

St Christopher's Church Services

April 2010

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Trenant Road
Saffron Lane
Leicester



Maundy Thursday 1st 7.00-8.30pm (Drop in anytime) All-Age Stations of the Cross, including Communion			
Good Friday 2nd 3-4pm		<i>An Hour at the Cross</i> A quiet meditative service	
Easter Day 4th	10.00am All-Age Holy Communion	Readings Topic Led by	Acts 10: 34-43 and Luke 24: 1-12 <i>Love, actually (I look for the resurrection of the dead)</i> Revd J Ling, preacher Revd A Roche Special prayers for the Healing Team and the Admitting of Baptised children to Communion
Sunday 11th	10.00am Service of the Word	Readings Topic Led by	Revelation 1: 4-8 and John 20: 19-31 <i>The End and the Beginning</i> Revd A Roche, preacher Revd Mike Harrison
Thursday 15th 3-4.15pm Family Fun Craft Café Thursday Church at St Christopher's			
Sunday 18th	10.00am Service of the Word	Readings Topic Led by	Revelation 5: 11-14 and John 21: 1-19 <i>Sunday Best</i> Revd A McCullough, preacher Dr P Cavill
5-6.30pm Tea, Chat and Pray, (at the Tonkins' 39 Shackerdale Road)			
Thursday 22nd 3-4.15pm Family Fun Craft Café Thursday Church at St Christopher's			
Sunday 25th	10.00am Holy Communion	Readings Topic Led by	Revelation 7: 9-17 and John 10: 22-30 <i>No more Suffering</i> Revd A Roche, preacher Revd J Tonkin
Thursday 29th 3-4.15pm Family Fun Craft Café Thursday Church at St Christopher's			

Diary Dates for April

- **Maundy Thursday 1st April** - all are invited to the 11am Communion in the Cathedral where clergy and laity renew their commitment to God and mission - free packed lunch afterwards for all
- **Good Friday 2nd April** - 2 choices in the morning:
Christ in the Centre - starts at 10am outside Highcross and ends at 12noon in Humberstone Gate **or**
Churches Together - short 40 minute act of witness from 10.30am at the Eyres Monsell Exchange
- 5-9th April: Alison away
- 5-11th April: Jordan away
- Wednesday 14th April - **Worship leaders meeting** 7.45pm at the Lings
- Wednesday 21st Monthly - **Prayer Meeting** 7.45pm at Jenny's
- Thursday 22nd April - **Standing Committee** 6pm at Nancy's
- Thursday 29th April - **Roadshow** 7.30pm about 'Back to Church Sunday' at St Mary's Knighton all welcome to come and get enthused!

Regular Activities

- Morning Prayer in church, during term time**
Tuesdays - Fridays - 8.00am
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- Little Angels** Mondays and Fridays  
Reopens Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April  
9.15-11.15am  
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- Scouts** Thursdays 6.45-8.45pm
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- Satisfied** - The Academy Christian Union  
Mondays 3.15 and 4.15pm

## Thursday Communion

From 15<sup>th</sup> April note the new time and style refreshments from 11am lunch from 12noon followed by Communion at 1pm finished by 2pm

## Prayer Topics

### Pray for:

- a fresh encounter with Christ at Easter for us and for those we come into contact with
- the new-style Thursday communion - that new people will find it a place to meet others and to meet God
- staff and children to have a good break from school

### Curate's comment:

Alison and I have had some space this past month to think about new expressions of Church and their importance in reaching out to people for whom church has become irrelevant or who cannot connect with Sunday church easily.

As Church members we all have learned how to respond to the expectations of a Sunday Church service and the culture of Church life - like tea and coffee rotas, and bring and share lunches, and long sermons - but for many these ways of being a community no longer make sense. In our parish there are many who would refer to St Christopher's as their Church and yet are sadly unknown to us. We as God's people have a responsibility to consider how we can help everyone in our parish feel that St Christopher's is their family and their community too.

So how do we do this? In a book I have been reading about mission the phrase 'dying to live' is used - part of being welcomed by God is being prepared to be used by him and that means being prepared to prune our church life so that new shoots, new people can come and grow alongside us. This can be hard to want to do and so I encourage us all as we celebrate Easter to remember that our saviour Jesus Christ did just that for us - he died so we could live - what will you give up so that others can live with Christ?

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Mission for the Month - CPAS

Church Pastoral Aid Society

Have you planned your summer holiday yet? This summer CPAS is planning for 3,500 volunteer leaders to run 120 Venture holidays for 4,500 children and young people.

But it is no use just waiting for July to start planning these holidays. Now is the time to be concentrating on the leaders, who are going to run the holidays.

For example, Sam Corley, a vicar in Lancaster is committed to developing young leaders on Venture holidays. When Sam first helped lead a Ventures holiday in 2000 he had only been a Christian for 18 months. Now, he is serving as a vicar at a church in Lancaster and is committed to the development of young leaders, especially as now he is the overall leader of two Venture holidays this summer. 'Ventures were a wonderful opportunity for me to test my call to leadership and to explore my gifts,' he said. 'It was the first place I ever gave a talk and provided me with hands-on practical ministry experience.'

Pray for new leaders and those who train them, that they will receive the gifts to lead the camps and that it will help them grow as Christians.