share my thoughts at men's events both nationally and even internationally!

These have included a recorded interview which went out across India and Pakistan and an Easter Podcast on behalf of the "*BBC Religious Affairs*", as well as a men's conference in Scotland.

I'd love to tell you all more!

As I write, I'm preparing to speak at the Coventry Diocesan Clergy Conference about an initiative to tackle the issues surrounding men and mental health.

Many doors have been opened as a result, including support from the Leicestershire NHS Partnership as well as interest from our local MP Alberto Costa.

I've had the privilege of sharing my thoughts on this subject with numerous churches from as far afield as Southend and Newcastle...and indeed many places in between.

I really value your continued prayers and support as I enter 2025 committed to be used by God to see those men introduced to their Saviour.

There really is SO much more to share...

Bless you all and THANK YOU for playing your part in enabling me to answer this call on my life.

Paul "Gasky" GASK. Regional Director (England) North.

<p>Little Angels Mondays and Fridays 9.15-11.15am Friday 15th Teddy Bears' Picnic for Children in Need</p>	<p>Scouts Meeting night Mondays Cubs 5.30-7.00pm Scouts 7-8.30pm For further details ring Roger on 07766456239</p>
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