

St Christopher's Church Services

June 2011

Community Spirit

Sunday 5th	10.00am Service of the Word	Readings 1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11 and John 17: 1-11
		Topic Casting your cares Led by Dr P Cavill Preacher Dr P Cavill
Thursday 9 th 3-4.15pm Craft Café Thursday Church at St Christopher's		

Sunday 12th Pentecost	10.00am Holy Communion	Readings 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13 and John 20: 19-23 or John 7: 37-39
		Topic Community Spirit Led by Revd J Ling Preacher Revd J Ling
with prayer for healing		
5-7.00pm Tea, chat and pray at the Tonkin's (39 Shackerdale Road)		
Thursday 16 th 3-4.15pm Craft Café Thursday Church at St Christopher's		

Sunday 19th	10.00am Service of the Word	Readings Genesis 1: 1 to 2: 4a Matthew 28: 16-30
		Topic Sustaining Community Led by Revd J Ling Preacher Revd J Ling
Thursday 23 rd 3-4.15pm Craft Café Thursday Church at St Christopher's		

Sunday 26th	10.00am All Age Holy Communion	Readings Matthew 10: 40-42
		Topic Welcoming Community Led by Revd J Ling Preacher Revd J Tonkin
Thursday 30 th 3-4.15pm Craft Café Thursday Church at St Christopher's		

Revd Alison Roche (Vicar) Alison will be on sabbatical leave until the 6 th August.	Revd Jordan Ling (Curate) From the 6 th June Phone: 222 1348 curate@stchristophers.info	Mo Fisher our administrator, can be contacted by e-mail: admin@stchristophers.info
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Diary Dates for June

- Monday 6th Jordan starts work after maternity leave
- Monday 6th - INSET day at school and end of half term holiday
- 8-10th Alison at the Awesome (women clergy) Conference at Launde Abbey
- Tuesday 7th 7.45pm Green Team at the Cavill's
- Saturday 11th 10am-4pm MSM course Market Harborough
- Wednesday 15th Prayer meeting - 7.45pm at Jenny's
- Tuesday 21st 7.45pm Standing Committee at Jordan's
- 24-26th Alison volunteering at the Solas Christian Arts Festival (a Scottish version of Greenbelt)
- Monday 27th Southern Edge Treasure Hunt - meet at 6pm in Aylestone, £6 including supper
- Tuesday 28th June 5.30-7.00pm Samworth Enterprise Academy Partnerships Consultation Event.

Prayer Topics

Pray for:

- Alison on her sabbatical
- Jordan (and her family) as she returns to work
- Aphro, John, Paul, Jordan, Rob, Steve, Mo and others as they oversee St C's while Alison's away and do extra work
- Pam, Brian, Amanda and Steph
- Amanda's mum who is having an operation on 7th
- House churches facing opposition in China
- The Deanery as it discusses the 20:20 Vision.

Regular Activities

There will be no morning prayer during the summer term

Little Angels

Mondays and Fridays
9.15-11.15am (term-time)

Note: we will meet on Monday 6th

Coffee Break

Thursdays
refreshments from 11am
lunch from 12noon
followed by Communion at 1pm
finished by 2pm

Scouts

Thursdays
Aged 10½+ - 6.15-8pm
Aged 14+ - 7.15-9pm
For further details ring Roger on
07766456239

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Mission for the Month
Arab World Ministries

Media commentators are struggling to keep up with the pace of change and define the revolution sweeping across the Arab World. Some things are clear though. The movement is a genuine people-led one; the region has been changed forever. Only God knows what the future holds for the Arab World and so we must continue to trust in His sovereignty and power - whether the new era is marked by peace or persecution.

Pray:

- that the changes will take place without major loss of life
- for those in new and emerging governments
- for the witness of local believers
- that many Arab people will trust in Christ.

Aphro's Comment

One day Jesus was walking through a large crowd of people. The people were crowding around so that he could hardly move. There was a woman in the crowd who had been bleeding for twelve years. She had been to many doctors, but none had been able to help her. She had heard about Jesus and she believed that he could heal her, but there were so many people crowded around him that it seemed hopeless. The woman thought to herself, "If I could just get close enough to touch his robe, I would be healed." So she pushed through the crowd and reached out and touched Jesus' clothes. Her bleeding stopped immediately and her suffering was ended. She was healed miraculously just by touching Jesus' cloak.

Healing is a mystery. Why are some people healed physically, others receive mental or emotional healing but remain physically ill, some appear not to be healed at all? I wish I knew the answer to that question, especially because it's one of the BIG questions we are asked as Christians when people are trying to make sense of life. Jesus told the woman who touched his cloak that her faith had healed her; but what about those people of faith who are not healed? Does it mean their faith isn't strong enough or that the faith of the people who pray for them isn't strong enough? Some Christians would say "yes" to that question but I'm not one of them. I've seen too many people healed and too many not healed to think that there's a simple answer to that question. There isn't; but I know this if we trust in Jesus, if we reach out and touch him then healing will take place sometimes in a form we don't see or understand until much later.

James 4:14 says this **"Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned he will be forgiven"**. We're also told to be faithful in prayer and keep on praying no matter what and so whether we understand it or not, whether we believe it or not, we are to pray and to trust and leave the healing to God in his wisdom and mercy. That's why we offer healing prayer at St Christopher's on the 2nd Sunday of every month during our Communion service. All are welcome to come and have prayer for themselves or someone else.

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Leicester



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