

St Christopher's Church

Trenant Road Saffron Lane LE2 6UA



Burton Overy Village Hall

Memory Verse

**'You are the light of the world. A town built
on a hill cannot be hidden',**

Matthew 5:14, NIV

September 2025

St Christopher's Church Services for September

Sunday 7th (Groups)	10.00am Morning Worship	Readings Mark 8: 34-38 and Hebrews 12: 12-17 Topic <i>Choosing wisely?</i> Leader and Preacher Mr C Collins
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Sunday 14th	10.00am Holy Communion	Readings TBC Topic <i>A house for all nations</i> Leader Mr C Collins Preacher Mr Jitash Patel
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Sunday 21st (Groups)	10.00am Morning Worship	Readings TBC Topic <i>Rise up Sunday!</i> Leader Mr C Collins Preacher TBC
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Sunday 28th	10.00am All Age Holy Communion	Readings TBC Topic <i>Church without passengers</i> Leader and Preacher Mr C Collins
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Diary Dates for September

- Wednesdays 3rd & 10th - last two 'Crazy Busy' Discipleship Book Group sessions, 7.15pm
- Thursday 4th - Brunch for parents/grandparents of St C's children, 9.15am at church
- Saturday 13th - Church Day away, 10.30am-9pm at Burton Overy Village Hall
- Monday 15th - Standing committee, 7.15pm
- Tuesday 23th - PCC, 7.15pm.

Date for October

We will celebrate Harvest on Sunday 5th October with a Bring and Share lunch after the morning service.

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Prayer Topics for September

Pray for:-

- the future development of Children & Youth work at St C's & TGSA. Please pray for wisdom, direction & power as this becomes an increasing focus in the coming months
- all who have a new beginning this academic year; from moving into school from Little Angels, right up to going to University or starting work for the first time.
- our church's future following our PCC's decision to connect up with Holy Trinity Church Leicester and possibly with Enderby Parish Church in a Minster Community. That by God's grace we would be able to establish a community of churches which is seeking the glory of God and the spread of the gospel. Also 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 - thanks to God for her recent improvements in her mental health, but also ask God for her full recovery.
- Manny, as he navigates a very challenging situation at the assisted living accommodation he works at.
- Rita, who has suddenly become ill and is undergoing copious investigations.
- the future of Little Angels.

Also, **give thanks** for Melvin's positive news regarding his cancer situation.



Fairtrade Fortnight: Monday 22nd September to Sunday 5th October

When we buy a product we should remember the people behind it - who grew, processed or crafted what we see. We may not see them but they are our neighbours

During this fortnight, our churches can explore what Fairtrade is and does, celebrate what it's accomplished, pray for it, encourage people to get involved - and enjoy wonderful Fairtrade products,

Mission for the Month Tearfund

FOCUS ON PLASTIC POLLUTION

For the past three years, Tearfund, along with other agencies, has supported the United Nation's call for an international, legally binding treaty to end plastic pollution. This involved the re-launch of their 'Rubbish Campaign', which we have highlighted in some of our notices and events here at St Christophers.

You may remember the disproportionate effect plastic pollution has on the poorest communities, and the concern shown for the future for 'waste pickers' attempting a livelihood from recycling activity.

The fifth session of international negotiations was adjourned in December 2024 without completing the intended text of an agreed treaty. It resumed in Geneva last month. Regrettably, this also ended without agreement. There seems to be a split between nations calling for curbs on the production of plastics and oil states wanting to focus on recycling.

The talks will resume at a later date - please pray for a continued will to reach an agreement and, for the sake of those most vulnerable, that it will happen very soon.

Vicar's thought

This month we will be having our Church Day away at Burton Overy Village Hall. I really hope it will be a blessed time for as many of us as can come along! One of the key reasons for having a day away is to bring us all together as a church family. This is important in this season I think, because over the last few years there have been a number of people leave and a number of people join, so the church is really quite different in membership to how it was when I arrived here in 2017.

As such I hope our Day away will be a time of coming together and deepening relationships. Getting to know that person maybe you've only said hello to during the Peace. Or spending some time with that person you've briefly chatted with but who always seems busy with something else.

Because being a united people of God is not an optional extra - it's who we should be. God has chosen to use us as a community to reflect his glory to the world around us. The church is, if you like, a 'colony' of heaven right here on earth. As Jesus says, 'You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden', Matthew 5:14, NIV.