

St Christopher's Church

Trenant Road Saffron Lane LE2 6UA



Memory verse

'Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night'. Psalm 1:1-2, NIV

September 2026

St Christopher's Church Services - September

Sunday 6th	10.00am Morning Worship	Readings: Exodus 3:1-15 and Matthew 16:21-28 Theme: Taking up our cross Leading & Preaching: Mr C Collins
Sunday 13th	10.00am Holy Communion	Readings: Psalm 149 and Matthew 18:15-20 Theme: How followers of Jesus should deal with conflict Leading & Preaching: Mr C Collins
Sunday 20th	10.00am Morning Worship	Readings Romans 13:8-14 and Matthew 18:21-35 Theme: Incomparable grace Leading & Preaching: Mr C Collins
Sunday 27th	10.00am All Age Holy Communion	Reading Matthew 20:1-16 Theme: Responding to grace Leading & Preaching: Mr C Collins

Diary Dates

Wednesdays 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th –

Summer Book Group sessions 7:30pm at Mike & Rita's

Monday 7th 7.15pm PCC meeting at the vicarage

Monday 21st Sept - 4th October Fairtrade Fortnight

Chris Collins (Vicar) 0777 4346871

Prayer Topics

Please pray for

- Neil and Jayne as they expect to move house this month 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.

- Little Angels toddler group which restarts on Mondays this month.

Please pray that God inspires the parents who come so that they are drawn to Jesus, and for the team that they would be equipped as Jesus' ambassadors to speak to and pray for the parents too. Also pray for practical matters to run smoothly.

- Foodbank families who we have had contact with in recent months. 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.

Diocesan Centenary Celebration Worship Gathering

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.

Booking closes on 3rd September; free tickets on Eventbrite

Little Angels

Mondays in term time

Starting at 8.45am, and for the present, closing at 11.15am.

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Resumes on 7th 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: Tear Fund

Our front cover typical picture of Nepal is so different to the horrific scenes from the Nepal/Tibet border that we have seen since the flash floods of 26th August. Tearfund's partners are, despite their own deep, personal grief at the loss of loved ones, in the area urgently working with local authorities, communities and other humanitarian organisations to establish the most effective way to respond. Tearfund and its partners are also preparing to meet the huge psycho-social needs. "This trauma could last for generations" says Pranaya Chhetri, Tearfund's Nepal Country Director.

Vicar's Comment

The gospel of Matthew has been a real feature of my life in recent weeks and months. The Lectionary gave us parables from Matthew 13 for Sunday services over the summer, and in the coming months the Lectionary leads us into some of Matthew's later chapters. But more than that: I was recently asked to join a team of people who do a regular teaching session with students at a Bible college somewhere in South-east Asia (via Zoom), and was told that we would be teaching on the Sermon on the Mount: Matthew chapters 5-7.

The talk I did for the Bible college was based on just two verses but after preparation & study on those verses I felt it had been a very rich experience. Indeed, I felt that doing a 'deep dive' into this very short passage resulted in me receiving insight I didn't feel I had before. I was therefore reminded of the holy incisiveness of God's word.

We need to be open to God speaking to us through his word, and we should be dwelling on it and seeking that God would use it to transform our approach to life for good. Indeed, our memory verse mentions 'meditating' on God's law. Not just reading the Scriptures once at church on Sunday and then never opening it for the rest of the week, but prayerfully, diligently and reflectively reading God's words to us. As we continue to spend time in Matthew's gospel this month and beyond, let's be determined to understand and obey what God teaches through it.