

# Church News

A vibrant stained glass window depicting St. Peter. He is shown from the chest up, with a long, flowing white beard and hair. He wears a blue tunic with a green cloak draped over his shoulders. A gold collar with a geometric pattern is visible at his neck. In his right hand, he holds a large, ornate golden key with three cross-shaped notches. In his left hand, he holds a book with a gold cover featuring a portrait of a man. The background consists of a blue and white geometric pattern.

June 2021

## **Christ Church**

Rothley Road  
Mountsorrel  
LE12 7JU

## **St Peter's Church**

Market Place  
Mountsorrel  
LE12 7BA

## Time for a bit of the ordinary

As we enter June and the weather begins to improve (hopefully), many of us are hoping for a bit of the ordinary, we are looking forward to things getting back to a bit of normal. Certainly, the Church is entering that time of the liturgical calendar called 'Ordinary Time'. We have been through the six months of special seasons and feasts marking Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Passiontide, Easter, Ascension Day, Trinity Sunday. All of these marking something of the life of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now things settle down a bit and we drop into the routine of Christian discipleship and ministry which the Church simply calls 'Ordinary'.

This period of ordinary, this year, coincides with the gradual easing of Coronavirus restrictions and the population as a whole looks for a sense of normality. But what is 'normal' now? Many of our favourite high street shops have not survived the lockdown; people have switched to online retail and a good proportion of this will no doubt continue into the future; our high streets will take on a new feel. Perhaps this will be a good thing allowing more opportunity for artisan and specialist retailers to showcase their wares. Much of my early career was in independent retail and I still think that there is nothing better than the knowledge you can gain from speaking with a specialist who knows their field inside and out. Our high streets will be changed because of Covid.

And the Church is not immune either. As the world changes, so do the challenges facing the Church. Many Churches have seen their income plummet because of fewer onsite services and almost no weddings to speak of. Our own Diocese of Leicester is accelerating a process of restructuring that was just beginning at the start of the first lockdown; and what was going to take five years, will now have to be completed before the end of this current year because of financial constraints on the budget. I would urge you to read the article on Shaped By God Together for more information.

But whatever changes we may face, as we enter this 'Ordinary Time', let us rest assured that there are some things that do not change for, as the writer to the Hebrews says, Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. (Hebrews 13.8) God's love for you does not change. Remember there is nothing you can do that will make God love you less; and there is nothing you can do that will make God love you more. Let us imitate God's love in our own lives each and every day.

With every blessing,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colin Resch". The signature is written in dark ink and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. (1 John 4.7-11)*

## 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 June. We hope you will be able to join us for one or more of them.

Sunday June 6th	9.30am	Christ Church	Morning Prayer
	9.30am	St Peter's	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Sunday June 13th	9.30am	Christ Church	Holy Communion
	9.30am	St Peter's	Morning Prayer (BCP)
Sunday June 20th	9.30am	Christ Church	Morning Prayer
	6.00pm	St Peter's	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday June 27th	9.30am	St Peter's	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11.am	Christ Church	Baptism
Tuesday June 29th ST. PETER'S DAY	11.00am	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](http://www.mountsorrelchurch.org) for more details.



## Sunbeams News

Linda and Alison are delighted to tell you that we have now reopened our Sunbeams parent and child group with the help of Rev. Darren. We've had to make lots of changes but the essential elements of Sunbeams – sharing a bible story, singing together and forming supportive relationships – all remain intact.



We reopened on Monday 10th May and are currently holding sessions outside providing the weather is okay. There are two sessions; 9.30-10.30am and 11-12noon to help us accommodate as many parents and children as want to attend under the current limitations in the space we have.

Being outside has proved to be great fun enabling us to bring nature, scavenger hunts and trails to fit into the theme of each session.

At the moment we can't provide refreshments, but we encourage families to bring drinks and snacks with them along with a picnic blanket and this is working well so far.

It is just fantastic to see our families face to face again, babies have become toddlers, and babies who hadn't been born when we last saw their mums are already crawling, laughing, and playing! We have missed so much but we are so grateful that after a turbulent and at times frightening year, we are now beginning to come back together in person.

It is currently necessary to book to attend a session, please see the advert below and get in touch if you would like to book in.

Please keep Sunbeams and all our families in your prayers, thank you.

Alison White, Children & Families Worker

### **Christ Church & St Peter's Church Sunbeams**

**A group for babies & pre-school children accompanied by their parent/carer**

**Mondays during term-time**

**9.30-10.30am or 11-12noon at Christ Church**

**To book a place, contact Alison White**

**[alisoncfw.christchurchstpeters@gmail.com](mailto:alisoncfw.christchurchstpeters@gmail.com) or on 07305 664009 or join our**

**Facebook page 'Sunbeams Mountsorrel'**





## Mission Partners

At St Peter's and Christ Church we support a number of different Christian Charities that work in this country and abroad to improve the lives of others and show them God's love and compassion.

Over the next few months I am going to share with you some of the work each of these charities have been undertaking and some ideas of how you can support them in prayer.

This month's charity is Tearfund.



Tearfund is a Christian charity who partner with churches in more than 50 of the world's poorest countries. They aim to tackle poverty and injustice through sustainable development, by responding to disasters and challenging injustice.

They believe an end to extreme poverty is possible.

One of their partner projects is "Tahaddi" in Lebanon. This project was established in 2008 to serve and give hope back to vulnerable Lebanese families, it has also been supporting Syrian families that have sought refuge in Lebanon.

One of the families they have been helping is Tamam and her children who fled from Syria with just their identity papers. In Syria they had had their own home and were self-supporting, growing fruit and vegetables and rearing goats but this was all taken from them by the conflict.

They now live in two tiny rooms in a slum area in the middle of Beirut. The buildings are badly constructed and roofs often collapse. The neighbourhood is not safe for her traumatised children and finding enough money to pay the rent is a constant struggle. Rain pours into homes where tangled power lines threaten electrocution.

Tamam is devastated and says 'In Syria we didn't have financial pressure, we didn't have to worry about making ends meet. We didn't have to pay rent, we had our own home. We were more comfortable and life was easier. Here we've faced economic pressure: paying for rent, paying for the children and all of their needs.'

The Tahaddi centre help children like Tamam's to overcome the trauma that they have experienced so they can enjoy a better future. When she had no money to support her children, the Tahaddi centre helped Tamam to set up her new home – giving her mattresses and financial support when she first arrived. Later, Tamam was delighted to join Tahaddi's sewing programme. There she has learnt a new skill – and passion – in tailoring,

which provides essential income. Just as importantly, Tamam has found a warm welcome, a loving fellowship and a new sense of home.

To Tamam, the Tahaddi centre is a home where she can be released from the horrors of the past. She can live in safety and recover her self-worth, dignity and health while her children can get trauma support and an education. She is starting to grow in skills she never knew she had while building positive relationships with the centre staff, volunteers and her 'sisters' in the sewing group.

Here is a special prayer you can say for people like Tamam who have had to leave their homes because of war:

Lord, we bring to mind all that Tamam went through. Seeing her home and family life destroyed, and forced to make the agonising decision to flee her own country to live in a foreign land. Help us to stand alongside families who have lost almost everything through conflict and displacement. Help us to share your compassion with people in greatest need who feel broken and abandoned.

Father God, we ask you not to let us look away. Show us how we can respond to situations like Tamam's that can seem overwhelming. We pray that all families fleeing their homes will find a place of welcome and safety. Help us to play our part in restoring a sense of home. Amen

You can also pray for the new office that Tearfund have been given permission to open in Syria for the first time. This means alongside their work with Syrian refugees in Lebanon and Jordan, they have an amazing opportunity to be there as communities in Syria start to rebuild.

Here are some of the prayer requests from the Syrian team:

- Unity for the team
- Wisdom as they work through complex issues.
- For the recruiting of the right local staff and their welfare.
- For peace in Syria
- For Syria to start to rebuild itself & it's communities.
- That refugees can return home.

You can find out more about the work Tearfund is doing; more prayer resources and details of other ways you can support them at [www.tearfund.org](http://www.tearfund.org).

Liz Resch  
Mission Co-ordinator at Christ Church

# Living in Love and Faith



**A five-week course on  
Zoom.**

**Wednesday's 10am**

**9<sup>th</sup> June**

**16<sup>th</sup> June**

**23<sup>rd</sup> June**

**30<sup>th</sup> June**

**7<sup>th</sup> July**

The Church of England have put together a set of resources for us all to learn more about identity, sexuality, relationships, and marriage. We, the church are being asked to study and pray together to discern what God might be saying to the church today about these topics with an opportunity to feed back to the Church of England what we feel we discover as we learn, pray and listen together.

It seems to me that these topics are often perceived as difficult to talk about within the church and there is certainly some division within the wider church as people express differing attitudes and beliefs towards identity, sexuality, relationships, and marriage.

The Church wants to understand what it means to follow Christ in love and faith given the questions about human identity and the variety of patterns of relationship emerging in our society, including marriage, civil partnership, cohabitation, celibacy, and friendship.

During this five-week course, we will hear real lived experiences from a wide variety of individuals and couples as we consider how questions about identity, sexuality, relationships, and marriage fit within the bigger picture of the good news of Jesus Christ.

We hope you will join us on Zoom every Wednesday morning from 9th June on the following link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82263803044?pwd=amJTZWROQVBRa0JxT2tMRTJmZlFuQT09>

Telephone: 0208 080 6591

Meeting ID: 822 6380 3044

Passcode: 947889

If you would like to discuss anything before the course, you are welcome to get in touch.

Alison White

(07305 664009 or [alisoncfw.christchurchstpeters@gmail.com](mailto:alisoncfw.christchurchstpeters@gmail.com))



**Church is changing:** Accelerated by the Covid pandemic, the Diocese of Leicester of which we are a part, is undergoing a strategic period of restructure which includes looking at our finance – how we make use of our historical assets and our current giving; our buildings – the challenge of maintaining significant numbers of historic churches; and our ministry – how clergy and other ministers are recruited, trained and deployed.

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BY GOD  
TOGETHER**

**Local Conversations:** Ministry to our Churches is extremely likely to change affecting the allocation of clergy here. We have been asked to give input into this change by considering three possible models of future ministry (all of which arise because of the reducing numbers of clergy in our Diocese). We are now inviting you to be a part of a Local Conversation.

**How can I get involved in the Local Conversation?** We will be having two meetings: The first will be on *Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June 10am till 12noon*, where the three Models of Ministry will be introduced. The second will be on *Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 10am till 12 noon*, where we will be able to discuss the three models and answer questions on them. The meetings will be held online using Zoom and we would encourage those who are not able to access this technology to link up with another household (now allowed under Covid restrictions) who can join the meetings in this way. In between the meetings, we would encourage you to talk with other members of the congregation to weigh the pros and cons of the different models. It is important that you attend the first meeting so you understand the proposals to be discussed at the second.

**Feedback:** At the end of this process, each parish will complete a feedback form to present the results of the local conversations to the Diocese. This feedback will determine the model to be agreed by Diocesan Synod in October.

**Preparation:** Before these meetings we would urge you to view the resources provided by the diocese and available on our website at:

[mountsorrelchurch.org/sbgt](https://mountsorrelchurch.org/sbgt)

If you are not able to access these online resources, please ring Colin Resch (0116 429 9946) and he will let you have a set of papers to read instead.

## What is the Journey in Faith Course?

A 3 term course that is held in small local groups. It helps to grow confidence in our faith and to explore how we can live out everyday faith.

## Who can join?

It is open to anyone—there is some reading to do between sessions but you don't need to have done any studying before.

## Is there a cost?

£40 per term but speak to us if this is a barrier.

## How do I find out more?

More details can be found on the Diocesan website or you can contact Liz Rawlings ([liz.rawlings@leicestercofe.org](mailto:liz.rawlings@leicestercofe.org)).

## Courses

Braunstone	Monday evening
Market Harborough	Tuesday evening
Oadby	Wednesday evening
Castle Donington	Thursday evening
Loughborough	Sunday afternoon

To apply email: [mmbookings@leicestercofe.org](mailto:mmbookings@leicestercofe.org) stating which course you want to join.



## What does a previous participant say?

"If you want to know more about yourself and your Christian faith, then JiF is the course for you. You'll be welcomed and challenged, affirmed and changed, and you'll definitely be glad you came."

# Children's Page



Christ Church and St. Peter's  
Mountsorrel

## Thank you Father, Dad, Daddy!

It's Father's Day this month, it's one of those funny days – for lots of people it's a happy day when they do something special with dad, for some people though, it can be a sad day because they don't see their dad

Here at the 'White House', Daniel & Sarah make or buy gifts and cards for their dad and if the weather is good enough, we often have a bar-b-que. We also remember Daniel and Sarah's two Grandads who aren't with us anymore, we might light a candle or put some flowers by their photos as a way of remembering them.

Whatever our situations, we can all be thankful that we have our heavenly Father, God, who showed us how much he loves us by sending Jesus into the world.

Here's a couple of things you might like to do over that weekend...

- ♦ Find the story of The Prodigal/Lost Son in a children's bible and read it together – Jesus told us this story to show us how God loves us. My favourite part is when the dad in the story is looking out for his son and when he sees him, runs to him. What's your favourite part?
- ♦ Can you find out how to say Dad in 5 different languages? Or how to say God our Father in 5 different languages?
- ♦ Make a paper chain by cutting strips of paper and sticking them together, before you stick them, write on each strip of paper something you love about either your dad, God, or both. Add your name to it too.



Here's a word scramble for you to solve. All the words are about God our Father.

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| 1. FHAERT _____   | 2. EOLV _____     |
| 3. RHELPE _____   | 4. FOMORTC _____  |
| 5. FSGEIRVO _____ | 6. WOREPLUF _____ |
| 7. RIGEV _____    | 8. DGO _____      |

*'But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him'.*

*[Luke 15:20]*

Alison White, Children & Families Worker (Standing in for Linda)





## Ball Game Prayers



It's Father's Day this month, so here's some ideas for fun prayer activities using a ball. You can use any type of ball – football, rugby ball, tennis ball or even a gym ball or bouncy ball if you want to create a new sport of extreme praying! I would advise against snooker, cricket or any others that might hurt if they hit you on the head though. This is also best done outside unless you're gently rolling the ball to and from a little one.

There are different ways to pray, here's just a few ideas to choose from, mix and match or even make up your own...

- Throw the ball to each other and each time you catch it, thank God for something you are grateful for.
- Kick the ball to each other, before you kick it each time, tell God something you would like to see happen in the world or in yours or someone else's life.
- See how high you can throw the ball into the air and think about creation – tell God something you love about his creation.
- Quietly roll the ball to each other, think about things you feel sad about and tell God about them, this might include saying sorry about something.
- Bounce the ball around to each other and try to tell God something you think is amazing about Him on each bounce. E.G 'God you are (bounce) amazing!'
- You could even have a penalty shoot-out – when you score tell God something you are thankful for and when you miss, tell God about something that makes you sad or you are sorry about.
- Sit on the ball (if safe to do so), and remember that when we pray it is important to be still and listen to God too – 'God, do you have anything you want to tell me?'



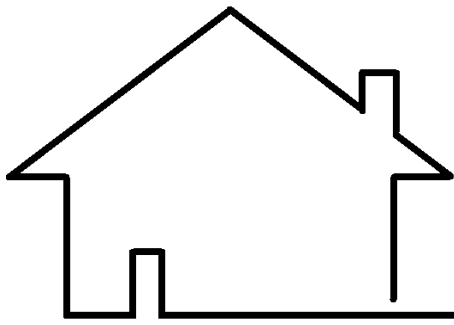
Have fun connecting with God our heavenly Father.

God bless,

Alison White, Children & Families Worker

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# 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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at 4pm is now online.

**Everyone Welcome**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 4pm on Facebook**



Over many years, Janet and Trevor Wright have tidied the Memorial stones and the garden at Christ Church and we are extremely grateful for their work.

However, they have decided that the time has come to give up. So, the church is looking for a person, or group of people, to take on responsibility for tidying the Memorial stones and the garden so that visitors are greeted with a neat and pleasant sight.

Families who put flowers on the Memorials appreciate it when the site is tidy. Maybe these families could help keep them tidy?

If you would like more information, or to volunteer, please contact:

**Peter Hodson**

**Tel: 0116 230 3828**

**Email: [p.hodson4@ntlworld.com](mailto:p.hodson4@ntlworld.com)**



**Fun@4**

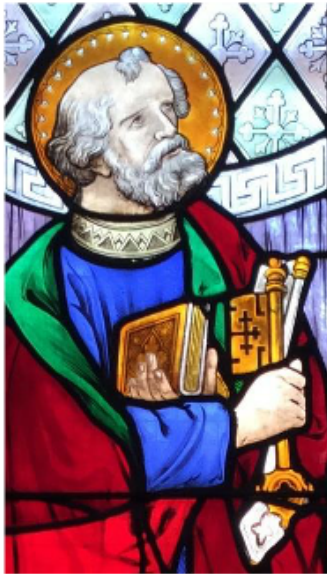
Join us on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>  
June @4pm on Zoom for  
lots of fun and games as  
we discover how Saul  
became Paul!

Contact Alison for the zoom link

([alisoncfw.christchurchstpeters@gmail.com](mailto:alisoncfw.christchurchstpeters@gmail.com) or 07305 664009)



**St. Peter's Church, Mountsorrel**  
**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 11am**  
***Patronal Festival***



**And I say also unto thee,  
That thou art Peter, and  
upon this rock I will  
build my Church; and the  
gates of hell shall not  
prevail against it.**

*Matthew 16:18(KJV)*

**Holy Communion**

**Followed by:**

**a pre-booked lunch at**

**The Waterside**

**For more details**

**Please contact Denni Christie**

**On 07960 657 375**

**Please visit our website: [www.mountsorrelchurch.org](http://www.mountsorrelchurch.org)**



# Christ Church with St Peters Sunbeams



**A group for babies & pre-school children  
accompanied by their parent/carer.**

9:30am till 10:30am or 11:00am till 12:00noon at  
Christ Church every Monday during term time.

Places must be pre-booked.

## All welcome



Supported by:  **Charnwood**



LIVING  
IN LOVE  
& FAITH

**How do questions about identity, sexuality,  
relationships and marriage fit within the  
bigger picture of the good news of  
Jesus Christ?**

**What does it mean to live in love and faith  
together as a Church?**

We will be considering these questions together through  
the Living in Love & Faith course.

The course will run via zoom on a Wednesday at  
10:00am from 9<sup>th</sup> June till 7<sup>th</sup> July.

**(Please see page 7 for more information)**

Meeting ID: 822 6380 3044 Passcode: 947889

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



# Church at Home on zoom.us

## Sunday Worship



**Every Sunday  
throughout June**



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



# Church at Home on zoom.us

**Morning Prayer  
Monday – Saturday, 9am**

**Except for Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

**Meeting ID: 786 8201 8817**

**Passcode: 032244**





**Monday's from 1:30pm on Zoom**

**Meeting ID: 816 2022 3050 & Passcode: 000724**

**Except for Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June, but  
if items are ready, please send earlier)*