

St Christopher's Church

Trenant Road Saffron Lane LE2 6UA



Memory verse

'As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come'

Mark 4:29 (NIV)

October 2025

St Christopher's Church Services for October

Sunday 5th	10.00am Morning Worship	Readings Mark 4: 21-29 Topic St C's future 1 and Harvest Leader and Preacher Mr C Collins
	Bring and Share harvest lunch after church service	

Sunday 12th	10.00am All Age Holy Communion	Readings Joshua 2: 1-21; 6: 22-23 and Hebrews 11: 31 Topic Hebrews' Heros - Rahab Leader and Preacher Mr C Collins
	5-7pm - Tea, Chat and Pray (TCP) at No.4 Suffolk Close (Linda Halaczkievicz)	

Sunday 19th	10.00am All Age Morning Worship	Readings Joshua 6: 1-20 and Hebrews 11: 30 Topic Hebrews' Heros - Israel and the fall of Jericho ! Leader and Preacher Mr C Collins
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Sunday 26th Clocks go back!	10.00am Holy Communion	Readings TBC Topic St C's future 2 - Getting practical Leader and Preacher Mr C Collins
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Diary Dates for October

- Half-term - Academy closes Friday 17th evening. Reopens Monday 27th. No Little Angels that week
- Wednesday 22nd - Chris away at CofE national consultation on working class ministry
- Friday 31st - Angels and Heroes (tentative)

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Prayer Topics for October

Give thanks for:-

- a well-enjoyed day away recently. Thanks for weather which fitted with our plans. But also prayer for the things which were discussed and prayed about that God wishes us to take forward. Pray that his will be done in our church community.
- Rita's positive news that investigations have shown no signs of cancer.

Pray for:-

- the future development of Children & Youth work at St Christopher's and TGSA. Please pray for wisdom, direction & power as this becomes an increasing focus in the coming months.
- God's guidance for our Minster Community steering group. This is made up of members of both Holy Trinity church and St Christopher's church with a view to hammering out the detail of how our Minster Community might work. Please pray for their guidance, and also that the Minister Communities project might bear good fruit in the years ahead.
- Manny as he navigates a very challenging situation at the assisted living accommodation he works at.
- Rita, who still has a very serious lung infection.



Fairtrade Fortnight: Monday 22nd September to Sunday 5th October

When we buy a product we should remember the people behind it - who grew, processed or crafted what we see. We may not see them but they are our neighbours. During this fortnight, our churches can explore what Fairtrade is and does, celebrate what it's accomplished, pray for it, encourage people to get involved - and enjoy wonderful Fairtrade products,

Mission for the Month Open Hands by Neil Tansley

In September Open Hands have launched a new partnership with other local charities to support 50 homeless people in moving into furnished homes equipped with essentials such as white goods, beds and carpets. Pray that it will give them a renewed sense of hope and enable them to take a step forward in their lives.

Open Hands is also partnering with Leicester prison in launching a new 'departure lounge' with the aim of finding prison leavers with the support they need to prevent homelessness and re offending. Open Hands will supply each prison leaver with a food hamper and further support if needed. Pray they will be able to rebuild relationships with estranged family and adjust to life in the wider community.

As well as meeting people's physical needs we are there to offer people the hope in Christ that we have experienced. Give thanks for JP who came to one of our sessions asking for prayer and committed his life to Jesus this week.

Vicar's thought

Thinking about harvest, I think it's really interesting that Jesus uses the natural world in his teaching so often. Specifically the use of agricultural images. We take for granted the processes that go on all around us every day, yet the natural world depicts God's glory in the world every day! I recently read about the Alaskan wood frog, which lets itself get frozen over the winter but is equipped to survive in this state. When it warms up it defrosts and carries on! Effectively God has given it a natural ability to go into cryogenic sleep - amazing!

But I also note the partnership that is involved where humans interact with the natural world. Farmers work with the patterns of nature - times to plant and harvest, ingredients that are needed etc. And it's amazing that God has chosen to work in partnership with us for the coming of his Kingdom - He does the work but He chooses to work through his church. And this means we are bound by his will about the whens, whats and whys of the Kingdom. We just need to do our part. As Jesus says in Mark 4:29 'As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come' (NIV).

Blessings

Chris