

Church News

July 2021

Christ Church

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St Peter's Church

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Thank You

Dear brothers and sisters, as my time with you is drawing to a close, as I prepare for my next adventure as Rector of the United Benefice of Whitwick, Thringstone and Swannington, I wanted to say thank you. It was four years ago that I first arrived in Mountsorrel as a rather green newly ordained Deacon. I was not sure what to expect as I started my curacy, unsure if I would fit in with my new church family; I need not to have worried. From the very start I was made to feel welcome at both Christ Church and St. Peter's in Mountsorrel and about 18 months later the same welcome was afforded to me over at St. Leonard's in Swithland.

During my time as your curate, I have been blessed by all your support for my fledgling ministry. You have allowed me to grow as a minister and allowed me the room to try new things and have been forgiving when I have made mistakes, for this alone I will be always grateful. I was told at theological college that it was unwise for those in leadership roles to have close friendships, but this was always going to be impossible. I have made many friends over the last four years, and these will I am sure now be lifelong.

I will treasure some special memories, from conducting one of my first weddings with a two-year-old sat on my feet as I married his mum and dad. To running around Christ Church with my coat over my shoulders as I got a room full of children over excited as we prepared to watch a movie together. To being a small part of Sunbeams Toddler group and so many thanks to Linda and Alison in helping me to grow in this part of my ministry. Thank you to Peter, Veronica, David, Ian, Sally and Chris, our Church Wardens and to all members of PCC, for all your hard work. Thanks also to everyone involved in leading music at our church's, especially to John Strange as he tried his hardest to teach this newbie how to sing Matins and Evensong (although I still can't say, 'transitory').

A big thank you to Colin, Liz and Sarah for welcoming Wendy and I into your home on many occasions. Finally, a thank you to Colin. I remember when I first started under your tutelage, I would often refer to you as 'my boss' and as I leave, I now call you a dear friend and brother in Christ. You have guided and taught me, you have stretched me and gave me permission to be brave and to try new things. Never once did we have a cross word between us. The times we drank coffee in your study as we chatted away an afternoon, to finding an extra bottle of red wine when at Clergy Conference will be memories that I will always treasure.

So, goodbye and don't be a stranger, I am after all not that far away. Be kind and loving to each other always and passionate in your love for Christ.

A Final Blessing.

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sunshine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields.
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Darren

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 July, including those online. We hope you will be able to join us for one or more of them.

Sunday July 4th	9.30am	Christ Church	Morning Worship
	9.30am	St Peter's	Morning Prayer (BCP)
	11.00am	Church at Home (Zoom)	Sunday Worship
Sunday July 11th	11.00am	Christ Church (Outside Service)	Darren's Leaving Service (See page 12)
Sunday July 18th	9.30am	Christ Church	Morning Worship
	6.00pm	St Peter's	Evening Prayer (BCP)
	11.00am	Church at Home (Zoom)	Sunday Worship
Sunday July 25th	9.30am	St Peter's	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11.am	Christ Church	Baptism

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.

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.

Service/Event	Time	Meeting ID	Passcode
Church at Home	Sunday, 11am	732-3618-5391	002546
Morning Prayer	Mon-Sat, 9am	786-8201-8817	032244

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

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:



OpenDoors
Serving persecuted **Christians** worldwide

Open Doors is a Christian charity whose purpose is to strengthen and equip the body of Christ living under or facing restrictions and persecution because of their faith in Jesus Christ.

They work in 60 countries where they supply bibles, train church leaders, provide relief aid, livelihood support and community development projects for hundreds of thousands of persecuted Christians.

In the UK they work to raise awareness of the persecution faced by Christians in other countries and mobilise prayer and support for them.

Open Doors started in 1955 when a young Dutchman, who later became known as Brother Andrew, discovered the existence of the persecuted church on a visit to Warsaw. Brother Andrew then proceeded to travel through Eastern Europe from then till 1967 delivering scripture, encouraging the persecuted believers and recruiting others to help him in this work.

In 1967 the book *God's Smuggler* about his work was published and an entire generation caught his vision of supporting the persecuted church. This meant that soon the ministry moved beyond the Soviet Union.

In the years since Brother Andrew's first journey, Open Doors has continued to seek out and strengthen the persecuted church.

One example of their work is their support of a Christian woman "V" in India who had converted from a Hindu background with her husband and sister. One day whilst she & her sister were visiting a local pastor & his wife a group of eight or nine local men broke in and beat them with rods for almost half an hour. Luckily, although injured, they all survived the attack but when they went to the hospital they were refused treatment due to pressure from the attackers. This is where a local Open Doors partner stepped in and took them to a different hospital and paid for their treatment.

Without this intervention, they could have died. Open Doors partners are also able to offer legal support to the women, and provide new stock for Vinita's shop, which was ransacked and vandalised in the attack.

"V's" faith has remained strong through it all and she says "I have never thought of leaving God, because God alone has safeguarded us and helped us.

The Open Doors partners are continuing to help "V" and her family as they have lost their livelihoods during the Covid-19 pandemic and they are still facing persecution from their community. "V" says "Even now they threaten us and say, 'We will not let you stay here.' They say they will drive us out and make us beg.

Prayer is a crucial way in which we can support our persecuted brothers and sisters for Brother Andrew said "Our Prayers can go where we cannot."

Here are some prayer requests for V and other Christians in India:

- For V and the other Christians to heal from their injuries and trauma.
- That the threats against "V" from her community will stop and that she will be strong in her faith.
- That the church in India will not just survive these two crises, (the pandemic and persecution) but become stronger.
- That Open Doors partners in India would be able to reach those most in need of support.

You can find out more about the work of Open Doors including more prayer resources and details of other ways you can support them at www.opendoorsuk.org

Liz Resch

Mission Co-ordinator at Christ Church



Everyday Spirituality

spiritual habits for everyday life

Centering Prayer

Tuesday 29th June 7-8.30 pm
on Zoom
or
Saturday 3rd July 10.00-11.30am
St Peter's Church
Copt Oak, LE67 9QB

To book email: mmbookings@leicestercofe.org



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TREE OF LIFE



Launde Abbey



Diocese of
Leicester
Shaped by God



Discipleship at
Leicester Cathedral



Christ Church and St. Peter's
Mountsorrel

Children's Page

It's Summer!



What's your favourite thing about summer?

For me, I think it has to be the hot sunny days, oh and ice-cream of course! What's your favourite ice-cream?

I hope you have lots of chances to get outdoors this summer holiday, here's a couple of ideas that you could do in your garden.

- ◆ Here Make a bug hotel – you can do this just by piling up small sticks but if you have old plant pots, cardboard tubes or old bricks they can all make great bug hotels – why not do some research first www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/how-build-bug-mansion is a good place to start.



- ◆ Make a bee water station – did you know that bees need water? Help look after the bees by making them a water station in your garden, you can find out how to do this here www.mybaba.com/bee-water-station/ You just need a shallow tray or container, different sized stones, and water. It's best placed in a part of your garden where there are flowers.



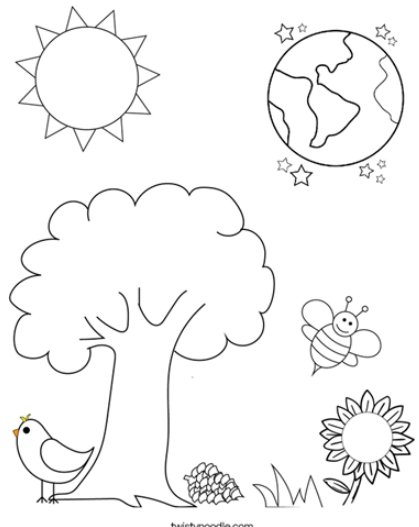
Whatever Looking after our world is an important job, and actually, it's a job that God asks us to do. We can all do our bit, especially over the summer months, to help look after our world.

'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it' (Genesis chapter 2, verse 15).

Looking after our world is nothing new, it's the way God always planned it!

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

Keep Earth Green!



Stop and smell the roses

A British summer is full of flowers. We love to see them bloom, bringing spectacular colour and sometimes fragrance into the summer months. It's a lovely time to appreciate the beauty of God's world and think about how God cares for us as part of creation.

Young children are often full of awe and wonder at the beauties of God's creation. With flowers blooming everywhere, it's a great time to visit your local park or green space and look in detail at some of the flowers. Show your child how to gently touch the flowers without damaging them. Talk about what they look like and smell like. I wonder why God made flowers.



Jesus talked about flowers in one of his teachings about worry. "Can any of you," he asked, "by worrying, add a single hour to your life? Look at the lilies in the fields, how they grow: they don't work, yet even the greatest king in all his glory isn't as beautiful as them. So, if God looks after even these plants, which don't last long or do anything, how much more will he look after you?"

As you look at the flowers you can pray together:

(Touching the flower): God, thank you for this (white, red, pink, etc ...) flower. Thank you for making it and loving it. Your love for this flower will never ever go away.

(With your hand on your child's forehead): God, thank you for this (jumpy, silly, sweet, caring, artistic, sporty, etc) child

(With your child's hand on your forehead): God, thank you for this (kind, funny, loving, bonkers, etc) mum/dad.

Thank you for making us and loving us. Your love for us will never ever go away. Help us to take care of each other Just as you take care of every living thing. Amen



Alison White
Children & Family Worker

Chalking Prayers

Children love the idea of being allowed to draw on pavements and patios so why not turn this fun activity into some prayers?



Lots of shops sell chalks quite cheaply, you may even find some in your local village shop if you don't already have some at home.

In your garden, think about things or people you are thankful for, chalk a picture of them on patio slabs, a path or on the house/garden wall if you don't have a big enough slabbed area. Then say thank you to God for the things or people you have drawn.



Next think about people or places who need help, chalk a picture and then ask God to help them, you might say; 'God please help (name of person or place), please show us if there is something we can do to help, amen.

You might then, want to spend some time sitting quietly as you chalk doodles and pictures onto the ground. You could ask God if he has anything to say to you whilst you do this. Sometimes, God drops a word or a picture into our head to show or tell us something.

And, if the rain washes your pictures away, don't worry, your prayers haven't been washed away! God has heard your prayers and has them with him.

Finally, if you want to remind people of God's love for them, why not chalk on the pavement outside your house, you could draw a heart and write God loves you, or God bless you for people to read as they pass.



Have fun and keep praying!

Alison White, Children & Families Worker

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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

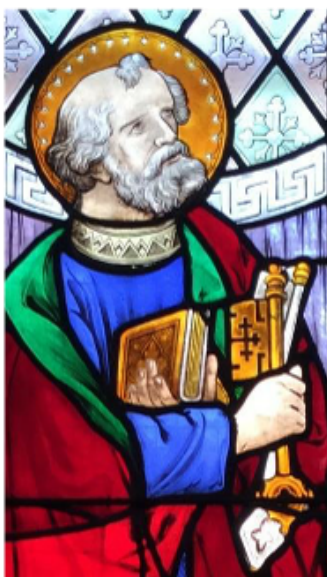
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St. Peter's Church, Mountsorrel

Tuesday 29th 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



New Wine Breaks Out

Once again, the New Wine Summer Conference will be held online with free access available to all. With an extended 6-day programme of teaching, worship and prayer ministry for all ages and abilities you will be sure to find something that will speak to your soul this summer.

Thursday 29 July – Tuesday 3 August 2021

There will be

- Morning & evening Arena & Impact celebrations
- Sofa sessions and Q&As
- Morning Kids sessions packed with songs, stories, gunge, fun & games
- Morning and evening Luminosity (youth) devotions & chat, challenges, workshops, celebrations & after parties
- Accessible Church enabling people with additional needs to participate as much as possible, and to grow in the gifts that God has given them
- After Hours programme – The Big Quiz and more!

The main sessions will be free of charge, but with New Wine Online membership (£70 for a year's membership) you will also have access to more than 70 seminars, interviews and live conversations with keynote speakers, plus on-demand access after the event.

I would be interested in hearing from anyone who would like to join together for the main morning and evening celebrations at Christ Church (Covid restrictions and internet access allowing). Just let me know and if there's enough interest, we'll get something sorted. Either way, we hope to livestream the Sunday morning celebration in Christ Church at 11am on Sunday 1 August.

Colin Resch



I am still recycling genuine branded printer ink cartridges such as: Brother, Canon, Epson & HP, (**NOT** Toner Cartridges) for Guide Dogs for the Blind. Please leave any that you have in the boxes available in both Churches.



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Please remember as the post comes tumbling through your letter box, that I am still collecting postage stamps for The Leprosy Mission.



Thank you,
Janet Wright



The Leprosy Mission
Leprosy defeated, lives transformed



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**



Family Picnic

Join us as we meet back together in person



On Sunday 4th July at 4pm
In the gardens of Christ Church



Bring your own picnic food, drinks, and something to sit on.

We'll provide music and games for you to enjoy.

All welcome

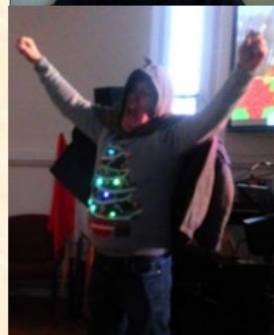


Sunday 11th July

**A joint open air service
to say farewell
to Darren**

11:00am, Christ Church

Rothley Road, Mountsorrel, LE12 7JU



Just 4 Ladies

Social

a catch up with refreshments

Date: Tuesday 6th July 2021

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: Vicarage Garden

As numbers are limited due to restrictions please book in with Liz Resch

Please bring a garden chair or picnic blanket.



Church at Home on zoom.us

Morning Prayer

Monday – Saturday, 9am

Except for 12th — 24th July Inclusive.

Meeting ID: 786 8201 8817

Passcode: 032244



Contact Margaret Hampson for More Details

Thank you for support of Mountsorrel Community Food project, we are very grateful for your donations.

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.

At the moment we would really appreciate :

- Tinned fruit
- Small tins of ham
- Tinned Tuna
- Tinned meat based main meals
- Tinned vegetables
- Bottles of squash

Thank you on behalf of the Foodproject team and the people we support.

Chris Budd

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 19th July, but
if items are ready, please send earlier)*