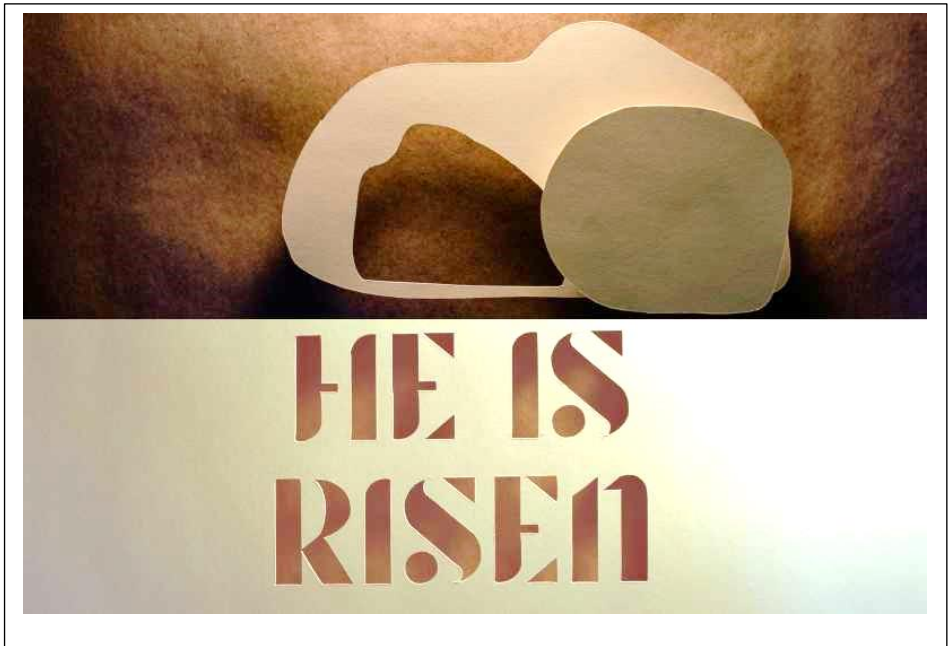


St Christopher's Church

Trenant Road Saffron Lane LE2 6UA



Memory verse

'He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead'

1 Peter 1:3 (NIV)

April 2026

St Christopher's Church Services - April

Thursday 2 nd	7.15pm Holy Communion	Maundy Thursday service (with foot-washing (optional))
Friday 3 rd	3.00pm	Good Friday Meditations
Sunday 5 th	10.00am All Age Holy Communion	Readings: Acts 10.34-43 & John 20.1-18 Theme: Easter Sunday - He is risen! Leading & Preaching: Mr C Collins
Sunday 12 th	10.00am All Age Holy Communion	Readings: 1 Peter 1.3-9 & John 20.19-31 Theme: An unshakeable hope Leading & Preaching: Mr C Collins
Sunday 19 th	10.00am Morning Worship	Readings: TBA Theme: TBA Preacher: Mrs C Griffin
Sunday 26 th	10.00am All Age Holy Communion	Readings: TBA Theme: TBA Preaching & presiding: Luke Briggs, (CofE chaplain @ University of Leicester)

During Chris' Sabbatical leave, the visiting preachers will choose their own readings and themes for the service. We will not know them sufficiently in advance to include them in the newsletter.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 1st April 7.40pm Lent small group **Abiding in Christ #5**
but refreshments and chat from 7.15pm

Friday 3rd April (Good Friday) Churches Together 'Walk of Witness'
starts 9.30 am at Victoria Park

Friday 3rd April (Good Friday) 3.00pm Meditations at St Christophers

Sunday 12th April Chris' last Sunday at St C's before he goes on
Sabbatical leave.

Prayer Topics

Please pray for

- the church as Chris' Sabbatical begins; that we would grow deeper in our understanding that all God's people are ministers and that we would grow in the different callings He has given us.
- those who are visiting St Christopher's during Chris' Sabbatical - that God would give them words for us which build us up in Christ and that we could bless them with our hospitality also.
- Neil, Mike, Chantal & Rob, who together make up the Sabbatical Steering Committee (SSC) - a group which will be taking care of practical matters while Chris is away. Ask God to give them wisdom and faith for the months ahead.
- God's guidance for those hammering out the detail of how our Minister Community might work. Please pray for those people both at St Christophers & Holy Trinity church Leicester, that the Minister Communities project might bear good fruit in the years ahead.
- full recovery back at home for Jenny and Rita.
- Foodbank families who we served recently. That God would use the contact made to draw them to Jesus, and for their future food security.

Little Angels

Mondays in term time - but . . .

. . . will **not** be meeting during the Summer Term

Will resume in September

Scouts

Meeting night Mondays

Cubs 5.30-7.00pm

Scouts 7-8.30pm

For further details ring Roger
on 07766456239

Chris Collins (Vicar) 0777 4346871

Chris will not be able to be contacted during his Sabbatical leave.

Mission of the month Arab World Ministries

This comment on a visit to a N Africa AWM mission team gives us an insight into the way St Christopher's friends serving in N Africa are working:

"Teapot Ministry"

"We can show that we value and honour people by choosing to spend time with them - particularly through showing and receiving hospitality. Spending a day with someone, eating, drinking tea and relaxing provides so much opportunity to speak into their lives, have deeper conversations about God and faith and to sow seeds of the gospel..."

VICAR'S COMMENT

The word 'hope' can be a bit uncertain in the English language. It speaks of an expectation for the future that may or may not happen. But the Bible was not originally written in English, and so when we read of the 'hope' that comes through the gospel of Jesus Christ, we shouldn't translate it with a sense of uncertainty. Instead we should think of **confident expectation**. Something that we know is coming but has not fully arrived yet.

I wonder what your hopes are for the coming months? As I go on Sabbatical, I have hopes (in the English sense of the word) for what I might get done during that time. Because although it certainly is a rest period to some extent, there are other things I hope to achieve during it. That said, I feel I know myself quite well - I know how I can get very distracted at times, and I know how I can get fixated on certain things which I can't let go of until I've got them straight in my mind. So sometimes it can feel difficult to stick to the plans I have. Your prayers for me are much appreciated!

However, the hope we have because of the death & resurrection of Jesus is an absolute certainty. It should be for us a confident expectation. Jesus has died for sins - including ours. Jesus has risen again to new life - made available to us. What Jesus has done has happened in objective history, and because our hope is grounded in **his** achievement not ours, eternal life can be our confident expectation.

So, celebrate the truth of 1 Peter 1:3 (our memory verse) now and always: 'He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead' (NIV).