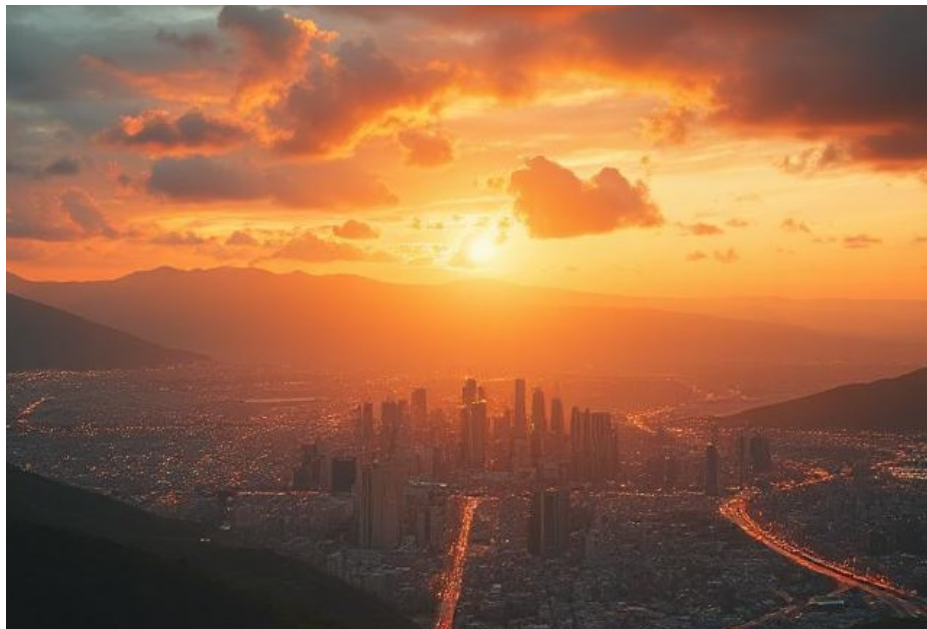


St Christopher's Church

Trenant Road Saffron Lane LE2 6UA



Memory verse...

'For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come'

Hebrews 13: 14 (NIV)

November 2025

St Christopher's Church Services for November

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| Sunday 2 nd | 10.00am All Age Morning Worship | Readings Hebrews 12: 25-29 and tba Topic <i>With reverence and awe</i> Leader and Preacher Mr C Collins |
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| Sunday 9 th | 10.00am All Age Holy Communion | Readings Hebrews 13: 1-8 and tba Topic <i>Godliness in action</i> Leader and Preacher Mr C Collins |
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| Sunday 16 th (Groups) | 10.00am Morning Worship | Readings Hebrews 13: 9-16 and tba Topic <i>Staying on track</i> Leader and Preacher Mr C Collins |
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| Sunday 23 rd | 10.00am Holy Communion | Readings Hebrew 13: 17-25 and tba Topic <i>Hebrews final words</i> Leader Mr C Collins Preacher Mr F Cavill |
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| Start of Advent series | | |
| Sunday 30 th (Groups) | 10.00am Morning Worship | Readings Romans 13: 11-14 and Matthew 24: 36-44 Topic <i>The coming of the King (Advent Sunday)</i> Leader and Preacher Mr C Collins |

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

Dear brothers and sisters at St Christopher's,

This year marks 15 years since I became involved with "Christian Vision for Men", 10 of those as "Regional Director for England (North).

Following our President, Carl Beech 'stepping down' from ministry due to his Parkinson's diagnosis, I have very much stepped up to the plate as it were and I now have more of a national role which sure has kept me occupied and out of trouble!! . . .

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Prayer Topics for November

- - 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.
- - For the future of certain St C's ministry activities over which there is a question mark at the present time - Little Angels, Open Hands foodbank & Craft Cafe. Please pray that prayerful, scripturally informed decisions are made and that these would be directed by God..
- - For the planned IWC day here at TGSA Primary. This will be an opportunity for Primary age children to explore the global nature of Christianity through a visit from members of the Diocesan IWC team. Please pray for smooth, effective communication for this (which has not been the case so far)..
- - For God's guidance for our Minster Community steering group. This is made up of members of both Holy Trinity church & 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.
- - For Rita as she continues to suffer ill-health, despite improvement in her hearing.
- - For Manny as he navigates a very challenging situation at the assisted living accommodation he works at.

Diary Dates for November

- Monday 3rd - Standing committee, 7:15pm on Zoom
- Tuesday 11th - PCC meeting, 7.15pm
- Wednesday 12th - Chris at meeting of LDEF (Leicester Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship)
- Tuesday 25th- Fri 28th - (tentative) Chris taking TGSA Secondary Assemblies in St Christopher's.
- Sunday 30th - Chris preaching at evening service at Holy Trinity church, Leicester at 6:30pm (a church we are partnering with in the Minster Community process)

Mission for the month – Christian Vision for Men continued

... Our signature event "The Gathering" in the summer attracted some 1,700 delegates with 138 men committing their lives to Christ for the very first time.

I've also been 'on the road' quite a lot speaking at various men's groups around the country as well as CVM's national "Unschooling Ordinary Men" tour.

I've also recorded various Podcasts for a number of Christian radio stations as well as a training session via "Zoom" to 40 church leaders in Australia!! That sure was an experience!

It is such a privilege to be able to do this!! Praise God!!

As we enter 2026, I have no intention of slowing down! In fact, I have several speaking engagements already in the diary.

So, I wish you all a very Happy and Christ filled Christmas (yes it will be here before we know it) and my prayers will be with you as we enter the New Year.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Paul Gask. CVM Regional Director England (North)

Vicar's thought

I wonder if there is a place you automatically think of as home? It could be a country, a city, a street or even a specific house. For myself and Sarah, home is a slightly interesting idea as we've travelled about the country a fair bit in our lives! But certainly for myself, there is a particular place that feels like home - the town of Moreton on the Wirral where I grew up. It's a place filled not just with bricks and tarmac, but also memories and feelings. Certain places have emotional connections for us.

And yet when I visit Moreton, the reality of it is somewhat different to how it is in my mind. And that's not just because things about it have changed physically. It's also because in some mysterious way it still kind of feels like any other place in this flawed world.

I wonder whether this is showing me that I won't truly feel at home apart from the heavenly city that is mine through faith in Jesus Christ. God is our Creator and we were made for his pleasure and glory, and so anywhere lacking in the fullness of his loving presence surely cannot be our eternal home?

We need to embrace the fact that, to some extent, we are just passing through this world. But there is a home that we can look forward to if we are trusting in Jesus Christ. As Hebrews 13: 14 says, 'For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come'. NIV