

Church News

December 2020



Christ Church

Rothley Road
Mountsorrel
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St Peter's Church

Market Place
Mountsorrel
LE12 7BA

Do not be afraid, I bring you good news!

(said the angel to the shepherds - Luke 2.10)

When our children were somewhat younger than they are now, it was quite common in our house for the phrase, "That's it! Christmas is cancelled." to be shouted out. That's not a phrase that has been used much over recent years although we have spotted that the press have been using the headline "Christmas is Cancelled" because of the coronavirus pandemic. Meanwhile, our Prime Minister has been advising us to follow the rules during the second lockdown in an attempt to "Save Christmas".

But why does Christmas need saving? Yes, we do value our family gatherings at this time of year; many of us will miss out on the usual office parties and other social gatherings. In the Church, we are disappointed not to be able to bring the community together in the same way as we usually do for the singing of carols and sharing of festive greetings.

But the Prime Minister has it wrong. When the shout of 'Christmas is cancelled' echoed around our house all those years ago, it was followed by another cry of 'You can't cancel Christmas - it will happen anyway.' It is not Christmas that needs saving through our efforts, as our Prime Minister suggested; but rather that we are saved because of God's gift given on that first Christmas night.

The birth of the Son of God, which we celebrate during this season, brings God's saving grace to all who will put their trust in him. OK, we may not be able to gather in our Churches this Christmas time, and we may not be able to welcome friends and family to join us around our tables for Christmas lunch; but we can welcome Jesus Christ to be with us this Christmas time and, if we let him, for all eternity.

Merry Christmas to you all and let's look forward to a fabulous 2021 and whatever it brings.

With love and blessings,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Colin Resch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

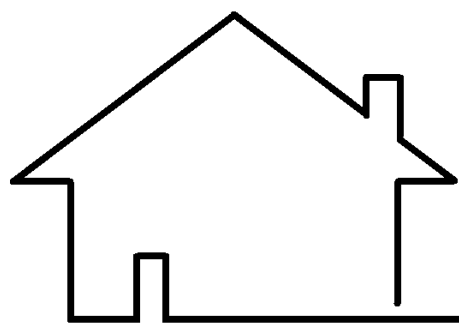
Services at Christ Church & St Peter's Church

Now that Lockdown 2 is over, we are delighted to be able to resume our gathered worship at Christ Church and at St Peter's Church. These are the services on offer during December. We hope you will be able to join us for one or more of them.

Sunday Dec 6th	9.30am	Christ Church	Morning Worship
	9.30am	St Peter's	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday Dec 13th	9.30am	Christ Church	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	St Peter's	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday Dec 20th	9.30am	Christ Church	Morning Worship
	9.30am	St Peter's	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Christmas Eve Dec 24th	11.30pm	Christ Church	Holy Communion
Christmas Day Dec 25th	9.30am	St Peter's	Holy Communion (BCP)

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.



CHURCH *at home*

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	732-3618-5391	002546
Church at Home Morning Prayer	Mon-Sat 9am	786-8201-8817	032244
Ladies Carol Service	Monday 9th December 7pm	824-1218-3604	535471
Crib Service	Sunday 20 December 4pm	Facebook or Website mountsorrelcchurch.org/nativity	
9 Lessons & Carols	Sunday 20 December 6pm	844-1200-6781	carols (or 696056)
Christingle Service	Christmas Eve 4pm	895-4081-8139	627683

**Please note that there will be NO Morning Prayer
between 21st December—2nd January inclusive.**

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.

Thank You

A huge thank you to all those who responded to the Christ Church gift day on 17th October. Thanks to your generosity and sacrificial giving, we should now be in the position to be able to pay all of our bills before the end the year. As we move into 2021, can I encourage each of you to continue searching your heart for what your offering to the Church should be remembering the words of St Paul: *"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*

2 Corinthians 9:7

With every blessing,
Colin Resch, priest in charge

Christ Church and St. Peter's Christingle Service

Christmas Eve @ 4pm on Zoom



Christingle 2020

With a difference....



For ALL the family

**The
Children's
Society**

To order your Christingle bag, please go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christingle-at-home-tickets-127176459213>

And join us on Zoom at 4pm Christmas Eve. Meeting ID:895 4081 8139 & Passcode: 627683

We look forward to having you join us for our Christingle Service on Zoom, please do remember to go online to:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christingle-at-home-tickets-127176459213>

to order your ticket OR email Alison or Linda to reserve a Christingle bag.

lindacfw.christchurchstpeters@gmail.com

alisoncfw.christchurchstpeters@gmail.com

Reverse Advent Calendar

The Soar Valley Community Food Project have asked us to advertise the Reverse Advent Calendar. This is where you put a food item each day, from the calendar below, into a bag to donate to the food bank to be given out at Christmas as a package. The bag can be for a single person, a couple or a family. If you are able to commit to doing this, please let them know by sending an email to: mbcfoodbank@aol.com



REVERSE
*Advent
Calendar*

WHEN YOU HAVE
COMPLETED YOUR ADVENT,
PLEASE DELIVER YOUR
DONATIONS TO YOUR LOCAL
FOOD BANK BY FRIDAY 11TH
DECEMBER.




1 COFFEE	2 STUFFING MIX	3 CHRISTMAS CRACKERS	4 TINNED FISH	5 CHRISTMAS CAKE OR CHOC LOG	6 JAM
7 TINNED TOMATOES	8 BREAKFAST CEREAL	9 SELECTION BOX	10 TEA BAGS	11 MINCE PIES	12 LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE
13 BAKED BEANS	14 CHRISTMAS PUDDING NON ALCOHOLIC	15 TINNED CUSTARD	16 TOILETRY GIFT SET	17 CHUTNEY	18 CRACKERS FOR CHEESE
19 TINNED CARROTS	20 GRAVY GRANUALS	21 TINNED MEAT	22 TINNED FRUIT	23 CHRISTMAS TREAT	24 UHT MILK

If you do not feel able to do this, please can we ask you to consider donating just an item or two to help a family struggling this Christmas. There are collecting boxes in both of our Churches and another outside the Vicarage door.



Christ Church and St. Peter's
Mountsorrel

Children's Page

Christmas Candy Canes

As I do hope you are all thinking about decorating your Christmas tree and if you are, or if you have already done so, please don't forget to send a photograph of it to christchurchchristmastrees2020@gmail.com You have until Friday 18th December. The winners of the two competitions will be announced at our Zoom Christingle Service.

What do you put on your Christmas tree? Along with ornaments that I have collected over the years I always have some candy canes, mainly because I like to eat them! But candy canes can also remind us about Jesus. The white reminds us of the virgin birth and that Jesus has no sin. The red stripes remind us of the sacrifice Jesus made for us by dying on the cross. The shape of a candy cane is a J -if you turn it the right way round - which of course reminds us that Jesus is the name of the man who came to earth as a baby and became our Saviour. Then if you turn the candy cane back, it becomes a crook, reminding us that Jesus is our shepherd and we are His sheep. Perhaps you could have some candy canes on your tree this year, but instead of putting them all on your tree, save one and give it to a friend to help them remember what Christmas is truly about.

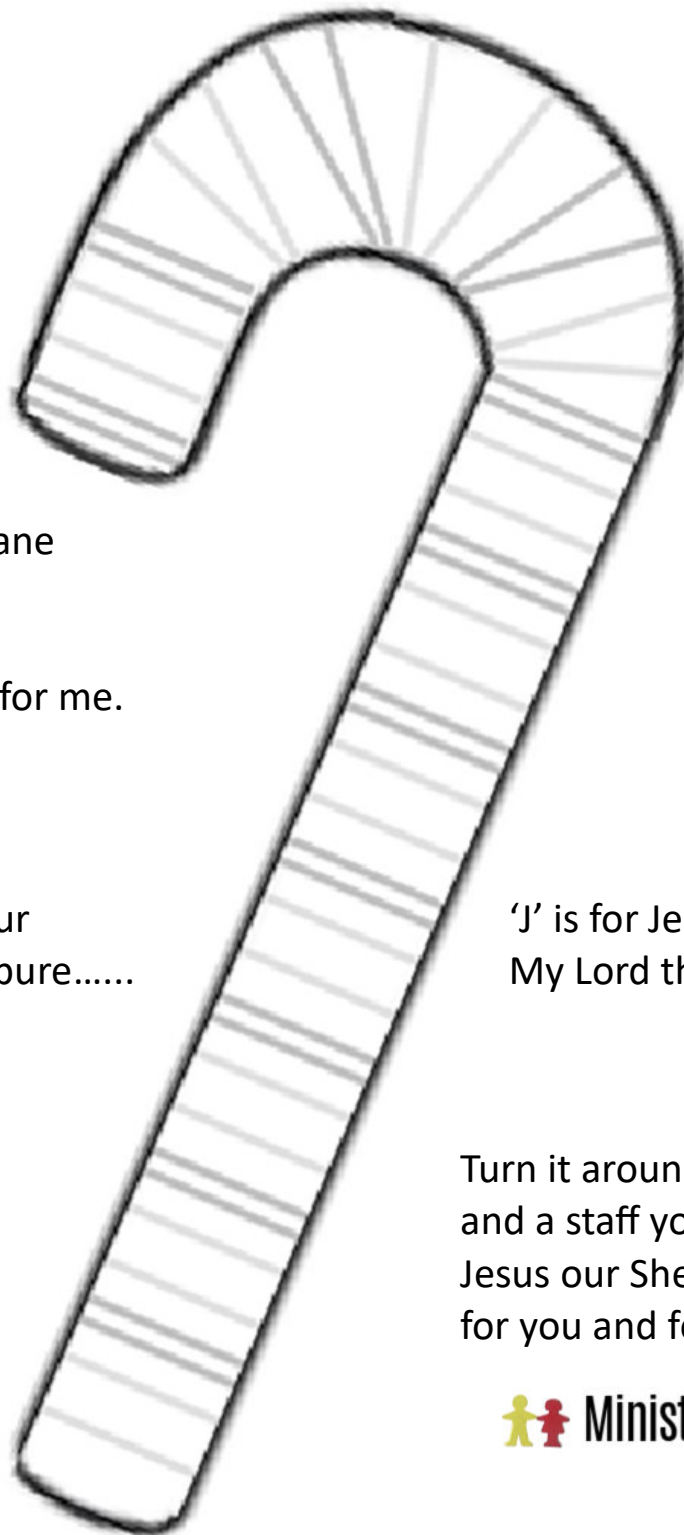


Christ(mas) is here



Sunday 6th December @ 4pm on Zoom

Elsewhere in the newsletter you should see all the things we are planning for children and families over Christmas. The first being Fun@4 on the 6th Dec. I do hope you will be able to join us then.



Look at the Candy cane
What do you see?
Stripes that are red
Like the blood shed for me.

White for my Saviour
Who is sinless and pure.....

'J' is for Jesus
My Lord that's for sure.

Turn it around
and a staff you will see.
Jesus our Shepherd,
for you and for me!

 **Ministry-To-Children**

In His name, the nations will put their hope.

lindacfw.christchurchstpeters@gmail.com

alisoncfw.christchurchstpeters@gmail.com

Matthew 12:21

Christ Church & St Peter's Church

Online Nativity

With the children of Fun@4, Sunbeams & St Leonard's Swithland



Sunday 20th December 4pm

On Facebook – 'Christ Church/St. Peter's Church, Mountsorrel'
or on our website: moundsorrelchurch.org/nativity

**Comfort
and Joy**



CHURCH
at home

Carol Service

A service of readings and carols for Christmas

Sunday 20 December

6.00pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 844 1200 6781

Passcode: carols



"Cross on the wall"
(Photograph courtesy of Margaret Hough)

Whoever dwells
in the shelter of
the Most HIGH will rest
in the shadow of
the Almighty
Psalm 91.1



CHRIST CHURCH MOUNTSORREL CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL (ONLINE)

Please don't forget to take a photo of your Christmas tree and either add it to our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Christ-Church-Mountsorrel-Christmas-Tree-Festival-Online-103553144872490>

or email it to:

christchurchchristmastrees2020@gmail.com

**Winners will be announced at our
Zoom Christingle Service (See page 5)**



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

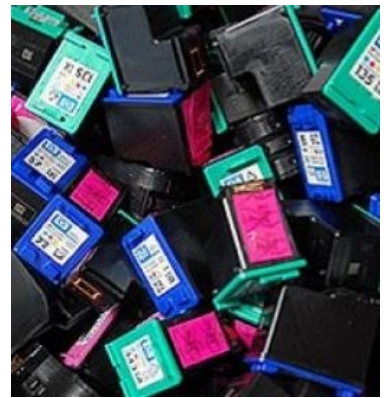


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I am still recycling genuine branded printer ink cartridges such as: Brother, Canon, Epson & HP, (not refilled/unbranded ones) for Guide Dogs for the Blind. Please leave any that you have in the boxes available in both Churches, thank you.

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

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
on-line brought to you using:



Church at Home on zoom.us

Sunday Worship

**Every Sunday
throughout December**



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/>

Christ Church/St. Peter's Church, Mountsorrel

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