

Church News

May 2021



Christ Church

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St Peter's Church

Market Place
Mountsorrel
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In a Panorama programme broadcast on Monday 19th April 2021 (still available on BBC iPlayer) Clive Myrie reported allegations of racism in the Church of England, sharing stories of racist abuse and claims of a culture that creates a hostile environment for Christians of colour. This programme titled 'Is the Church Racist?' comes hot on the heels of the contentious government-commissioned report on race in the UK - itself instigated following the murder of George Floyd in America and the Black Lives Matter campaign.



The Panorama programme was a difficult watch for those of us who are in positions of leadership and authority in the Church because it calls us to account for our attitudes and behaviours shown, not just to those of colour, but to every individual with whom we have contact. The hurt and pain revealed by those interviewed in the programme was obvious to see and it is impossible to defend the behaviours that lie at the root of this racism. However, as the son of an immigrant myself, the Church revealed in the programme is not a Church I recognise. I have only ever found a welcome in the Church and a love of the people that I am pleased to call my sisters and brothers in Christ. Why? Because I happen to be the son of a white immigrant. But in writing this, I have to own up to my own failings and blindness in not seeing the pain and hurt that is being done to others.

In the parable of the sheep and goats recorded in Matthew's gospel, chapter 25, Jesus says, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me." In my ignorance of the racism that is at work in the Church of England, I find that I am complicit in the offence and guilty as charged. Yet there is good news for Jesus also says in that same parable, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

My friends, let us strive together to create a Church where ALL are welcomed and ALL find a home; a place where ALL can thrive to achieve all that God has called them to accomplish. Let us be blind to colour and simply see one another as we truly are – created, loved and redeemed children of the same heavenly Father.

With every blessing,

Colin Resch.

Services at Christ Church & St Peter's Church

We are delighted we have now resumed our gathered worship at Christ Church and at St Peter's Church. These are the services on offer during May. We hope you will be able to join us for one or more of them.

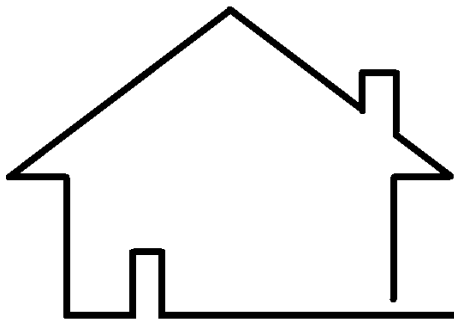
Sunday May 2nd	9.30am	Christ Church	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	St Peter's	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Sunday May 9th	9.30am	Christ Church	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	St Peter's	Holy Communion (BCP)
Thursday May 13th <i>ASCENSION DAY</i>	10.00am	St Peter's	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday May 16th	9.30am	Christ Church	Morning Prayer
	6.00pm	St Peter's	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday May 23rd <i>PENTECOST</i>	9.30am	St Peter's	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11.am	Christ Church	Baptism
Sunday May 30th <i>TRINITY SUNDAY</i>	9.30am	Christ Church	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	St Peter's	Holy Communion (BCP)

The numbers attending Church will continue to be limited for the time being. If Christ Church or St. Peter's is your normal place of worship or you live in Mountsorrel, we don't think there's any need to let us know in advance if you wish to attend. However if you normally attend another church and are planning on visiting us, please email Colin Resch (see back page) to let him know you will be attending. Hopefully there will always 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.

We would thank you for your co-operation.

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

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.



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 16th May 2021 at 4pm on Facebook





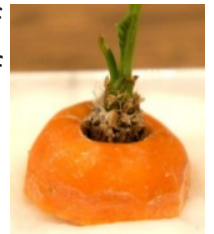
Christ Church and St. Peter's
Mountsorrel

Children's Page

Spring has finally sprung!

As I look out of my window, I can see the vine in my greenhouse starting to grow again and very soon it will have grapes that will eventually be ready to pick and eat. Imagine God has a garden, and in that garden is a grapevine. The vine is growing from soil which is rich and full of God's goodness. God pours all his love into it, so the vine has plenty of food and water. There are many branches on the vine, some have fruit, some don't, so God cuts off all the branches that have no fruit. Then God prunes the good branches back so they will grow even more fruit.

Activity 1: Plant a few seeds, look after them, water them, feed them if necessary and watch them grow into beautiful flowers or vegetables. If you don't have room for growing flowers or vegetables, cress seeds can be grown on a piece of cotton wool, or the top of a carrot can be placed in a saucer and it too will grow.



Activity 2: Use half a piece of potato, draw a small circle and then cut around the circle to make a circle shaped potato stamp. Paint a large V shape on a piece of paper in green, then using your potato stamp and some purple paint (mix blue and red) you can stamp grapes onto the vine. Each grape will be slightly different. The bunches will be different sizes too. Just like us, we are all different sizes, different shapes and belong to different bunches of people. But we are all part of the same family.



Jesus is like the vine and we are the branches. If we listen and learn from the stories of Jesus we can grow, just like the cress, the grapes and even the carrot, into rich fruit, sharing our love of Jesus and Jesus' love for us with others.

"I am the vine, you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit, apart from me you can do nothing".

[John 15:5]

Praying for people

When we ask children if there's anyone they would like to pray for, unless they know someone who is poorly, we're often met with blank faces and no answers. Some of us adults will know this feeling too – 'who do I need to pray for, I can't think of anyone'! Some people keep a list of people they are praying for, there are also some great prayer apps that keep lists for you and suggest people to pray for each day.



Here's an idea to use as a family to help establish the habit of praying for others.

You'll need a clean empty jar – you could decorate the jar with stickers, strips of material or tissue paper, or anything else you can think of, but a plain jar is also fine.

If you have some lolly sticks, these work great (if you don't have any, you could always eat a few ice lollies and wash and save the sticks!) Write the names of people you know on the sticks – one person for each stick. It could be family, school friends, work colleagues, people you know who are unwell. You could also write some generic groups like, people who live in areas of the world where there is war, people who are homeless, people who help us and any others you can think of.



Put all your sticks into your jar and each day have a time when you pray for others, you might do this round the table before or after dinner, as part of after school chats, at bedtime or as part of a time you already pray together. Choose together how many sticks you will pick each day – picking one stick out each works well and then pray for each person you have picked from the jar.

You might just say 'God bless Jenny' or you might have ideas for more specific things to pray for each person. Whatever you pray, you don't need special words or phrases, just talk to God; if you know someone is worrying, you could ask God to give them his peace, if you know someone is tired, you could ask God to find a way for them to have a break or rest – and don't forget to look out for answers to prayer and to share these with each other!

If children aren't sure about praying out loud, you could agree to pray silently in your heads or you could pray out loud for them – once they see you doing it a few times, it won't be long before they want to have a go themselves!

Lolly sticks in a jar is just one way of doing this, you could use stones, paper, toy bricks (all of these might be better placed in a bowl) or anything else you can think of that you can write a name on.



God bless,

Alison White, Children & Families Worker

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I once was blind, but now I see..

Sunday 2nd May @ 4pm on Zoom

Meeting ID: 834 4567 2733 Passcode: 776601



Ascension Day

Thursday, 13th May

10.00am, St Peter's Church
Holy Communion (BCP)

While they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. (Acts 1:9)



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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Just 4 Ladies

come and learn about some of the women
mentioned in the Book of Acts.

Dorcas, Lydia & Priscilla.

Date: Tuesday 11th May

Time: 7:30pm

Zoom: Meeting ID: 876 9023 9196

Pass code: 040430

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



Church at Home on zoom.us

Sunday Worship

**Every Sunday
throughout May**



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



Monday's from 1:30pm on Zoom

Meeting ID: 816 2022 3050 & Passcode: 000724

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.

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 -



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

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*(Copy date for the next newsletter is Monday 24th May, but
if items are ready, please send earlier)*