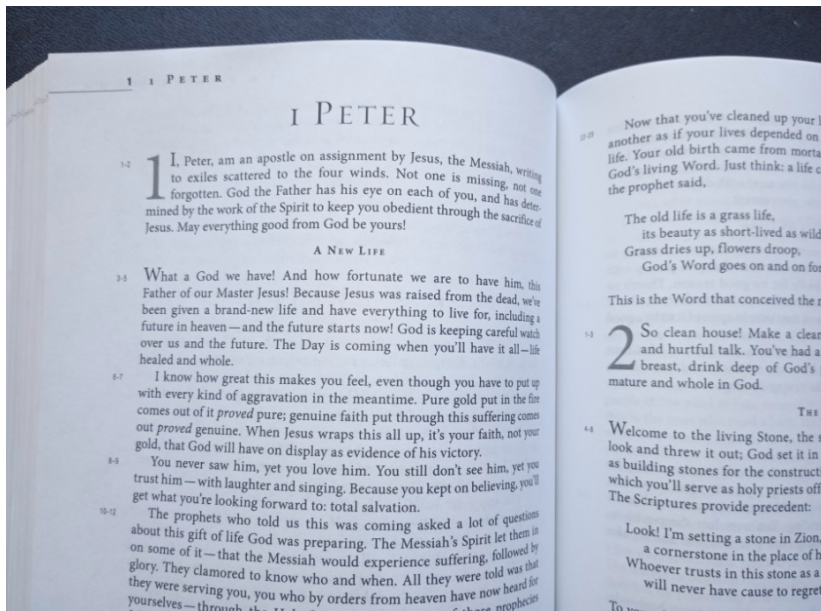


St Christopher's Church

Trenant Road Saffron Lane LE2 6UA



The Message version of the bible

Memory verse

'And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it'

(Matthew 16:18, NIV)

August 2026

St Christopher's Church Services - August

Sunday 2nd	10.00am All Age Morning Worship	Reading: Matthew 13:31-35 Theme: Finding the treasure Leading & Preaching: Mr C Collins
Sunday 9th	10.00am All Age Holy Communion	Reading: Matthew 14:22-33 Theme: Walking on water Leading & Preaching: Mr C Collins
Sunday 16th	10.00am All Age Morning Worship	Reading: Matthew 15:10-28 Theme: Grace for the nations Leading & Preaching: Mr C Collins
Sunday 23rd	10.00am All Age Holy Communion	Reading: Matthew 16:13-20 Theme: An undefeatable Kingdom Leading & Preaching: Mr C Collins
Sunday 30th	10.00am All Age Morning Worship	Reading: Matthew 16:21-28 Theme: Taking up the cross Leading & Preaching: Mr C Collins

Diary Dates

- Wednesday 5th August - deadline date for individuals to complete the online Safeguarding Audit - details available in church.
- Wednesdays 12th, 19th, 26th August 7.30 pm at Mike & Rita's.
Summer Book Group starts -
- 'Living differently to make a difference' by Will Donaldson
- Saturday 8th August 12-4pm - Saffron community fun day -
- Kingfisher centre

Prayer Topics

Please pray for.

- the families of Graham Burton (former curate at St Christophers) and of John Tonkin (who, in retirement, supported the ministry here at St C's from 1994 to 2020) who both died last month.
- 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.
- Neil and Jayne as they move house and church in the coming weeks to be nearer to family in Nottingham. Pray that they find a godly, loving church community to join quickly and that they settle into life in a new house and community and are able to effectively support their family.
- the future of Little Angels toddler group over which there is a question mark at the present time. Please pray that prayerful, scripturally-informed decisions are made and that these would be directed by God.
- 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.
- the development of our Minster Community with Holy Trinity church Leicester. That good decisions would be made and that relationship between the two church communities would flourish in future.

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

Planning to 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: Open Hands by Neil Tansley

I want to share an encouraging personal story from Open Hands during mission of the Month. One of Open Hands functions is to support people in times of crisis. Nigel came to Open Hands after a period when he had fallen into alcohol dependency following the loss of his job. He came for his six week food allowance, and on his first week I felt moved to speak to him. The conversation led me to offer prayer - for a new purpose, healing and a new job.

Soon, Nigel told me that he had begun to pray himself and would like to volunteer to help others. I continued to talk to and pray with Nigel and after another two months he became a permanent member of the Open Hands furniture team.

He has now accepted Jesus - in his words, because of the love and authenticity of the Christians he met and worked with at Open Hands.

Vicar's Comment

For this month's comment I am going to quote a Christian from the past. In the following quote, J.C. Ryle, evangelical Bishop of Liverpool in the 19th century:

'let us mark the glorious promises which our Lord makes to his church. He says: "The gates of hell will not prevail against it".....The mystical body of Christ shall never perish or decay. Though often persecuted, afflicted, distressed and brought low, it shall never come to an end: it shall outlive the wrath of Pharaohs and Roman Emperors. Visible churches, like Ephesus, may come to nothing; but the true church never dies. Like the bush that Moses saw, it may burn, but shall not be consumed. Every member of it shall be brought safe to glory. In spite of falls, failures and shortcomings, in spite of the world, the flesh and the devil, no member of the true church shall ever be cast away.'

(Expository Thoughts on Matthew, p.126-127)