

St Christopher's Church Services January 2010

Sunday 3rd	10.00am Service of the Word	Readings Isaiah 60: 1-6 and Matthew 2: 1-12 Topic Follow the star Led by Revd J Tonkin, preacher Revd A Roche
Thursday 7th 3-4.15pm Family Fun Thursday Church at St Christopher's		

Sunday 10th	10.00am Holy Communion	Readings Isaiah 43: 1-7 and Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22 Topic Called by name (Jesus' baptism) Led by Dr P Cavill
5-6.30pm Tea, Chat and Pray at the Early's (22 Suffolk Close)		
Thursday 14th 3-4.15pm Family Fun Thursday Church at St Christopher's		

Sunday 17th	10.00am Service of the Word	Readings Isaiah 62: 1-5 and John 2: 1-11 Topic Overflowing Led by Revd J Tonkin, preacher Revd J Ling
Thursday 21st 3-4.15pm Family Fun Thursday Church at St Christopher's		

Sunday 24th	10.00am Holy Communion	Readings Psalm 19 and Luke 4: 14-21 Topic Enabling Spirit Led by Revd J Ling, preacher Revd J Tonkin
Thursday 28th 3-4.15pm Family Fun Thursday Church at St Christopher's		

Education Sunday 31st	10.00am All Age Service of the Word	Readings 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13 and Luke 4: 21-30 Topic Led by the Spirit Led by Revd A Roche, preacher Revd A McCullough
Thursday 4th February 3-4.15pm Family Fun Thursday Church at St Christopher's		

Diary Dates for January

- 3-8th Jordan away
- 4-17th Alison away
- Monday 4th Term starts with an INSET day
- Tuesday 12th, 7.30pm, Edge meeting
- Thursday 14th, 6pm - Standing Committee (note change of date)
- 19-21st - Alison and Jordan on Diocesan Clergy Conference at Swanwick
- Saturday 23rd 2-5pm - open house at Alison's for her birthday - all welcome - bring a pudding or bottle if you want but don't feel obliged!
- 18-25th Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Thursday 28th 7.45pm - PCC at church

Advance notice for **Saturday February 13th** afternoon and evening, all welcome to **John and Margaret Tonkin's 50th Wedding Anniversary** events at the Academy.

Regular Activities

- Morning Prayer in church, during term time**
Tuesdays - Fridays -8.00am
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- Little Angels** Mondays and Fridays 9.15-11.15am  
Restarts Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January  
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- Holy Communion followed by lunch**
Thursdays at the Academy at 12 noon
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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

Prayer Topics

Pray for:

- all the non-retired clergy of the diocese, at the Swanwick Conference, for teaching and refreshment
- Revd Andrew Wingate as he retires from being Director of the St Philip's Centre
- all those involved in education - pupils, students, teachers and support staff - as we celebrate Education Sunday on the 31st and for St Christopher's role and witness within the Academy.

Missionary Giving

The New Year is always a good time to review our giving. When times are hard Charities always feel the pinch when people cut back their giving.

Members of St C's use a variety of ways to give to missionaries:

- Some use the Mission Box for the month.
- Some find the monthly Missionary envelopes helpful, to remind them if they have given something each month. These are available at the start of the year. You do not have to give the same amount each month.
- Others give directly to one or more Missionary Societies and so can Gift Aid their donations.

Mission for the Month UCCF

Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship

UCCF is planning to move from Leicester to the centre of Oxford. It is also looking for a building which is big enough to share with IFES. IFES is short for the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students and they are already based in Oxford. IFES does similar work to UCCF, but throughout the world, while UCCF only works with students in Britain.

It is hoped that the new building will be accessible to students, academics and international visitors as well as supporters. Facilities will include a media centre and a flexible, multi purpose meeting space for large groups.

Life in this UCCF-IFES centre of excellence will offer opportunities to interact with people involved in student ministry in Great Britain and around the world - sharing ideas, expanding the vision and undergoing training. Staff, students and supporters will be inspired by the vision of student ministry they see in Oxford.

The hoped for time scale is for UCCF to move out of Leicester towards the end of 2010.

Pray:

- that a suitable building will be found
- for the money to be found to purchase the building (about £4.4 million)
- for all who will move
- for all who will be made redundant or will retire - especially our Jenny.

Vicar's comment:

I am writing this having just heard today of the death of our dear friend and sister Betty - I feel very sad and yet can't help but smile whenever I think of her as that's how Betty always left you feeling - happy and laughing and good about yourself. One of the last things she said to me was how fortunate she felt about the life she'd had.

I have a set of comment cards that clergy were given on the Diocesan Leadership Programme and one of them says 'If you were to be known for one thing, what might that be?' I'm sure we will all remember Betty for being a wonderful and loving human being with a lively Christian faith.

I wonder what I might be remembered for? And what about you? Hopefully for something in our character that shines out and demonstrates to others that we are loved by Jesus who wants to love others too. Not a bad thing to consider as we start a new year - may it be a happy and hopeful one for you.

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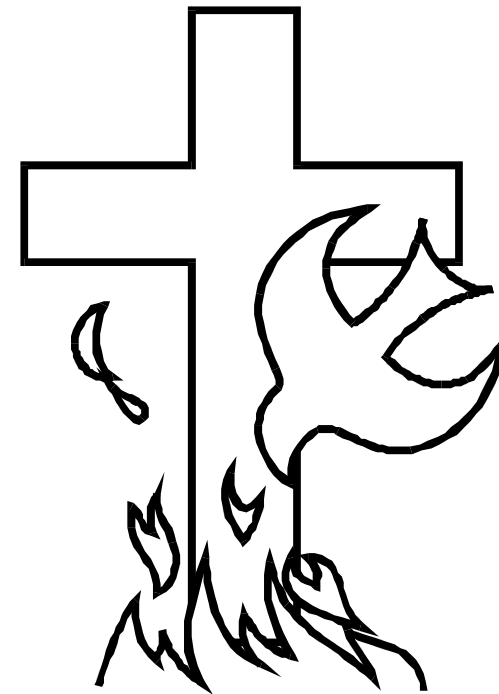
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