

Church News



March 2021

Christ Church

Rothley Road
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St Peter's Church

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Dear friends, if you remember that at the start of Lent in the last 'Church News', I wrote about the need to deny ourselves in reflection of Jesus' own denials during his time in the wilderness. In this way we truly honour Jesus and reflect his wilderness experience with integrity and love. However, there is another dimension to Lent and that is 'self-examination'.

For us to turn around, to repent, we first must look deep within. At the start of Lent, Ash Wednesday helps us in remembering our own mortality, and that in the end we too shall like Jesus die. But in Christ there is hope in the resurrection, that death is not the end. I would ask that we really listen to the words that are said during Ash Wednesday and to reflect on what they mean to you personally.

'Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ'.

To be faithful to Christ, in other words to turn to Christ. This self-examination is an integral part of Lent, to look at ourselves and how we conduct our lives, do we do it in a way that honours God? We are broken humans and therefore we fail from time to time, this is ok, so long as we get back up and try again, always turning to Christ.

In the Letter of James 4:4 we read this.

'Therefore, whoever wishes to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God'.

In ancient writings what is meant by 'the world' is not creation but rather how the world behaves. James is saying that we should be different to how the world is living and instead, turn to Christ. Do not conform to how the world tells you to live, but to search deep within ourselves and say no, I turn to Christ.

This is often called 'Incarnational Ministry', this is why the wearing of my clerical collar is important to me. Incarnational Ministry is described as, "the immersion of one's self into a local culture and 'becoming Jesus' to that culture." Incarnational ministry seeks to dispense with ministry "from a distance" and embrace ministry "up close and personal"—the love of God and the Gospel of Christ are "incarnated" or embodied by the person ministering. Just as the Son of God took on human flesh and came into our world, we should become immersed in the culture to which we are all ministering and to challenge it by our own lives, and "become Jesus" within it. A central tenant of the Incarnational Ministry concept is, to simply, "live the good news." 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.

God Bless,

Darren

Services at Christ Church

The PCC of Christ Church met together on 24th February following the latest guidance from the Prime Minister.

The PCC felt that for our congregation there was not enough information available at this present time following vaccinations and the spreading of Covid-19. It was also noted that we do not have enough volunteer stewards to advise on social distancing both outside the church when queuing to come into the building, when waiting to fill in 'Track & Trace', inside the building and at the end of the service.

The PCC thought that it was difficult for the leader of the service to wait for the congregation to leave when he/she had to get home and set up for the Zoom service; knowing how much of a blessing it is to see the joy of meeting up as a church family.

With the above in mind it was agreed that for the time being, Christ Church will remain closed until the PCC meet on 16th March 2021 to reconsider opening for face-to-face services from 28th March 2021. This date is just before the next step of easing National restrictions.

Rev Darren Walker would like members of the Christ Church congregation to tell/send him their thoughts on how we can open the church for face-to-face services while keeping Covid-19 secure.

Church of England advice can be found here <https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/coronavirus>

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



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.

Services at St Peter's Church

Dear friends, following the latest guidance announced by the Prime Minister on the 22nd February, St. Peter's PCC met on the 24th February to discuss the current situation and made the decision to re- open St. Peter's Church for public worship.

The first service will be on Sunday the 14th of March at 9.30 am (Mothering Sunday).

Sunday March 14th (Mothering Sunday)	9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Sunday March 21st (Passiontide)	6.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Thursday March 25th (THE ANNUNCIATION of The BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)	10.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP) with Litany
Sunday March 28th (Palm Sunday)	9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Sunday April 4th (Easter Day)	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)

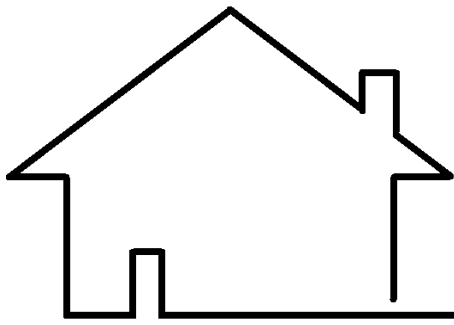
The numbers attending Church will continue to be limited to a maximum of 30. If this is your normal place of worship, we don't think there's any need to let us know in advance if you wish to attend. However if you are planning on visiting us, please contact me beforehand to let me know. Hopefully there will be enough room for all those who would like to attend.

Please note that all Covid19 restrictions will still be in force. These include face coverings, social distancing, hand sanitising, track and trace and unfortunately no singing. Social distancing must include before and after the church service, so please no congregating outside of church before or after the service.

Blessings.

Revd Darren Walker

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



CHURCH *at home*

Online Worship

Following the recent guidance from the government on the 22nd February, 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 March 2021 at 4pm on Facebook





A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers



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OF ENGLAND



Faith in Later Life

CONNECTIONS

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.**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Revision of Christ Church Electoral Roll 2021

Under Church of England rules the Church Electoral Roll will be revised in every parish this year. Announcements of this will be given in Church services on the 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th March.

If your name is already entered on the present Electoral Roll; you need to do nothing, unless you wish to be removed, otherwise you will need to complete an application form to be entered on the Church Electoral Roll.

Application forms will be available at back of Church or directly from our Electoral Roll Officer, Paul Rowley and the Church Wardens. Please place your completed form in the folder at back of Church or return it directly to the Electoral Roll Officer or Church Warden. Application forms need to be returned by 4th April at the very latest. All those whose names are entered on the new Electoral Roll will be able to vote and stand for election to the PCC at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 20th April 2021.

Please return all completed forms by:
Sunday 4th April

Thank you for your co-operation.

Paul Rowley
(Electoral Roll Officer)
Christ Church
Email: paul.rowley@yahoo.co.uk

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Sunday 4th April

Thank you for your co-operation.

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Children's Page

Mothering Sunday 14th March

Christ Church and St. Peter's
Mountsorrel

Our regular Fun@4 children should be receiving a little something in the post that they can make for their mums. But if you don't come to Fun@4 or, for whatever reason, haven't received a letter from us, here is something you can do instead, or as well as. Colour this in, then carefully cut out the pieces and either put them inside a homemade card, or perhaps hide them around the house for your mum to find.



As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem.

[Isaiah 66:13]

Linda
(Children & families worker)

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Bubble Prayers

Here's a prayer activity that even the smallest of children can enjoy...

In my experience children love bubbles! From the young baby to the pre-teen, children can be equally excited and mesmerized by bubbles which is one reason they lend themselves so easily to prayer.



If you don't happen to have bubbles at home, they can be easily made with washing up liquid and water – it can take a little experimentation to get the solution just right but this adds to the fun especially if we get the children to help make them.



Think or chat about what you want to tell God about, or ask him for help with, then turn it into a prayer and blow your bubbles. Watch as the bubbles float through the air, imagine your prayer being carried in the bubble, think of God hearing your prayer as the bubbles pop. You could talk to God about different things and blow some bubbles in between each prayer.

You might say something like this.

God, thank you for everything you do for us;
(blow bubbles)

God, please look after (blow bubbles)

God, please help me with (blow bubbles)

God, please bless our family (blow bubbles)

Amen.



After you've prayed, spend some time gently blowing bubbles and just watching as they float and pop – it's good to be still before God. And of course, children find bubbles exciting so make sure you have a great time playing with the bubbles afterwards, and don't worry if they seem more interested in chasing them than praying; God loves to see us enjoying ourselves!

Alison, Children & Family Worker

Soar Valley Food Project



We are looking for donations of 'Easter Eggs' so that they can be given out to the families we support.

Thank you for your continued support of this project for our community

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



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Church at Home on zoom.us

Sunday Worship

**Every Sunday
throughout March**



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



A Family Of Love

The Story of Ruth and Naomi

Sunday 7th March @ 4pm on Zoom

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



LENT COURSE



Every Wednesday at 10:00am from
24th February to 31st March on Zoom.

We will be using the Church of England's lent resources, which invite us to participate in God's story. To make it so much part of our own stories that our own lives become impossible to understand without it. And then to be tellers of this story, and the change it has brought to us.

Meeting ID: 849 0076 0688

Passcode: 807900



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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CRAFT
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/>

Christ Church/St. Peter's Church, Mountsorrel

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