

St Christopher's Church Services

February 2011

Theme: *Wise or Foolish?*

Sunday 6th	10.00am Service of the Word	Readings 1 Corinthians 2: 1-16 and Matthew 5: 13-20	Topic <i>Wise or foolish life?</i>
		Led by Revd A Roche	Preacher Revd A Roche
Thursday 10 th 3-4.15pm Craft Café Thursday Church at St Christopher's			

Sunday 13th	10.00am Holy Communion	Readings 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9 and Matthew 5: 12-37	Topic <i>Wise or foolish relationship?</i>
		Led by Revd A McCullough	Preacher Dr P Cavill
	with prayer for healing		
	5-7.00pm Tea, chat and pray at the Early's (22 Suffolk Close)		
Thursday 17 th 3-4.15pm Craft Café Thursday Church at St Christopher's			

Sunday 20th	10.00am All Age Service of the Word	Reading Matthew 5: 38-48	Topic <i>Wise or foolish love?</i>
		Led by Revd A McCullough	Preacher Revd J Tonkin

Sunday 27th	10.00am Holy Communion	Readings 1 Corinthians 4: 1-5 and Matthew 6: 24-34	Topic <i>Wise or foolish worry?</i>
		Led by Revd J Tonkin	Preacher Revd A Roche
Thursday 3rd March 3-4.15pm Craft Café Thursday Church at St Christopher's			

Remember to support
Fairtrade Fortnight
28th February -
13th March



Tearfund Lunch
Sunday 6th March
following church

Diary Dates for February

- Wednesday 2nd 8pm - Worship Leader's meeting at Alison's
- Alison leading youth trip to India from 12-25th
- Wednesday 16th 7.45pm - monthly prayer meeting at Jenny's
- Friday 18th 7pm - SAFTA awards (Saffron Awards) @ Aylestone Working Men's Club, Duncan Road
- Saturday 19th 12noon - Samuel Ling's Baptism - a whole-church event!
- Monday 21st - Friday 25th - school half term - no Little Angels, Morning Prayer or Craft Café.
- Monday 21st - Thursday 24th - church floor being recoated - please keep out of church on those days
- Thursday 24th - Coffee Break still probably to take place in meeting room only but please check.

Prayer Topics

Pray for:

- Michelle as she begins her new school role of Spiritual/Social Development Leader officially from 1st
- the interviews for new church administrator on Wednesday 9th
- Eleanor, Sam & Alice as they attempt to get a Christian Union (or similar) going.

Pray also for

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- the ecumenical group of 12 young people visiting Churches Together in Leicestershire's link diocese of Trichy-Tanjore in South India
- it to be a life-changing experience
- Alison as she leads the group
- safe travelling and good health
- us to support one another as we cope with culture clashes on arriving and on returning
- us all to have our faith challenged and enlarged by the experience
- our sisters and brothers in South India and their own faith.

Regular Activities

Morning Prayer in church,

during term time

Tuesday - Fridays

8.00am

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### Little Angels

Mondays and Fridays

9.15-11.15am

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Coffee Break

refreshments from 11am

lunch from 12noon

followed by Communion

at 1pm

finished by 2pm

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**Scouts** Thursdays

6.45-8.45pm

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**Mission for the Month**  
**The Trichy Link (Alison Roche)**

On 12<sup>th</sup> Feb, twelve lively 16-25 year olds are heading off, matching tee-shirts on, to visit the ecumenical Diocese of Trichy-Tanjore in the State of Tamil Nadu, South India. They and those of us leading include Anglicans, Methodists, Baptists and those who really don't want a label other than Christian. It is the first group of young people to visit since the link was set up in 2002 and they are SO excited! The purpose of the visit is not to 'do mission' - we are visiting our Christian sisters and brothers to share with and learn from each other.

Like us in Leicester, worshipping Christians are in the minority in India, and the next largest faith group in both places are Hindus. We will do a lot of travelling (it's about 7 hours' ride avoiding potholes and cows in the road from end to end of their diocese) to visit churches and project and youth groups. We will spend time with those who are rebuilding their lives in the coastal villages since the Tsunami, and those who make their living picking tea in the mountain villages, whilst in the city of Trichy, the young people are on Facebook and get their sim cards from the Nokia shop.

The purpose is not to take aid, or teach our friends anything, but to help us to see our own faith in a new perspective: ie to encounter God at work in a new context, not just a Western, British one. If we're open to the Holy Spirit, in my experience, this always challenges but enlarges our understanding and relationship with God and I feel privileged to have the chance to go again, but also to accompany young adults like Hayley Gask on this adventure. Do look out for our feedback events when we get back.

**Vicar's comment:**

As I write, the Academy is holding its first 'Core Values Day' - a special day when each form group will spend time doing activities that are a bit different to the usual timetable, and which highlight the core values of the school:

- 1) Loving, caring and respecting
- 2) Forgiveness and new beginnings
- 3) Trust and honesty
- 4) Nurturing faith and prayer
- 5) Doing our best.

These are beautifully illustrated by the pupils on the huge banner in the reception area (and sewn by Sheila Yates!). Members of St Christopher's on the church-school partnership group helped to work out these values for a Church of England School that both reflect a Christian ethos but also allow space and respect for those of other faiths and none to flourish.

If you were to write 5 things down about *your* 'core values' what might they be? Take a moment to do so and, as we've been talking about on Sunday mornings, test out whether your life, your discipleship, your spending reflects what you count as most important, making changes with God's help, where necessary.

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**Trenant Road**  
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