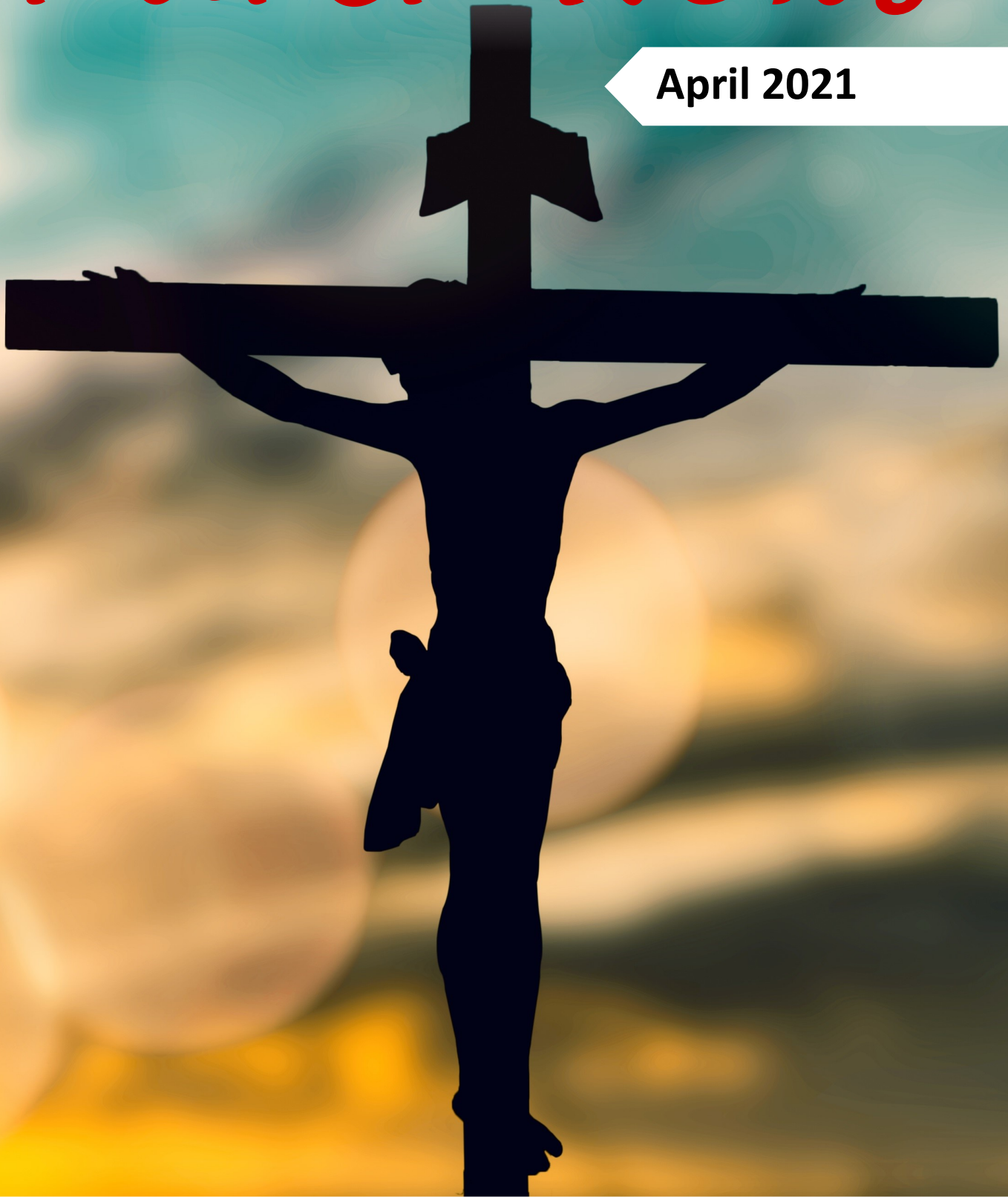


Church News

April 2021



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Dear friends, as I sit to write this letter, I find myself reflecting on the incredibly sad news concerning that of Sarah Everard and all that surrounds her untimely death. The sad fact that even today in 2021 women still feel unsafe when walking our streets. That in our society today the role that women play in our society is seen by some to be less than that of men. As a father of two daughters who have been raised to be strong independent women, I pray for the day when all are treated with dignity and as equals within our society.

This is of course not a new phenomenon and it was something that Jesus addressed time and time again in his ministry. The Old Testament is full of women who were regarded by society as heroines, women like Rahab, Ruth, Esther, Deborah, and Judith. However, something went wrong and by the time of Jesus women were clearly seen as inferior, but not in the eyes of Christ. Jesus elevated the role of women to a place of equality with men. Jesus had female disciples who travelled with him, two of his closest friends were women, Mary, and Martha. It was a woman who washes Jesus' feet with her tears, whilst the men refuse to wash his feet as was custom when someone was invited into their home. The epistles tell us of a number of women who were also called disciples, in Acts 9:36 Tabitha (Dorcas) is called mathetria (disciple).

Perhaps at this time of Easter we have the best example of why women should be held equal with men, the story of the cross and empty tomb, where it was the women who hold pivotal roles. Whilst the men fled from the cross it was the women who overcame their fear and gathered at the foot of it (along with John). It was the women who first encountered the empty tomb, Mark's Gospel tells us that it was Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome.

This is amazing why Mary and the other women and not to Peter and John? Surely in a Patriarchal society the men should get the honour of seeing the angels? John's Gospel tells us that it was Mary Magdalene who first encounters the risen Christ. Whilst the other two disciples ran back home, either angry or more likely afraid, Mary waits in the darkness of the early morning, I can imagine her trying to grasp what has happened, has she started to remember the things that Jesus had told her, could she dare to have hope? Then at last she sees a man who at first, she thinks is the gardener, here John's account is so full and detailed and so moving that it can only be the truth. She begs him to tell her where, they have taken Jesus. Jesus simply says her name, Mary.

The role of women on that first Easter morning fully brings them out of the shadows and into the bright light of resurrection and is a fitting affirmation of the radical equality between men and women that Jesus taught. Jesus treats all women with respect and compassion and we as a society today must have the courage to stand up and say that there will be no more cases of women being treated with disrespect and to make our streets safe for all. Amen

God Bless,

Darren

Services at Christ Church

The PCC of Christ Church met together on 16th March, as agreed at the previous meeting (24th February) to discuss the re-opening of the Church for public worship (face-to-face) services.

In essence nothing had significantly changed that would enable us to re-open safely and therefore it was agreed that the PCC would meet again on 13th April to review this situation again.

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.

Church of England advice can be found here:

<https://www.leicester.anglican.org/news/coronavirus>

Services at St Peter's Church

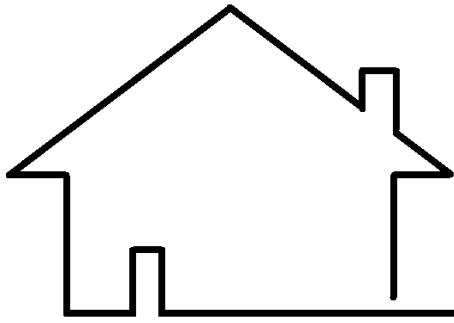
St Peter's Church re-opened on March 14th for public worship, we are pleased to say that we are currently remaining open and our services for the next four weeks are as listed below. Church for public worship.

Sunday April 4th (Easter Day)	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday April 11th	9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Sunday April 18th	6.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday April 25th	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.

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.

REMINDER

Revision of the Church Electoral Rolls 2021

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 are available on the Church website:

www.mountsorrelchurch.org

Please return all completed forms by:

Sunday 4th April

Christ Church Notice of Annual Meetings

There are two meetings on the same evening, Tuesday 20th April 2021 at 7.00pm
These meetings will be held concurrently and will take place via Zoom.

Zoom details will be announced in due course.

1). Election of Churchwardens

- a. Nomination Forms are available from Peter Hodson and the [website](#).
- b. Persons entitled to attend, and vote are:
 - i. the persons whose names are entered on the church electoral roll of the parish; and
 - ii. the persons resident in the parish whose names are entered on a register of local government electors by reason of such residence,
 - iii. and only such persons.

2). Annual Parochial Church Meeting

follows on immediately after the Election of Churchwardens.

For election of parochial representatives of the laity
to the Parochial Church Council, two representatives.

Nomination Forms are available from Peter Hodson and the [website](#).

Every lay person whose name is entered on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish (and no other person) is entitled to vote at the election of parochial representatives of the laity.

For the appointment of the Independent Examiner or Auditor.

For the consideration of:

- a) a report on changes to the Roll since the last annual parochial church meeting
- b) an Annual Report on the proceedings of the parochial church council and the activities of the parish generally;
- c) the financial statements of the council for the year ending on the 31st December 2020;
- d) the annual report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church;
- e) a report of the proceedings of the deanery synod; and
- f) other matters of parochial or general Church interest.

St, Peter's Notice of Annual Meetings

There are two meetings on the same evening, Tuesday 27th April 2021 at 7.00pm
These meetings will be held concurrently and will take place via Zoom.

Zoom details will be announced in due course.

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Christ Church and St. Peter's
Mountsorrel

Children's Page

When is Easter????

Why does the date of Easter change, Christmas Day doesn't? Every year I look it up and every year I forget the reason, but the simple answer is:

Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday after the first Paschal Full Moon after the spring equinox. See, simple! Ok, let's break this down a little further.

The spring equinox is when the length of day and the length of night are the same. This year the spring equinox is on Saturday March 20th, the first Paschal Full Moon is simply the first full moon after that, which this year is on March 28th meaning that Easter will be celebrated on the first Sunday after that, which is Sunday 4th April. There are a few added complications, but I think that will do for now.

Can you put the following into the right order of when they happened? (Mark 1:1-19 Mark 12:28-31 and 14:12-end)

1. *Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey.*
2. *Some women find Jesus' tomb empty.*
3. *Jesus carries the cross to the top of a hill.*
4. *Jesus says that the greatest commandment of all is to' love the Lord your God'.*
5. *Jesus has a meal breaking the bread and sharing the wine with his disciples.*
6. *Jesus and the disciples go into the Garden of Gethsemane.*
7. *Judas Betrays Jesus*
8. *Mary meets Jesus outside the tomb*
9. *Jesus clears the temple of money changers and those selling goods.*
10. *Jesus is arrested and the disciples run away.*
11. *Jesus died because he loves us.*
12. *Peter denies knowing Jesus.*
13. *Jesus' body is taken down and laid in a tomb.*
14. *Jesus is tried and sentenced to death.*

See if you can follow my Emoji Easter Story



"He is not here, He has risen!"

[Luke 24:6]

Linda
(Children & families worker)

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Easter Egg Prayers

Here's a couple of ways of praying with chocolate this Easter...

You'll need 'Mini Eggs' for the first one. (Note this one isn't for under three's as it is advised children under 3 are not given mini eggs).

- Sit together with a packet of Mini Eggs and decide on a topic for things we can be thankful for, for each colour egg to represent.
- Take it in turns to take a mini egg and say a thank you prayer to God according to its colour. You can say this out loud or in your head.
- Then enjoy eating your egg.
- You could have one turn each or keep going until the bag is empty!



Here's an example.

Pink – Springtime things, 'Thank you God for the spring flowers and blossom which make everything look brighter, Amen.'

Purple – People, 'Thank you God for my teachers who help me at school, Amen.'

White – God provides, 'Thank you God, that we have food to eat, Amen'

Yellow – Jesus, 'Thank you God for Jesus who gives us all a fresh start when things go wrong, Amen.'

I think I've shared this idea before, but here's a reminder. You'll need a hollow chocolate egg.

- Look at the egg together and talk about the tomb where Jesus was laid after he died.
- Think or talk about times when you have felt alone and lonely. Ask God to help everyone who is lonely or sad.
- Now break the egg open and think or talk about how Jesus came alive again. Like the egg, the tomb was empty!
- Thank God for the chances we have, to start again through His forgiveness when things go wrong.
- Eat some chocolate! Taste the sweetness and talk about all the people you love and why you love them.
- Thank God for those people and ask him to bless them



Have Fun & Happy Easter!

Alison, Children & Family Worker



An Hour Before The Cross

**Friday 2nd April at
2:00pm**

**Meeting ID: 732-3618-5391
Password: 002546**



A Fun@4 Easter Service

10-00 Before Morning Worship

Be sure to have a chocolate egg with you !!

Sunday 4th April @10-00am on Zoom Please note change of time!

Meeting ID: 859 5539 3158 Passcode: 829890

Our Fun@4 Meeting this month is going to be slightly different. It will be on zoom at 10.00am on Easter Morning. Alison and Linda will be leading a special All Age Easter service mainly for our Fun@4 families, but everyone is invited to join in. We shall be singing, doing a scavenger hunt and finding out what a chocolate egg really has to do with Easter. The service will last approximately 45 minutes, so those who want can still join Morning Worship at 11.00am.

Trustee of Mountsorrel Church of England Fund

The PCC of Christ Church are looking for someone to be a trustee on the Mountsorrel Church of England Fund. They meet three Wednesday evenings a year. They would be responsible for helping in administering the Church of England fund which helps in the upkeep of the church and outreach to the local community. If you are interested in this role could you, please get in contact with Revd' Colin Resch in the usual way.

The PCC of Christ Church would like to thank Ray Chamberlin for his time as a trustee and also for his long service to Christ Church PCC, for his dedication to Christ and to his church.



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 18th April 2021 at 4pm on Facebook



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.

To all Clergy, Lay Ministers, Deanery Synod Reps and PCC members in the Sparkenhoe West and Akeley East Deaneries

Date: March 2021
Our ref: MJS/ec-bp9354c

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Update on the Shaped by God Together process

As we journey towards Holy Week and Easter, I hope you won't mind me writing with a very specific update on the Shaped by God Together process. I don't want this to be a distraction from the most important week in the Church's calendar, but I do want to ask you to put some dates in your diary.

We are asking everyone across the diocese to join in the [Shaped By God Together](#) process, which is seeking better ways to support our churches and worshipping communities as we grow the Kingdom of God and live out our everyday faith in the Diocese of Leicester.

During recent months over 200 lay people and clergy from across the diocese have joined in initial Conversations to explore a wide range of possibilities for how we shape our future ministry, diocesan finances and care of church buildings. These have been fruitful, imaginative and honest conversations and I am very grateful to everyone who has taken part.

The work on exploring possibilities for our future ministry has enabled us to develop three possible options, or ministry models. There is much work still to be done on these models, and no decisions have yet been made. I am very keen that everyone in the diocese has an opportunity for their voice and perspective to inform the decision that we will make later in the process.

I am therefore asking you to take part in and support these conversations by doing two things:

- ***Firstly, by attending an online Shaped By God Together Evening on Wednesday 28 April at 7.30pm. Please confirm your attendance by registering using this link:***
https://leccofe.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_t1qIRahPR1yrkJwF4EkrFg
The purpose of this evening is to set out the three possible options or ministry models and explain the next phase of the process.
- ***Secondly, following this event, I am asking every church and worshipping community to hold a prayerful Local Conversation at which you introduce Shaped By God Together to a wider group of people and explore the possible ministry models together. From that session, we ask that you submit your collective feedback by Monday 21 June at the latest. The expectation is that at least all those in local church leadership, such as PCC members, will participate. However, I strongly encourage you to include as wide a group to participate as possible so that we are hearing from as many different voices and perspectives as possible. It is up to you to decide how best to hold these local conversations and while I'd ask incumbents and pioneer leaders to ensure they take place, it may be that lay facilitation of the conversations***

is a fruitful approach. A simple resource pack to equip you for these prayerful conversations and details of how to submit your feedback will be provided at the SGBT Evening.

Following these Local Conversations, the feedback will be brought together and will be a significant contribution into a meeting of the Bishop's Council in early July. At this meeting the Council, along with Area Deans and Lay Chairs, will be considering the ministry models in detail and deciding which is developed further and ultimately proposed to Diocesan Synod for final decision in October 2021.

Alongside this, work is ongoing to develop principles of how we best use and raise diocesan finances which will be brought to Diocesan Synod in May. Ways of engaging and journeying with people to explore significant questions about their church buildings is also ongoing, as is the development of some different options for providing support with the ongoing care and maintenance of church buildings.

We are doing all this in order to find better ways of supporting local churches and worshipping communities as we grow the Kingdom of God and live out our everyday faith. We have learnt so much over the past year and this learning is all part of our discipleship. So may Christ give us grace to grow in holiness, to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow him.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Martyn'.

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on-line brought to you using:



Church at Home on zoom.us

Sunday Worship

**Every Sunday
throughout April**



**Meeting ID: 732-3618-5391
Password: 002546**



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Morning Prayer

Monday – Saturday, 9am

Except for 5th — 10th April inclusive.

Meeting ID: 786 8201 8817

Passcode: 032244



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**

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

Password: coffee

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 -



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*(Copy date for the next newsletter is Monday 19th April, but
if items are ready, please send earlier)*