

St Christopher's Church

Trenant Road Saffron Lane LE2 6UA



Memory verse

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

Matthew 14 v 31 (NIV)

July 2026

St Christopher's Church Services - July

Sunday 5th	10.00am Morning Worship	Readings TBA Theme TBA Preacher: Michael Ravuri IWC project worker
Sunday 12th	10.00am All Age Holy Communion	Readings TBA Theme TBA Preaching & Presiding: Rob Gladstone Vicar of Rothley parish church
Sunday 19th	10.00am All Age Morning Worship	Readings TBA Theme TBA Leading & Preaching: Mr C Collins
Sunday 26th	10.00am All Age Morning Worship	Readings TBA Theme TBA Leading & Preaching: Mr C Collins

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

Saturday 4th July from 6.10pm- Walking Treasure Hunt, at Oadby
Meet in East Street car park

Wednesday 5th August - deadline date for individuals to complete the online Safeguarding Audit - details available in church.

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

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.
- Veronica and husband Melvin as they spend six weeks together with family in Antigua - please pray for peace and faith in Christ for the family and for Melvin to remain well.
- recovery of mobility for Rita, back at home but stuck in bed.
- We continue to receive foodbank referrals for families linked to local schools. Pray for wisdom for school staff over making referrals and ask that God would use the contacts made to draw family members to Jesus, and for their future food security.
- Louise's parents. Michael needs surgery on his lungs but is currently not fit enough for the procedure. Pray that his lung rehab treatment will be successful, and that he, and wife Beryl will have your peace at this worrying time.
- Nia, back in Leicester and Cambridge for 3 weeks this month with family and preparing for her permanent return to the UK later in the year.

Advance notice for **September**

Sunday 15th September 2.30-5.30pm A celebration of 100 years of life of the Diocese of Leicester in the form of a Worship gathering at the Athena Events Venue with the Archbishop of Canterbury as guest.
Book free tickets on Eventbrite

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

Mission of the Month: 51st Leicester Scouts

Scouts and Cubs are looking more and more fragile through loss of leadership but Mark and myself determined to think positively were rewarded straight away with more interest and involvement being shown by parents, with promises of help with outside activities and with Leicestershire Scouts' support being made tangible in a £900 grant to be spent replacing our decrepit selection of ancient lighter tents. So our priority, apart from delivering for the young people, is to build a wider team of adult involvement and support which in turn would make the former so much easier to achieve.

Part of this must be to see promotion, publicity, and advising on how folk could help, more than aspirations we never get around to. An important facet of this is that St.C's should feel ownership of its Group and please that you should remember us in your prayer regularly. To that end we will in future regularly let you know what we are up to and how things are going.

Though our numbers of young people are low we have a grand bunch and it's a pleasure to see them having fun, meeting challenges and developing skills for life perhaps not available in school.

Or on their phone laptop and X box !!!

COMMENT - by a church member

This week we were reminded of the gospel story where Jesus walks on water. I am sure many of us are able to identify with Peter, who having been reassured that Jesus was with him, took a step of faith out of the boat, only to take his eyes off Jesus. Beginning to sink, he cried out for HELP! Of course, Jesus stepped in to rescue him.

I was struck by how like my own faith journey Peter's is. There have been several occasions that I've stepped out in faith in my life - working abroad on mission comes into this category. On those occasions he's never let me down and has got me through lots of hairy moments. Yes, I've cried for help at times but at other I've felt the thrill of 'walking on water'.

But when life returns to normal and, despite being busy, everything seems Ok - that's when I lose focus on Jesus. It's then that if a storm comes, I find myself, like Peter, resorting to a cry for help. And Jesus has been faithful and always rescued me even if it hasn't been in the way I expected.

Something that has helped me to focus on Jesus in the good times recently has been the ancient practice of examen - thanking God before I go to sleep for leading me through the day and for any good things I've noticed along the way. I recommend it.