

Church News

February 2021



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Dear friends, this month marks the beginning of Lent, starting with Ash Wednesday and lasting for the next forty days; this time is spent in preparing ourselves by being more vigilant in our prayer life and in the reading of scripture, it is also a time of self-examination, and self-denial.

We deny ourselves in reflection of Christ's own denials during his time in the wilderness. Hence the forty days of Lent, Jesus whilst preparing himself for his forthcoming ministry, denied himself, food, and drink, denied himself earthly power and would not be turned by the devil to walk away from his Father; all things that he could have easily given into.

If we are truly to honour Christ and reflect his wilderness experience how are we to do this with integrity and love. I ask this because over the last year we have all given up many things that we hold dear to us as we battle through the pandemic and for some this has already been a very heavy burden to carry. How much more can we deny ourselves during this Lent.

The pandemic had a start time, and it will God willing be soon over with the distribution of vaccines. We are moving from the darkness and into the light once more. The season of Lent reflects this well. By denying ourselves we are honouring Him. It too has a beginning and an end; it is a time when we prepare ourselves for the hope found in the hallelujahs of Palm Sunday, to the sad goodbyes of Maundy Thursday, to the despair, loss, and horror of Good Friday. Whilst waiting for the glorious proclamation of Easter morning, 'halleluia he is risen indeed'. So, friends this Lent look within yourself and deny yourself, so that we glorify Him who gave up the most, and walked humbly to the cross for our sakes.

Blessings,

Darren Walker

Let us Pray.

Lord, as we enter Lent help us to draw near to you in praise, stripping away all that distracts us from worshiping you.

As Jesus resisted temptation by the devil in the wilderness, help us reflect on his faithfulness, his rejection of worldly values and hold these thoughts in our hearts throughout Lent and beyond.

Lord may Lent be a time of inward searching and self-denial, that makes us more able to look with compassion at the needs of the world.

Amen

Services at Christ Church & St Peter's Church

At individual emergency meetings of Christ Church and St. Peter's Church Parochial Church Councils in January, it was decided that our church buildings should be closed to face-to-face services until after the Government review on 15th February 2021 when it would be reconsidered.

The Important update from Bishop Martyn received via e-mail on the 20th January, clearly indicates that the correct decision was made at PCC meetings.

Worship will continue for the time being where it is safe to do so using Zoom transmissions. Our website, www.mountsorrelchurch.org gives all up to date information. We trust that with the continuing Covid 19 situation you will understand this decision was deemed to be necessary.

Romans 13: 8-10

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery", "You shall not steal", "You shall not covet" and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbour as yourself". Love does no harm to a neighbour. Therefore, love is the fulfilment of the law.

Revd Darren Walker

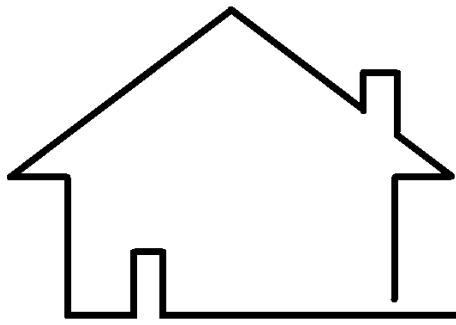
Please see the website www.mountsorrelchurch.org for more details.

Soar Valley Food Project

Please remember to contribute food and toiletries to help those in need in our community.



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



CHURCH *at home*

Online Worship

Because our Churches are currently closed, we will be continuing with our online worship via Zoom. Please feel free to join us for any or all of the following events:

Zoom Instructions

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

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.



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

Everyone Welcome

Sunday 21st February 2021 at 4pm on Facebook





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reflections and prayers

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Mountsorrel

Children's Page

Which way up is the right way up for a pretzel?

Lent is the 40 days before Easter – it's actually 46, ask Darren to explain 😊. Today, many people still think of something to give up for the 40 days of Lent. Most of us will have pancakes, on the Tuesday before, as a way of using up milk, eggs and butter that we might not want to eat during Lent and a lot of us will try very hard to give something up like chocolate, biscuits or even pizza!

So, what's this got to do with a pretzel. Well:

- A long, long time ago children were encouraged to cross their arms across their chest, rather than putting their hands together, when praying.
- A special bread was made during Lent that did not use milk, eggs or butter; just water, flour and salt.
- A monk who came from Germany, or France, or Italy depending on the version you read, used left over scraps of the bread to form a shape like the arms of children praying and then used them to reward the children that learnt their prayers. He called them pretiola which, I believe, means 'little reward' in Latin.
- As the recipe for this soft bread like treat spread around the world, they became known as a pretzel.
- It is said that once the pretzel had arrived in America on the Mayflower, a baker fell asleep whilst a batch of pretzels were in the oven, only to find the hard version with all the moisture baked out of it was even better.

So, the right way up for a pretzel is like arms crossed in prayer.



Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

[Colossians 4: 2]

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Playdough Prayers



Here's the second in our series of prayer activity ideas.

Playdough can be very therapeutic and enjoyed in a variety of ways, but have you ever used it to pray?

Here's a recipe in case you want to have a go at making your own, it involves boiling water so best to make when the children aren't around.

2 cups plain flour

2 tablespoons oil

½ cup of salt

2 tablespoons cream of tartare

½ cups of boiling water (with food colouring added if desired)

Mix all ingredients together adding the water last, stir until a dough is formed, then knead and leave to cool.

Take care as dough will be hot when first formed. Store in an air-tight container.



Here's just a few ideas of how you could pray...

- Make a heart – thank God for His love and ask him to help you to share love at school and in your village.
- Make a letter – make the initial of someone you know, who is unwell and ask God to help to make them better.
- Make a leaf shape or find a leaf and press it into the playdough to reveal its print when you remove it – think about nature and creation and thank God for the things you love about it.
- Make a world shape (a simple ball is enough) – ask God to help countries where they don't have enough food or where there is fighting.
- Make a cross shape – tell God if there is anything you are sorry about.
- Make a person, make it you – ask God to bless you, ask him to help you with anything you need and thank him for something that you are happy about.

Have fun and keep praying!

Alison

(Children & families worker)

Our services and activities
on-line brought to you using:



Church at Home on zoom.us

Sunday Worship

**Every Sunday
throughout February**



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



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer Committee have decided to postpone the Service on 5th March.

We will let you know the new date as soon as it is safe for us to go ahead.

Please remember to pray for the women in Vanuatu on March 5th.



A World Full Of Prayer

Sunday 7th February @4pm on Zoom

For link details please contact Alison or Linda or message the Church Facebook page



Christ Church & St Peter's CE Primary School
'Aiming High & Caring for Everyone'

Can you spare a couple of ££s ?

We have children in our school that don't have the resources to complete their online lessons. By putting together donations from both our Churches we would hope to be able to purchase 1 or even 2 laptops to support learning. Please contact Val Doyle, Church Treasurer, or speak to Mel Rowley or Linda Vesty if you would like to find out more.

THANK YOU!



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



Supported by:  **Charnwood**

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Group

Monday's from 1:30pm on Zoom

Meeting ID: 816 2022 3050 & Passcode: 000724

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 Darren Walker on 07568 173 184 or send an email to revdarrenwalker@gmail.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 Darren Walker on 07568 173 184 or via email at revdarrenwalker@gmail.com

Get the latest information via our web pages -



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

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*(Copy date for the next newsletter is Monday 22nd February, but
if items are ready, please send earlier)*