



The Diocese of Trichy-Tanjore lies in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu. It is part of the Church of South India, which was formed in 1947 with the union of Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian churches.

The Link between Churches Together in Leicestershire and the Diocese of Trichy-Tanjore was created in September 2002. A service at Leicester Cathedral was attended by several church leaders from various denominational groups in Leicestershire as well as a group of church leaders from Trichy-Tanjore.

The Bishop of Trichy-Tanjore is the Rt. Rev'd Paul Vasanthakumar, Bishop Paul and his wife Lily have visited Leicester on several occasions at the invitation of the Bishop of Leicester to celebrate important events in the life of the Diocese of Leicester. This has enabled meetings with leaders from Churches Together in Leicestershire and the people of Leicestershire.



In the diocese of Trichy-Tanjore you will discover churches that are vibrant, dynamic Christian communities that reflect the love of Christ in the sincerity and vibrancy of worship; in the effectiveness of their Christian discipleship programmes; and in their impressive engagement in social outreach.



People of all faiths are welcomed within its hospitals, its schools and its children's shelters. In the challenging environment of the South Indian context, Christians make considerable sacrifices to live out their faith. Those who have visited Trichy have found the faith of their hosts inspirational, challenging, and transforming. The Church, for example, works with the people on the tea estates who have suffered from the drop in the global price for tea and is developing projects for outreach to those affected by HIV.

Churches in Leicestershire are involved in supporting this important work.

The Link is managed by an ecumenical committee comprised of individuals who have a passion to develop and support the Link. Often they have visited Trichy themselves and are eager to enable others to have that experience too.

We meet about four times a year at St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, Beaumont Leys Lane, and try to ensure that regular information about the Link is circulated through all denominations. We offer to hold stalls and give presentations at all major church events in the county.

The Link committee can offer to support visits to Trichy by helping to plan an itinerary and making a small grant to those travelling, when the purpose of the trip is to represent the participating churches or build up the relationship. The Link committee also supports the activities of the more particular links that have developed between places in Leicestershire and the churches in the diocese of Trichy-Tanjore.

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