

St Christopher's Church

Trenant Road Saffron Lane LE2 6UA



Memory Verse

*'I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive
the kingdom of God like a little child will never
enter it.'*

(Mark 10:15, NIV)

Summer 2025

St Christopher's Church Services JULY

Sunday 6th	10.00am Holy Communion	Reading Hebrews 12: 4-11 Theme <i>Our Loving Father</i> Leader and preacher- Mr C Collins
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Summer Series - Hebrews' Heroes

Sunday 13th	10.00am AA Morning Worship	Readings Hebrews 11: 4 and Genesis 4: 1-16 Theme <i>Hebrews Heroes 1 - Abel</i> Leader and preacher- tbc
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Sunday 20th	10.00am AA Holy Communion	Readings Hebrews 11: 5-6 and Genesis 5: 21-24 Theme <i>Hebrews Heroes 2 - Enoch</i> Leader Mr C Collins Preacher Mrs C Griffin
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Sunday 27th	10.00am AA Morning Worship	Readings Hebrews 11: 7 and Genesis 6: 5 - 7: 5 Theme <i>Hebrews Heroes 3 - Noah</i> Leader and preacher- Mr C Collins
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Diary dates for July

- Wednesday 2nd July - PCC - 7.15pm
- Tuesday 8th July - Extraordinary PCC - 7.15pm
- Wednesdays 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th - 7.15pm - Summer Book Group, '**Crazy Busy**' by Kevin DeYoung.
- Friday 11th-Tuesday 15th - Chris away at General Synod
- Wednesday 30th-Monday 4th - Chris at New Wine Christian festival

Mission for July - Open Hands (By Neil Tansley, volunteer)

This is the time of year when Open Hands reflect on services delivered to the community during the past year. Altogether, they have -provided 3302 hot meals, supported 3218 families/individuals through the food store, supported 2,123 households with essential items (bedding, kitchenware etc.), delivered 773 items of furniture and delivered English classes to 90 individuals.

But Open Hands isn't only about giving away free stuff to those in need. As a worker at Leicester Community Advice and Law Centre puts it:

Open Hands work hard to accept people as they come and clearly want more for the people who they serve.

It has been my privilege to work on the pastoral team for one morning a week since Christmas, encouraging, advising and praying with people facing some of the most difficult times of their lives

Please continue to hold the work of Open Hands in your prayers.

St Christopher's Church Services **AUGUST**

Sunday 3rd	10.00am AA Holy Communion	Readings Hebrews 11: 8-10 and Genesis 12: 1-9 Theme <i>Hebrews Heroes 4 - Abraham</i> Leader and preacher - Mrs Ali Simpson-Smith
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Sunday 10th	10.00am AA Morning Worship	Readings Hebrews 11: 11-12 and Genesis 18: 10-15 and 21: 1-7 Theme <i>Hebrews Heroes 5 - Sarah</i> Leader and preacher - Mrs Chantal Griffin
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Sunday 17th	10.00am AA Holy Communion	Reading Hebrews 11: 13-16 Theme <i>Hebrews Heroes 6 - Exiles</i> Leader and preacher - Mr C Collins
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Sunday 24th	10.00am AA Morning Worship	Readings Hebrews 11: 23 and Exodus 2: 1-10 Theme <i>Hebrews Heroes 7</i> <i>Amram and Jochebed</i> Leader and preacher - Mr Sami Lynsey (tbc)
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Sunday 31st	10.00am AA Holy Communion	Readings Hebrews 11: 24-28 and Exodus 2: 11-15 Theme <i>Hebrews Heroes - 8 Moses</i> Leader and preacher - Mr C Collins
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Diary dates for August

- Wednesday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th - Summer Book Group
- Saturday 9th - Saturday 16th and Friday 22nd - Monday 25th Chris on annual leave
- Sunday 10th **TCP** at the Early's (22 Suffolk Close) - 5-7pm
- Sunday 17th - **Summer Barbecue** after church

Mission for August - CPAS - Ventures

Ventures are fun-filled holidays that offer young people age 8-18 the opportunity to make great friends, take part in incredible activities and explore life with Jesus. They are open to children and teenagers of any faith or none at all, and regardless of family circumstance, race or gender every young person is welcome. Packed full of adventures and with time to relax, they give young people the chance to make long-lasting, life enhancing friendships.

There's a choice of over 50 Venture to pick from offering a massive range of activities. And best of all explore how the promises, challenges and questions in the Bible can apply to life with the help of amazing leaders.

Vicar's thought

I've recently just finished my participation in a Church of England pilot programme, which is focussed on the increasing participation of children and young people in the church. It has been an enjoyable time, but it has also been a time to ponder and reflect. As a result of this pilot and our church's involvement in the diocesan 'Growing Faith' project, children and young people will be very much on the agenda in the coming months.

But also, as part of the pilot, we clergy who were participating were asked to think about how childlikeness plays a role in our own personal spirituality/faith. My reflection was about how Jesus wanted the little children to come to him, and that when they came they were blessed by Him. Indeed, He went further, saying to his disciples ***'I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.'*** (Mark 10:15, NIV)

So that's at the heart of saving faith - a willingness to run to Jesus and receive his blessings. We don't bring anything with us to offer to Him; instead we run to Him and receive. And then our lives should become a life of worship in response to His limitless grace

For your Prayers

- Terry and her family following the recent passing of her mother, Lou Lee, who was also a dear member of St C's who spent her last years in a local care home.
- Future development of Children & Youth work at St C's and TGSA. Please pray for wisdom, direction and power as this becomes an increasing focus in the coming months.
- Our church's future following our PCC's decision to connect up with Holy Trinity Church Leicester in a Minster Community. That by God's grace we would be able to establish a partnership between our two churches which is seeking the glory of God and the spread of the gospel.
- That the Minister Communities project might bear good fruit in the years ahead.
- Simon and Sarah, as Sarah begins IVF treatment to conceive a child.
- Rob's, daughter Crystal, give thanks for her recent improvements in her mental health, but also ask God for her full recovery.
- Thankfulness for Melvin's positive news regarding his cancer situation.
- All church members taking time off this summer (whether going away or staying at home), that they would be able to have a restful break and feel spiritually refreshed.