

Church News

November 2020



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Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

This month, I have asked my wife Liz to share something with you. I hope you like what she has to say and will be willing to accept her challenge.



The other day I was watching a video message from our New Wine Local Regional Director and something he said has really resonated with me. He said we should not be practicing 'social distancing'.

Don't panic, he did not mean that we should be getting close to each other and ignoring the guidelines. It is important that we follow the Covid-19 rules and keep 2 metres from those we do not live or bubble with to protect us and them from the virus.

What he was suggesting was that we should be 'physically distant' from one another, not 'socially distant'.

We need to stay **Physically Distanced** and **Socially Connected**.

As the days get colder and the nights darker it is going to get harder for us all living under the restrictions, which could get tighter as cases grow. At a time when so many in our communities are already feeling isolated, alone and scared of what the next few months will bring it is vital that we make the effort to stay connected with them and each other. I am challenging all of us (me included) to:

1. Choose six people and make a point of contacting them regularly. You may want to phone or video call them each week or suggest going on a physically distanced walk together or meet up over zoom to play a game.
2. Choose six people and pray for them each week. Pray that they will know the love of Jesus and feel him close to them.

Let us make sure that whilst we are maintaining physical distance from each other we are staying socially connected.

Jesus said, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." *John 13: 34-35*

Liz Resch

Services at Christ Church & St Peter's Church

We are delighted to be continuing with some services of public worship at both Christ Church and St Peter's Church and hope that many of you will want to join us. Initially, this will be a limited return to gathered worship but we hope that in time we will be able to expand the offering. Only time will tell.

Sunday Nov 1st	9.30am	Christ Church	Morning Worship
	9.30am	St Peter's	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday Nov 8th	9.30am	Christ Church	Morning Worship
	9.30am	St Peter's	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Sunday Nov 15th	9.30am	Christ Church	Morning Worship
	6.00pm	St Peter's	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday Nov 22nd	9.30am	Christ Church	Holy Communion
	9.30am	St Peter's	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Sunday Nov 29th	9.30am	Christ Church	Morning Worship
	6.00pm	St Peter's	Evening Prayer (BCP)

The numbers attending Church will continue to be limited, but we don't think there's any need to let us know in advance if you wish to come. Hopefully there will be enough room for all those who would like to attend.

For your safety and the safety of others, face coverings must be worn by all who are not exempt from doing so. Please be prepared to queue outside the Church until you are shown to a seat (which may not be your usual one). Strict social distancing between households/support bubbles will be in place. And as much as we would want to greet one another with a handshake, warm hug or a kiss, that won't be possible either. Please follow any one way system that is in place in Church and make use of the hand sanitiser at the entrance and exit of the Church. Currently we are not permitted to sing in Church so our services will not include hymns at this time. We are not allowed to serve refreshments after the service and that is probably just as well as access to the toilet will not be possible either. And for some good news: We can now turn the Church heating on to help keep you a little warmer.

Finally, we would ask you to choose which church you will attend and not switch between different congregations as this will help to reduce the risk of virus transmission. You may think that these measures will spoil your worshipping experience, but we are so looking forward to gathering in a building that has been a place of prayer and spiritual support in the village for so many people over many years. We would thank you for your cooperation. Please see the website www.mountsorrelchurch.org for more details.



Online Worship

While we are delighted to be resuming some of our worship in our Church building, we are aware that there are a good many people who, for one reason or another, do not yet feel comfortable about returning to gathered worship. For this reason we will be continuing with our online worship via Zoom. Please feel free to join us for any or all of the following events:

Service/Event	Time	Meeting ID	Passcode
Church at Home Sunday Worship	Sunday 11am <i>(10.45am start 8 Nov)</i>	732-3618-5391	002546
Church at Home Morning Prayer	Mon-Sat 9am	786-8201-8817	032244
Church at Home All Souls Service	Sunday 1 November 3pm	819-1509-2227	979814

Zoom Instructions

If you would like to access any of the services/events set up on Zoom, you can do this using any computer, laptop or phone with a webcam by visiting:

www.zoom.us If you have not used Zoom before, you will be asked to download some software or an app (it doesn't take long to set up). Please allow your computer/phone to do this. You will then be able to access the Church services by entering the Meeting ID Number along with the Meeting Passcode.



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and reflections.

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Faith in Later Life CONNECTIONS

Tearfund Big Quiz Night

Saturday 14th November, 7.30pm

We have signed up to take on a quiz like no other on Saturday 14th November to fundraise for Tearfund's work in some of the world's poorest countries. Tearfund's Big Quiz team has put a large amount of work into it in advance—all we need to worry about is the answers.

Tearfund's Big Quiz Night is a great opportunity to bring people together and put your knowledge to the test,' said Tearfund's Global Fundraising Director Jane Pleace. 'We are thankful that so many supporters continue to walk with us as we help some of the world's most disadvantaged people.'

There is no charge to join the quiz, but we will be asking you to contribute to the work of Tearfund. Any money



raised will go to help change the lives of people living in poverty - like Alaya, her husband Bazwell and their three young children in Malawi. They rely on growing maize to survive, but the weather patterns that have guided their farming for generations have changed. And it's putting everyone at risk of sickness and starvation. Frequent flooding brings diseases like cholera and damages their home, washing away what little food they have. With Tearfund's partner, AG Care, Alaya and Bazwell are learning new ways of working the land under these tough conditions.

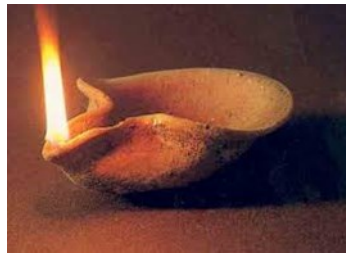
To take part in Tearfund's Big Quiz Night email lizresch64@gmail.com to register your interest and receive instructions on how to connect.

Give to the work of tearfund at <https://justgiving.com/campaign/bqn20>

Children's Page



Christ Church and St. Peter's
Mountsorrel



Being Prepared

Matthew 10:1-13

As well as 'Be Prepared' being the motto of the Scouts, it is something we are told to do in the parable of the 10 Bridesmaids which can be found in Matthew's Gospel.

We all prepare for some things: We take bags to the shops to carry our shopping home. We take sun cream with us on holiday. We might even have a birthday card at home in preparation for that forgotten birthday. But we also have to be prepared for the much bigger things and Jesus tells this parable to teach us the importance of being prepared.

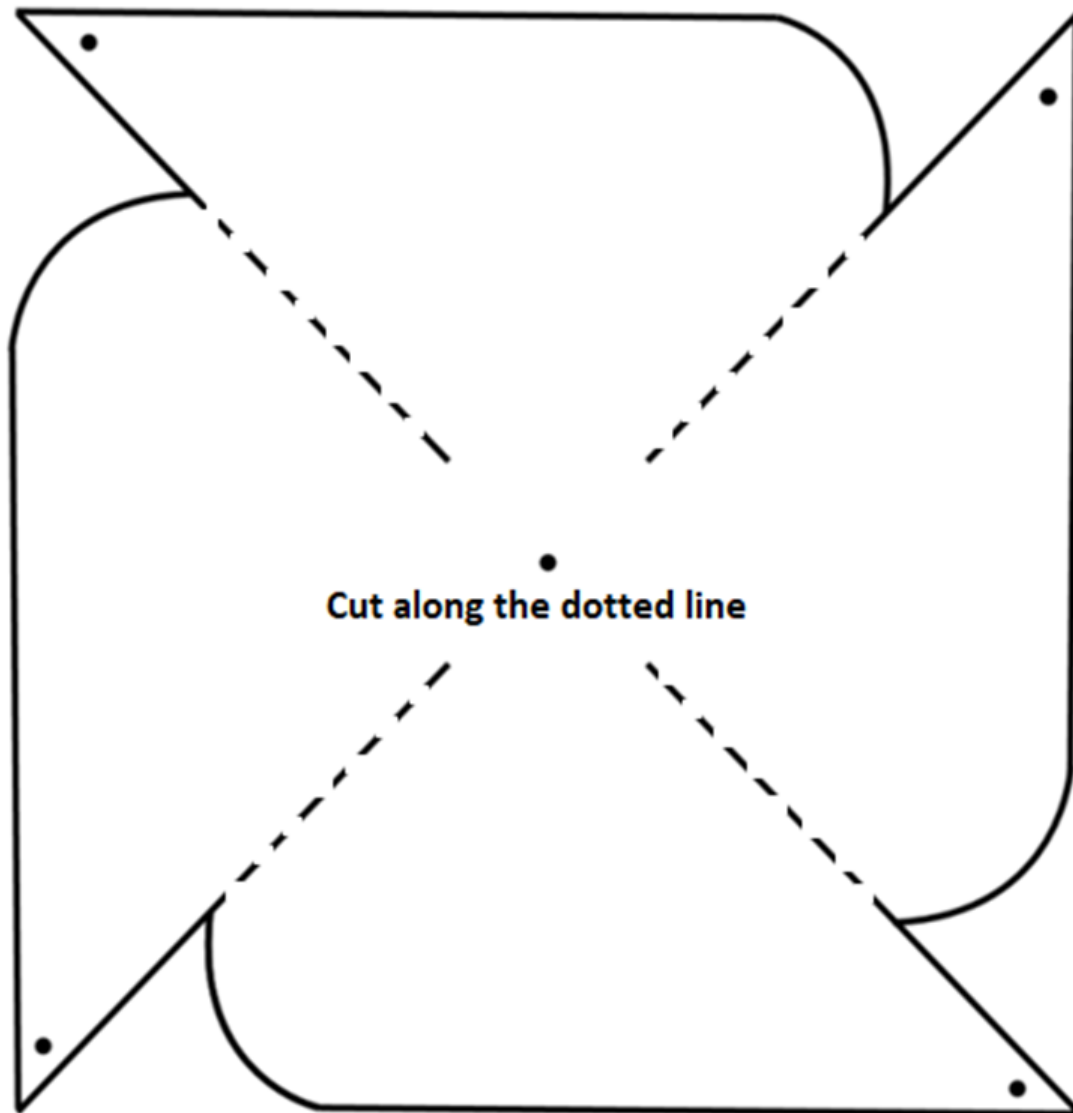
Half of the bridesmaids were unprepared and didn't have enough oil for their lamps, but half of them were well prepared and had plenty of oil, so could go and meet the bridegroom. If we think of Jesus as the bridegroom and ourselves as the bridesmaids – or page boys if you prefer 😊 the parable tells us that we will meet Jesus one day, and that we must be prepared for when it happens. How? By having Jesus in our lives, loving Him and knowing that we are loved by Him. Then, because we don't know exactly when we will meet Jesus, we will still be prepared.

On the 11th November we will remember those that lost their lives, not just in the 1st and 2nd world wars, but in all the conflicts since. These men and women were prepared to die for their country and for that alone we should honour them and thank them for what they did.

We might not have a Remembrance Day service as normal this year, but we can still wear our poppy and perhaps even make a donation to the Poppy Appeal online.



On the next page, colour the poppy in with a red pen on both sides or use it as a template on some red paper. Cut it out carefully and then bend the points to the middle. Use a split pin to hold them together. Add a paper straw or a stick for the stalk and a small piece of black paper for the middle of the poppy. Put it somewhere you can see it and.... Remember!



*Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day
or the hour.*

Matthew 25:13

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Light of the World

Sunday 1st November @ 4pm on Zoom

Meeting ID: 841 1946 7156 Passcode: 729563



Thank you to everyone who has purchased my handmade cards. On the 20th October, I forwarded a cheque for £50 to the Leprosy Mission.

Janet Wright



Our new all inclusive, all age Service held at St. Peter's Church on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 4pm.

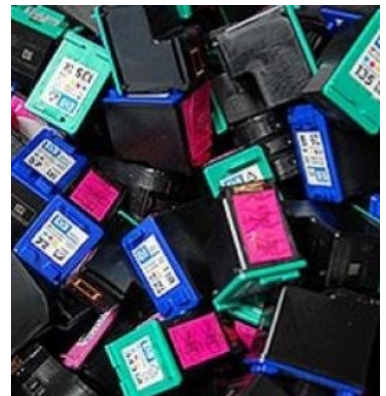
Everyone Welcome

Sunday 15th November 2020 at 4pm on Facebook



I am still recycling genuine branded printer ink cartridges such as: Brother, Canon, Epson & HP, (not refilled/unbranded ones) for Guide Dogs for the Blind. Please leave any that you have in the boxes available in both Churches, thank you.

Janet Wright



The Leprosy Mission

Leprosy defeated, lives transformed

Please remember as the post comes tumbling through your letter box, that I am still collecting postage stamps for The Leprosy Mission. Thank you,



Janet Wright

All Souls Service

Please join us online for this inspirational service honouring the memory of those we miss.

Sunday 1st November 2020

3.00pm

- Readings
- Hymns
- Prayers
- Silence
- Have a candle ready to light

Connect via zoom.us (*see page 4*)

Meeting ID: 819-1509-2227

Passcode: 979814

For more information call

0116 429 9946

Email: revcolinresch@icloud.com



CHRIST CHURCH MOUNTSORREL CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL (ONLINE)

Have you ever wandered around a Christmas Tree Festival thinking 'I could do better than that'? Well this year you have the chance.

Not having to worry about space, or social distancing or providing hand sanitiser, or face coverings, or having enough tea, coffee and cake, we are going BIG and inviting anyone and everyone to enter a tree into our online Christmas Tree Festival.

Whether you are a small business, large business, village group, Church family, school family, living on your own, Mountsorrel family or from even further afield, take a photograph of your tree and either put it directly on to our new Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/Christ-Church-Mountsorrel-Christmas-Tree-Festival-Online-103553144872490> or email it to: christchurchchristmastrees2020@gmail.com

Don't forget to name your tree and tell us why you have decorated it in the way you have.

A form will be added later to the Facebook page and also our website so that you can all vote for your favourite tree.

- Trees should be entered no later than 6pm Friday 4th December.
- Please make sure we have your contact details.
- Look out for the voting slip on our website mountsorrelchurch.org/ctf from 6th December.
- Winners will be announced on Christmas Eve.

This lovely idea is from one of our Fun@4 children and she will be the Judge of 'Emma's Favourite Tree'. Despite what the papers say, Christmas is NOT cancelled, it will just be different. Perhaps giving us all the chance to slow down a little and remember the real meaning of Christ's Mass.

Linda Vesty and Liz Lawton

Soar Valley Food Project

Please donate Christmas Food Items to help those in need in our community this Christmas.



There is a collecting Box in each church or outside the Vicarage.



Christ Church with St Peters Sunbeams

Something for our Sunbeams families every Monday

**Join us on Facebook, every Monday at 10am for
Stories * Activities * Songs * Prayers**

All welcome



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Ladies Carol Service 2020

This year has seen many events cancelled and things changed due to the pandemic but our Ladies Carol Service will still be taking place.

However, as we are not able to hold a carol service physically in Church we have decided to take it online via Zoom.

There will still be the usual carols to join in with as well as poems and bible readings telling the story of our Saviour's birth and videos to enjoy.

I hope you will be able to join us and if you know of someone not on Zoom please consider inviting them round (if allowed by Covid restrictions) to share the service and may be a mince pie or two with you.

If you would be willing to do a bible reading or read a poem, please let me know.

Liz Resch



Our services and activities
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Church at Home on zoom.us

Sunday Worship

Every Sunday

throughout November

early start on 8 Nov – 10.45am

for Remembrance Sunday



Meeting ID: 732-3618-5391

Password: 002546



Church at Home on zoom.us

Morning Prayer

Monday – Saturday, 9am

Meeting ID: 786 8201 8817

Passcode: 032244

Coffee Morning

*Every Friday on zoom.us
Meeting ID: 589-059-831*

Pop in and make some new friends



*Bring Tea & Coffee
& Conversation 10am – 12noon*

Need Prayer or a Home Visit?

If you, or someone you know, is in need of prayer, then please contact our confidential Prayer Chain via Liz Resch on 0116 429 9946 or via email at lizresch64@gmail.com

If you would like a home/hospital visit for prayer and/or communion, please leave a message for Revd Colin Resch on 0116 429 9946 or send an email to revcolinresch@icloud.com

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

For enquiries about Christenings (baptisms), weddings or funerals at either Christ Church or St Peter's Church, please contact Revd Colin Resch on 0116 429 9946 or via email at revcolinresch@icloud.com

Get the latest information via our web pages -



<http://www.mountsorrelchurch.org/>

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*(Copy date for the next newsletter is Wednesday 18th November, but
if items are ready, please send earlier)*