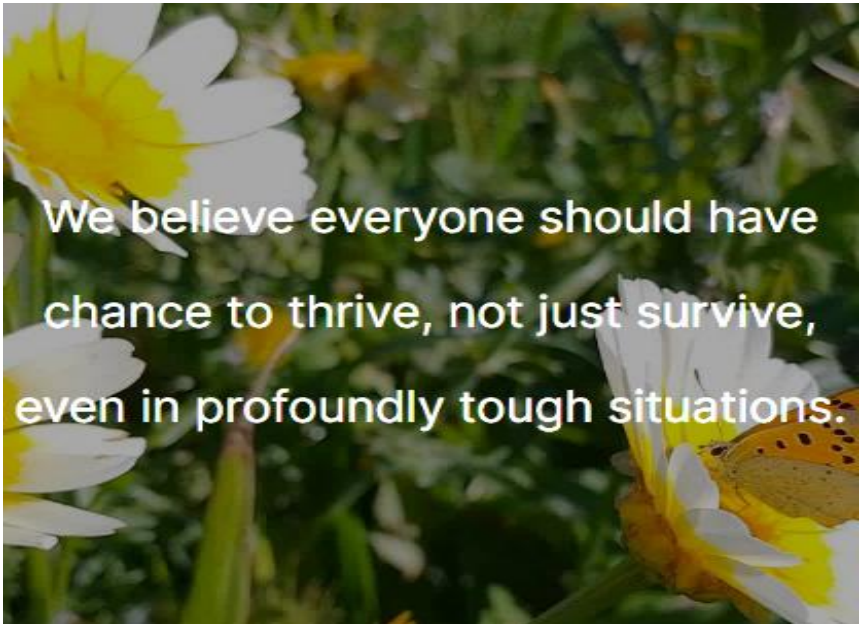


St Christopher's Church

Trenant Road Saffron Lane LE2 6UA



Memory verse

Jesus said

'I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full'

John 10:10 (NIV)

May 2026

St Christopher's Church Services - May

Sunday 3rd	10.00am Morning Worship	<i>Readings: TBA</i> <i>Theme: TBA</i> <i>Preacher: Jessie Tang (Intercultural Worshipping Communities project manager)</i>
Sunday 10th	10.00am All Age Holy Communion	<i>Readings: TBA</i> <i>Theme: TBA</i> <i>Preaching & presiding:: James Pickersgill (Bishop Martyn's chaplain)</i>
Sunday 17th	10.00am Morning Worship	<i>Readings: TBA</i> <i>Theme: TBA</i> <i>Preacher: Steven Burrage (preacher at Holy Trinity church)</i>
Sunday 24th	10.00am All Age Holy Communion	<i>Readings: TBA</i> <i>Theme: TBA</i> <i>Preaching & presiding: Richard Trethewey (Archdeacon of Leicester)</i>
Sunday 31st	10.00am All Age Morning Worship	<i>Readings: TBA</i> <i>Theme: TBA</i> <i>Preacher: Vic Hall (preacher at Holy Trinity church)</i>
<i>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.</i>		

Diary Dates

Wednesday 13th May 7.30pm - Deanery Synod Open meeting on the New RE Curriculum for Leicester City Schools, at St Theodore's Church, Rushey Mead.

Thursday 14th May - Ascension Day

Thursday 14th - Sunday 24th May Thy Kingdom Come - an annual period of prayer for more people to come to know Jesus.

Sunday 24th May - Pentecost

Thursday 4th June at 7pm Ali Simpson-Smith licensed as Team Vicar for Oadby & Great Glen, at St Peter's church, Oadby.

Prayer Topics

Please pray for

- the church during Chris' Sabbatical; 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.
- recovery of mobility for Rita, back at home but stuck in bed.
- several foodbank families who we served towards the end of April, 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)

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

He expects to be back in church on Sunday 19th July

Mission of the month Thrive Leicester (Interserve)

Kat Gibson working among refugees and asylum seekers in Leicester

Kat writes:

Thrive Leicester is a small Christian unaffiliated organisation, supporting women and families seeking asylum and with refugee status, in Leicester. Our vision is for women and families in the asylum system to *thrive* - based on Jesus' words in John 10:10 (in the Bible) that He came so that people might have life in abundance, life to the full. We want to play a part in making this possible.

We endeavour to support people to heal from trauma, build life-giving relationships, get stuck into community, and share their skills and talents with others.

The UK asylum system can be profoundly dehumanising, and many asylum seekers also carry extreme traumas from the life they fled or the journey over here - but we long for people not just to white-knuckle it through life in the hope of *surviving*, but to come to a place of *thriving*.

We hope to support people with basic needs - practically, emotionally, mentally, relationally and spiritually - in whatever ways we can.

COMMENT - by a church member

I was reading the other day an article about the impact of Artificial Intelligence on our society. This is a very wide topic, and the writer focussed on the more recent emergence of 'large language models' which enable human interactions with computer systems using everyday language.

Like most 'tools' the human race has devised, they can be used for good or ill. The article bemoaned the rise in 'fakery' resulting from this facility being available in the public domain. Can we trust published product reviews? Is a student's submitted essay really their own or created by an AI program?

We could regard a human family as a God-given 'tool' to enable right relationships to be built into our characters. I've just been reading the story of Joseph and his brothers. The cruelty shown by the sale of Joseph into slavery and the deceit given to their father was bad. Yet God, through Joseph's forgiveness, healed that situation and used that family as the basis of the nation of Israel. Let us use for good all that God gives us.