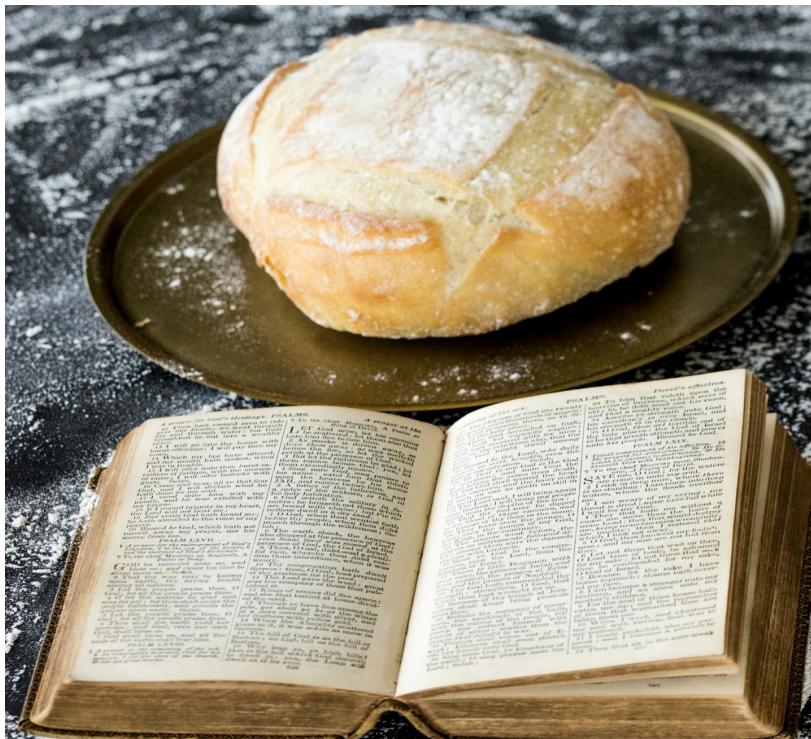


St Christopher's Church

Trenant Road Saffron Lane LE2 6UA



Memory Verse

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'" (Luke 4:4, NIV)

February 2026

St Christopher's Church Services - February

Sunday 1st	10.00am Morning Worship	Reading Theme Led by Preacher	Psalm 36:5-10 and John 2:1-11 A wedding with a difference Mr C Collins Mr C Collins
Sunday 8th	10.00am Holy Communion	Reading Theme Led by Preacher	TBA TBA Mr C Collins Rani Joshi (Evangelical Alliance)
Sunday 15th	10.00am Morning Worship	Reading Theme Led by Preacher	TBA TBA Mr C Collins Mr C Collins
Sunday 22nd	10.00am All Age Holy Communion	Readings Theme Led by Preacher	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 and Matthew 4:1-11 Conflict in the wilderness Mr C Collins Mr C Collins

Diary Dates

Monday 2nd February - Minster Communities meeting at Holy Trinity church
 Tuesday 3rd February - Chris teaching at New Wine Discipleship Year group
 Thursday 5th - Sat 7th February - Chris away at Proximity retreat
 Mon 9th-Fri 13th - Chris attending General Synod (whether in-person or online)
 Wednesday 18th February - Ash Wednesday Holy Communion service, 7:15pm
 Tues 24th February - 1st Lent small group meeting (provisional), time & venue TBC

Little Angels Mondays in term time 9.15-11.15am	Scouts Meeting night Mondays Cubs 5.30-7.00pm Scouts 7-8.30pm For further details ring Roger on 07766456239
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Chris Collins (Vicar) 0777 4346871

Prayer topics

Please pray . . .

- for TGSA following their recent OFSTED inspection. Please pray for the morale of the teachers whatever the verdict, and also for the capacity to take forward any good recommendations from OFSTED for the future.
- for the future of certain St Cs ministry activities over which there is a question mark at the present time - especially Little Angels. Please pray that prayerful, scripturally-informed decisions are made and that these would be directed by God.
- for Foodbank families who we are currently serving. That God would use the contact made to draw them to Jesus, and for their future food security.
- for 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.
- for Rita's full recovery and for a happy transition for her and Mike as she returns home in coming days or weeks.
- for the resolution of Manny's work situation, for the good of staff and residents
- for Melvin (Veronica's husband) following an increase in his prostate cancer symptoms. Also for the two of them as they head to Antigua.

Mission of the month The Church Pastoral Aid Society

The Church Pastoral Aid Society, whose history dates back to 1836. started its Fresh Air Fund camps in the 1920s. Since then, through its **Venture** and **Falcon** holidays, CPAS has been providing unique holiday experiences which have been cherished by generations of children and young people, as well as the many Christians who have been richly blessed in serving God through volunteering. (See the Missions noticeboard for further information)

VICAR'S COMMENT

For this month's comment I am going to quote a Christian from the past, speaking about Jesus' temptation in the wilderness. This is by J.C.Ryle, evangelical Bishop of Liverpool in the 19th century:

'Let us mark, secondly, our Lord Jesus Christ's ability to sympathize with those who are tempted. This is a truth that stands out prominently in this passage. Jesus has been really and literally tempted Himself. It was proper that He who came "to destroy the works of the devil," should begin His own work by a special conflict with Satan.

It was proper that the great Shepherd and bishop of souls should be fitted for His earthly ministry by strong temptation, as well as by the word of God and prayer. But above all, it was proper that the great High Priest and advocate of sinners should be one who has had personal experience of conflict, and has known what it is to be in the fire. And this was the case with Jesus, It is written that He suffered being tempted." (Heb. 2:18.)

How much He suffered, we cannot tell. But that His pure and spotless nature did suffer intensely, we may be sure. Let all true Christians take comfort in the thought that they have a Friend in heaven, who can be touched with the feeling of their infirmities. (Heb.4:15.) When they pour out their hearts before the throne of grace, and groan under the burden that daily harasses them, there is One making intercession who knows their sorrows. Let us take courage. The Lord Jesus is not an "austere man." He knows what we mean when we complain of temptation, and is both able and willing to give us help".

From 'Expository Thoughts on the Gospels' by J.C.Ryle (comments on Luke chapter 4)