

St Christopher's Church

Trenant Road Saffron Lane LE2 6UA



Memory verse

'We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.'

Hebrews 6, v19, NI

October 2026

St Christopher's Church Services - October

Sunday 4th	10.00am Morning Worship	Readings: Psalm 78:1-16 and Matthew 21:23-32 <i>Theme: Called to work in the vineyard</i> Leading & Preaching: Mr C Collins
Sunday 11th	10.00am Holy Communion	Readings: Psalm 19 and Matthew 21:33-46 <i>Theme: True fruitfulness for a new people (Harvest Sunday)</i> Leading & Preaching: Mr C Collins
Sunday 18th	10.00am Morning Worship	Readings: Psalm 106:1-23 and Matthew 22:1-14 <i>Theme: Accepting our invitation to the banquet</i> Leading & Preaching: Mr C Collins
Sunday 25th (clocks go back)	10.00am All Age Holy Communion	Reading: Matthew 22:15-22 <i>Theme: Giving ourselves to God</i> Leading & Preaching: TBC

Diary Dates

Wednesdays, 7th & 14th -

Summer Book Group sessions 7:45pm at Mike & Rita's house

Tuesday 13th -7pm to ~ 9.00pm 'Spring' Cleaning session at church
(If possible, let Rob Pike know if you plan to come)

Sunday 18th shared church breakfast before service
(further details will be forthcoming)

Sunday 25th End of British Summer Time. Clocks go back one hour

Chris Collins (Vicar) 0777 4346871

Prayer Topics

Please pray

- For Michael Ravuri as he starts as ordinand at St Cs, and also for his wife Shoba as she simultaneously starts as an ordinand at St Andrews Aylestone. Pray for the Lord's guidance for them as they settle in, and for a loving welcome from the church family.
- For our partners at Open Hands as the colder weeks and months approach. Pray that they receive the donated items they need to serve people in our city (pray that our own church plays its part in this!)
- For 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.
- For 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.
- For 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.
- For full healing for Rita Early in Jesus' name

The current Newsletter, and the eleven previous issues, are available on the church's website: stchristophersleicester.com.

Look under: Services & News | Monthly Newsletters

Little Angels

Mondays in term time

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

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Closed on 19th October (half-term)

Scouts

Meeting night Mondays

Cubs 5.30-7.00pm

Scouts 7-8.30pm

For further details ring Roger
on 07766456239

Mission of the month: Church Pastoral Aid Society

Training church leaders is one of CPAS's main endeavours.

'Leading Faithfully in a Divided Britain' is in the current programme.

Questions of identity, politics, immigration and belonging are becoming increasingly prominent in Britain. For many church leaders, knowing how to respond, how to lead churches well, and how to lead faithfully in local communities where people may hold very different views can feel very difficult.

Issues like these feel increasingly important and actually quite stressful:

- What is happening in Britain, and why does it matter for church leaders?
- Is there a healthy Christian understanding of patriotism and national identity?
- How do we lead churches well when people hold very different views?
- Can the Church offer our communities something more compelling?

This session is designed to help understand this cultural moment, think biblically about some of the issues shaping our national life, and consider how to lead with greater theological clarity, pastoral wisdom and new courage.

Comment 'Hope' by a church member

Three years ago (28th September 2023 to be exact) the iconic Sycamore Gap tree on Hadrian's Wall was cut down in an act of vandalism. The National Trust grew a number of saplings from seeds taken from the fallen tree. These (named Trees of Hope) have been distributed to a number of charities with an interest in nature and people's wellbeing. Many responded commenting on the values for their local communities, e.g. 'trees planted to hold memories, histories and acts of hope'.

Last month 'Organ Donation week' (21st-27th September) was held. The NHS highlighted the increasing need for donors - the waiting list for transplants has reached 8,500. This represents the number of people living with a daily hope that they will at last receive news of a suitable donor.

I have been reminded of the *certain* hope of eternal life we have as followers of Jesus, described in Hebrews 6, verse 19:

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