

# St Christopher's Church Services

April 2011

<b>Mothering Sunday</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am <b>Service of the Word</b>	Readings Psalm 23 and John 9: 1-41 Topic <b><i>Is seeing believing?</i></b> Led by Dr P Cavill Preacher Revd A Roche
	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> 3-4.15pm	Craft Café Thursday Church at St Christopher's

<b>Sunday</b> 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am <b>Holy Communion</b>	Reading John 11: 1-45 Topic <b><i>Free to believe?</i></b> Led by Revd A Roche Preacher Revd J Tonkin
	with prayer for healing	
5-7.00pm Tea, chat and pray at Alison's (256 Milligan Road)		
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> 3-4.15pm Craft Café last before Easter		

<b>Palm Sunday</b> 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am <b>Service of the Word</b>	Readings Psalm 118 and Matthew 21: 1-11 Topic <b><i>Palm Promises</i></b> Led by Revd J Tonkin Preacher Revd A Roche

## Hope for Easter: EAT, PRAY, LOVE

**Maundy Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> EAT:** come and join us for a lamb kebab!  
5.30pm (for 6pm) - 7pm - All age **Passover** in church

**Good Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 3-4pm PRAY: Good Friday meditation**

<b>Easter Day</b> 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am <b>All Age Holy Communion</b>	Reading John 20: 1-18 Topic <b><i>LOVE: See the dawn</i></b> Led by Revd A Roche Preacher Revd A McCullough

**Good Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> - 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

## Diary Dates for April

- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> - 'Hope for Easter' Lent group, 7.45pm in church
- Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> - MSM (Mission Shaped Ministry) day in Market Harborough
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Easter Production in school 1.15 & 2.15pm by Holy Trinity Team
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> - Worship Leaders' meeting - 8pm
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> - final Lent group - 7.45pm
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> - Evangelistic event at St Martin's House to grill both bishops - tickets (free) available - jazz & refreshments, 7.30-9pm
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> - end of term Academy Easter service, 9.30am - please come and support this big event
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> - 11am Chrism Mass at Cathedral - all invited
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> May - Alison off
- 7<sup>th</sup> May (-6<sup>th</sup> Aug) - Alison on sabbatical (contact Administrator, Mo Fisher or wardens instead; Jordan back from 6<sup>th</sup> June)

### Prayer Topics

Pray for:

- those we send invitations about our Maundy Thursday all-age Passover and other Easter services - that they learn of Jesus, the 'Hope for Easter'.
- Mo Fisher, settling in as our new administrator.
- Rosie Telford marrying Tom on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.
- the family friends of Maud Wann who's funeral is in church on Tues 5<sup>th</sup> April
- the new families attending Craft Café

### Regular Activities

**Morning Prayer in church, during term time**

Tuesday - Fridays 8am  
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### Little Angels

Mondays and Fridays 9.15-11.15am  
Last session before Easter Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April  
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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

Aged 10½+ - 6.15-8pm  
Aged 14+ - 7.15-9pm

For further details ring Roger on 07766456239

**Mission for the Month CPAS  
Church Pastoral Aid Society**

This year CPAS is celebrating 175 years since its formation in 1836. It was founded by prominent Christians, including the pioneering social reformer Lord Shaftesbury. It was established as a Christian response to the massive social change brought about by the Industrial Revolution. What had been small village churches now found themselves with the new urban poor on their doorsteps.

The new charity resourced these churches to cope with these changes, through giving them grants to enable them to employ extra members of staff. Their aim was simple: the gospel should be taken 'to every person's door, with a single eye to the glory of God'.

Over time, of course, the work of CPAS has developed. But nonetheless the vision of their founders still burns strongly. Like them, CPAS believes in resourcing leaders - both lay and ordained. Like them, they want to see the church equipped to cope with rapidly changing social circumstances. Like them, they want to see the gospel find its way to everyone's door.

**Pray for CPAS as it continues to resource and equip the church in its work to reach people with the gospel.**

**Vicar's comment:**

Well, only a month til I disappear off on my sabbatical - that's come around fast. I read something recently that pointed out that the Commandment about keeping the Sabbath is the longest commandment of the ten - take a look, there's a whole paragraph in Deuteronomy 5 about it, not just one line, like the rest. Keeping Sabbath or time off the usual routine is key to who we are, and who God is. If we don't ever stop work or stop being busy to just 'be' we deny who we are, and we don't glorify God by spending quality time in his presence.

Now I recognise that I'm privileged to take such a long Sabbath rest this time, but more important is that I try, each week and each day to take smaller sabbath times - a day a week not working, half a day reading spiritual things, half an hour a day if I'm doing well, to read and pray or stop and meditate, to look out at the garden. Sabbath was good enough for God; try and make it good enough for you in the run-up to Easter this year and discover new life as we EAT, PRAY & LOVE with God.

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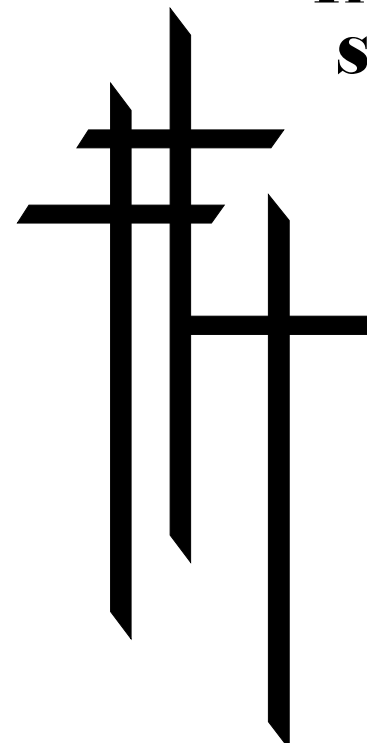
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Revd Jordan Ling (Curate)

The curate is currently on maternity leave.

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