

# St Christopher's Church

**Trenant Road Saffron Lane LE2 6UA**



## Memory verse

'Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.'  
Matthew 16:24 (NIV)

# March 2026

# St Christopher's Church Services - March

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10.00am Morning Worship</b>	Readings Isaiah 58 & Matthew 6:16-18 <b>Theme</b> Way of our Master #1 - True fasting Led by Preacher
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00am Holy Communion</b>	Readings Matthew 6:1-8 & 12:15-21 <b>Theme</b> Way of our Master #2 - True righteousness  Leading & Preaching: Mr C Collins
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00am Morning Worship</b>	Readings Matthew 6:19-23 & 8:18-20 <b>Theme</b> Way of our Master #3 - True treasure  Leading & Preaching: Mr C Collins
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>10.00am Holy Communion</b>	Reading Matthew 4:1-11 <b>Theme</b> Conflict in the desert - part 2  Leading & Preaching: Mr C Collins
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b> Clocks go forward	<b>10.00am All Age Morning Worship</b>	Readings Psalm 118:19-29 & Matthew 21:1-11 <b>Theme</b> Palm Sunday  Leading & Preaching: Mr C Collins

## Diary Dates

Wednesdays 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Lent small group: Abiding in Christ  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 7:15pm PCC meeting  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March Clocks go forward  
Retired people's Vocational breakfast Day & Time TBC

**Chris Collins (Vicar) 0777 4346871**

## Prayer Topics

Please pray for

- the future of certain St C's 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.
- Foodbank families who we served recently. That God would use the contact made to draw them to Jesus, and for their future food security.
- 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 now she is back home, and that she and Mike can quickly adapt to the care and treatment she is now receiving on a daily basis.
- the resolution of Manny's work situation, for the good of staff and residents
- Melvin (Veronica's husband) following an increase in his prostate cancer symptoms. Also for the two of them as they head to Antigua.
- For Jenny's recovery after her fall & injury to arm/shoulder

### **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

## Mission of the month Crosslinks

Crosslinks strapline is **God's word for God's world**

This month, Crosslinks' Director of Mission Personnel writes:

'I have daily contact with those who are serving in cultures often different from their own and in diverse ministries, yet all united in their love for the Lord and for those they live amongst and serve. The work is often difficult, sometimes small and fragile, yet we see the Lord's hand sustaining those who are labouring in the harvest field. We are confident that this work will play a part in that glorious day when a great multitude from every nation, tribe, people and language will be standing before the throne of God and the Lamb, saying salvation belongs to our God.'

### VICAR'S THOUGHT

As we think of the temptation of Jesus, and in the coming weeks about his road to the cross, the suffering of Jesus is clearly depicted.

However, what is perhaps not as focussed on in our churches, is how followers of Jesus are called to suffer too.

The life of Jesus, lived in complete obedience to the Father, was a life of amazing divine beauty, power & blessing for those around Him. And yet living in obedience to the Father also meant embracing the cross as he was rejected and crucified for our sins.

This life of blessing and suffering is the model for us too.

In the west, we have arguably got used to living in cultural comfort - problems are there to be dealt with as quickly as possible so that a life with as little discomfort as possible can be restored. But such a life is not what we are called to. Jesus promises life in abundance, but this life in abundance is also a life of taking up our cross daily.

Let us walk in the footsteps of our Master Jesus, not going out looking for aggro but ready for it..... seeking to do our Father's will - loving Him and loving our neighbour.

As Jesus says in our Memory verse:

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