

# St Christopher's Church

**Tenant Road Saffron Lane LE2 6UA**



## Memory verse

*"Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin  
of the world!"*

*John 1:29b NIV*

# **January 2026**

# St Christopher's Church Services - January

<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am <b>Morning Worship</b>	Reading <b>Theme</b> Led by Preacher	Isaiah 60.1-6 and Matthew 2.1-12 <b>Epiphany - IWC focus</b> Mrs C Griffin Jan Barlow Intercultural Pioneer Minister at St Pauls, Oadby
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<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am <b>Holy Communion</b>	Readings <b>Theme</b> Leader and preacher	Acts 10.34-43 and Matthew 3.13-17 <b>The baptism of Jesus</b> Mr C Collins
	5 - 7pm <b>TCP</b>	Tea, Chat & Pray at 4 Suffolk Close (Linda's)	

<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> (Groups)</b>	10.00am <b>Morning Worship</b>	Readings <b>Theme</b> Leader and preacher	Psalm 40.1-12 and John 1.29-42 <b>Lamb of God</b> Mr C Collins
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<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am <b>All Age Holy Communion</b>	Reading <b>Theme</b> Leader and preacher	Isaiah 9.1-4 and Matthew 4.12-23 <b>The coming of the Kingdom</b> Mr C Collins
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## Diary Dates

- Up till Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> -- Chris on Leave most of this period
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> - 7.15pm at church - final Christmas small group meeting
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - 7.15pm online - Standing committee meeting
- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 6-8.30pm(ish) Fish and Chip Supper and Quiz. Tickets from Rob Pike.
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> - 7.15pm in church - PCC meeting
- Wednesdays 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> - (Times to be announced) - '321' course sessions

<b>Little Angels</b>  Mondays 9.15-11.15am  in term time	<b>Scouts</b>  Meeting night Mondays Cubs 5.30-7.00pm Scouts 7-8.30pm  For further details ring Roger on 07766456239
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## Prayer Topics

### Pray for:

- the comfort and guidance of the TGSA community after the sudden death of a member of staff immediately before Christmas.
- 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 and Craft Cafe.

Please pray that prayerful, scripturally-informed decisions are made and that these would be directed by God.

- the Foodbank families who we served before Christmas. That God would use the contact we made to draw them to Jesus, and for their future food security.
- the upcoming St C's Fish and Chips Supper with Quiz. Please pray that this will be well-attended by non-Christians and that it will be a happy, enjoyable time and a positive "shop window" for our church community.
- 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.

- Rita's full recovery from illness
- the resolution of Manny's work situation, for the good of staff and residents.

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[stchristophersleicester.com](http://stchristophersleicester.com)

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## Mission of the month Arab World Ministries (AWM)

Jawed, a 26 year old from the Middle East with a Muslim background, had a close friend, whose character - kindness and humility - had a profound impact on him.

The friend was a Christian, and Jawed was prompted to search online to find out more about the Christian faith. After watching the testimony of a particular believer from the Arabian Peninsula, he made contact with the Arab World Media team with the specific question: '*Is Christ really God?*'.

Over the next couple of months, the media responder helped Jawed through his many questions, which revealed both his hunger for the truth and his fear of reactions from friends and family.

In time, the media responder connected Jawed with local believers who he could meet face-to-face. Initially hesitant through fear again, he avoided contact, but overcame his reluctance and finally went to church with them. He sent a photo of the event to the media responder with the message '*I've finally faced my fear.*'

*Please pray for individuals like Jawed, that they may discover the depth and beauty of having a personal, direct relationship with the Lord, and also for media responders, that they will have God's wisdom and guidance in their work.*

### Vicar's Comment

The evangelist and writer Simon Guillebaud once did something unusual for a video he was making. In this video he led both a goat and a lamb up a mountain or hill, to try to demonstrate the different temperament of the two animals. With the goat, he pretty much had to pull it the whole way there! It wasn't easy. But when it came to lamb, it was a different story. Not only did he not have to pull it, but he realised after a time that he did not even need to have it on a lead, as the lamb would just follow him willingly without coercion.

John the baptist described Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. This of course is talking about Jesus' work on the cross. As in the Old Testament, a sacrifice is offered to atone for sin. However, do also notice that Jesus is described by John specifically as the LAMB of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Like the lamb being led up the hill or mountain, Jesus willingly went to his death. He did not need to be dragged there. Instead, out of love for us and in obedience to his Father, He chose the cross.