

St Christopher's Church

Trenant Road Saffron Lane LE2 6UA



Memory verse

"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

(Philippians 1:6, NIV)

November 2026

St Christopher's Church Services - November

'Union with Jesus' series starts		
Sunday 1st	10.00am Morning Worship	Reading: John 15:1-11 Theme: <i>Remaining in the Vine</i> Leading: Mr C Collins Preaching: . Mr M Ravuri
Sunday 8th	10.00am Holy Communion	Reading: TBC Theme: <i>Sharing Christ's sufferings</i> <i>(Remembrance Sunday)</i> Leading & Preaching: Mr C Collins
Sunday 15th	10.00am Morning Worship	Reading: TBC Theme: <i>Sharing Christ's character</i> Leading & Preaching: Mr C Collins
Sunday 22nd	10.00am Holy Communion	Reading: TBC Theme: <i>Sharing Christ's authority</i> Leading & Preaching: Mr C Collins
Advent series starts		
Sunday 29th	10.00am All Age Morning Worship	Reading: Mark 13:24-37 Theme: <i>Being ready (Advent 1)</i> Leading: TBC Preaching: Mr C Collins

Diary Dates for November

Tuesday 10th - Chris teaching at Holy Trinity church Leicester, as part of the NWDY curriculum (New Wine Discipleship Year)

Tuesday 17th - PCC meeting, 7:15pm at St C's

Wednesday 25th - Chris at Bishop's Study Day (St Martins House)

Prayer Topics

Please pray

- For those whom the 'Angels and Heroes' team met on the street on the 31st October. That those they had positive contact with on the night would further their contact with us, that they may move towards personal faith in Jesus.
- For our partner Kat Gibson as she continues her work with women and asylum seekers in the city. That she would receive the donations she needs for this work in the run up to Christmas (including St C's playing their part in providing this).
- For the heating situation at Sunday services and Little Angels. That both can be heated asap, after the lack of heating in recent weeks.
- 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

An entry in Nia's organisation's latest prayer letter

"N returned to the UK in late October after serving for 18 years in East Asia. She gives thanks for your prayers over this time, and the Lord answering them in sustaining her, and seeing many international students and returnees coming to the Lord, growing in their faith, and continuing serving others. Please pray for her transition to life back in the UK, where she hopes to take up a role serving international students and supporting returnees remotely, starting early 2027."

Little Angels

Mondays in term time
Starting at 8.45am, and for the
present, closing at 11.15am.

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Scouts

Meeting night Mondays
Cubs 5.30-7.00pm
Scouts 7-8.30pm
For further details ring Roger
on 07766456239

Mission of the month: Crosslinks

Coping with living and working in an unfamiliar culture - Cultural penguins.

Some advice given to a newly commissioned mission partner about to go abroad

– ‘Find yourself a ‘cultural penguin’.

A ‘cultural penguin’ has the ability, much like an actual penguin, to do a deep dive – not into water, but into their own culture. They can then pop up the other side and help you to understand an element of the culture that you find yourself questioning or perplexed by. This is no mean feat; most of us don’t think about why things are the way they are and when we’re asked to explain something, we often struggle to get past ‘that’s just the way it is!’.

The partner's experience:

“We have had the real privilege of having a couple of ‘penguins’ in our lives during our time in Zambia. They have faithfully answered our questions and gently helped us to see why our reaction to different situations may not be understood the way we intend.

[they have] helped us to navigate life here in a way that recognises the culture but holds it in light of God’s word.”

VICAR'S THOUGHT

If you've been at St Christopher's for a while, you've probably heard me talk about church gathered and church scattered. This is basically taking the biblical truth that the church of Christ is a people, not a building, and building an understanding for our regular lives. We gather as church at certain times, but then the rest of time the church is scattered as we inhabit the roles we have in life. This, therefore, concerns the pattern of the present church.

But we might also think of church imperfect and church perfect. This points us to the future. Basically, church (as a body of people) will not cease to exist in eternity. Rather, the church will be *perfected* when Jesus returns. Currently we still struggle with sin, sometimes we might at times get on each other's nerves, we don't love to the degree that Jesus does.

But Advent reminds us that the present situation will not be the same forever. Jesus came to create and build the church, but He will return to perfect it. This is our hope! So we can be encouraged by the apostle Paul's words to the Philippian church: "Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:6, NIV)