

Church News



September 2021

Christ Church

Rothley Road
Mountsorrel
LE12 7JU

St Peter's Church

Market Place
Mountsorrel
LE12 7BA

Services at Christ Church & St. Peter's Church

Date	Time	Service	Venue
Sunday 5 September	9.30am	Matins*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Fun@4 (see page 11)	Christ Church
Sunday 12 September	9.30am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	All Age Service (see page 9)	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Senior Sunday	St. Peter's
Sunday 19 September	11.00am	Harvest Holy Communion	Christ Church
	6.00pm	Harvest Evensong*	St. Peter's
Sunday 26 September	9.30am	Baptism Service	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Baptism Service	Christ Church
Sunday 3 October	9.30am	Matins*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Fun@4	Christ Church

** Service taken from the Book of Common Prayer*

Morning Prayer at Christ Church and online, 9am

Monday - Online Only

**Tuesday * Wednesday * Thursday* Friday
In Church and online**

Meeting ID: 786 8201 8817

Passcode: 032244

I am writing this letter to you just a few days after watching the Taliban enter the city of Kabul with complete ease and take control over Afghanistan declaring an end to the 20-year war. One Afghan Christian has said, “It’s a heart-breaking day for the citizens of Afghanistan and an even more dangerous time to be a Christian. Secret believers in Afghanistan are especially vulnerable. Prior to Taliban rule, they already had a very difficult time living out their faith, as they had to keep it secret from their families for fear of being shunned, or worse, killed. Now that the Taliban is in power, their vulnerability increases tenfold. It would be almost impossible to be a follower of Jesus in this country. We are monitoring the situation, but this is the time for us to ask God to have mercy not only on His people, but on this country as a whole.”

Afghanistan was already number two on the Open Doors’ World Watch List meaning it is the second most dangerous place in the world to be a Christian believer. As people who live in safety, with freedom to attend worship whenever we like, I would urge you to join with me in praying for Afghanistan. Here are five ways to pray for Afghanistan today (as published by Open Doors).

- Please pray for the small group of believers in the country. They are walking on eggshells and are uncertain who to trust. Pray that they find strength, wisdom, and supernatural peace in God’s promises.
- Pray for the displaced. A new wave of refugees is expected to come from Afghanistan to many parts of the Middle East and the rest of the world. Pray for God’s protection and provision over them in their journeys.
- Pray for the women. Many women fear that the Taliban rule would mean they would be stripped of opportunities for education. Women involved in education during the past years could also be at risk – pray for their protection.

(Cont’d overleaf)

- Pray for the sick. Though underreported in international media, Covid-19 cases are spiking in the country and hospitals are limited in what they can offer. There is no certainty as to how the healthcare system will be able to sustain itself with the new Taliban government. Pray that the healthcare system will not collapse.
- Pray that the country will not be a haven for extremists. The Taliban government of 20 years ago are known enablers of extremist Islamic organisations. With their newfound control over Afghanistan, the country could be host to a new generation of terror groups.

I don't know what else we can do for the people of Afghanistan except to hold them in our prayers. Will you join with me in praying for our Afghan brothers and sisters every day? And, as we do, may God have mercy upon them.

With every blessing

Colin Resch

Diary Dates

Wednesday 1 September

7.30pm Homegroup at the Vicarage (see pages 11 and 14)

Friday 3 September

10.00am till 12 Noon: Coffee Morning at Christ Church

Monday 6 September

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church

1.30pm Craft Group meets at Christ Church

Tuesday 7 September

2.00pm Christ Church PCC Meeting

7.00pm St. Peter's PCC Meeting

Diary Dates (Cont'd)

Friday 10 September

9.30am till 12 Noon: Coffee Morning at Christ Church

Monday 13 September

10.00am Sunbeams at Christ Church

1.30pm Craft Group meets at Christ Church

Tuesday 14 September

7.30pm Just4Ladies Games night at Christ Church

Wednesday 15 September

7.30pm Homegroup at the Vicarage (see pages 11 and 14)

Friday 17 September

10.00am till 12 Noon: Coffee Morning at Christ Church

Monday 20 September

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church

1.30pm Craft Group meets at Christ Church

Tuesday 21 September

7.30pm Churches Together in Mountsorrel meeting at the Methodist Church

Friday 24 September

10.00am till 12 Noon: Coffee Morning at Christ Church

Monday 27 September

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church

1.30pm Craft Group meets at Christ Church

Wednesday 29 September

7.30pm Homegroup at the Vicarage (see pages 11 and 14)

Diary Dates for October

Friday 1 October

10.00am till 12 Noon: Coffee Morning at Christ Church

Monday 4 October

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church

1.30pm Craft Group meets at Christ Church

Friday 8 October

10.00am till 12 Noon: Coffee Morning at Christ Church

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:



CPAS stands for the Church Pastoral Aid Society and its purpose is to work with churches and leaders to help them share the gospel afresh in each generation. Their current ministry involves the oversight of Venture and Falcon holidays, appointing evangelical clergy to their nearly 700 patronage parishes, of which Christ Church is one, and training, resourcing and supporting leaders for mission and evangelism.

It was founded on the 19 February 1836 by prominent Christians, including the pioneering social reformer Lord Shaftesbury, as a Christian response to the massive social change brought about by the Industrial Revolution. What were once small village churches found themselves with the new urban poor on their doorsteps.

Lord Shaftesbury and his friends stepped in to set up a new charity that would resource these churches to cope with this change. Their aim was simple: the gospel should be taken 'to every person's door, with a single eye to the glory of God'.

They achieved this for many decades by giving parishes grants to enable them to employ extra lay and ordained workers in fast-growing urban parishes. The Rev Patrick Bronte, rector of Haworth (and father of the famous novelists) was one of the first to receive a grant which he used to employ a curate.

CPAS helped churches become more effective in sharing the gospel in a variety of ways, including beginning to run Christian holidays for young people. Today around a 100 holidays, now called Ventures and Falcons, are run each year catering for 8-18's. Their main adult resources include Growing Leaders, the Arrow Leadership Programme and our Lead On email, which over 6,000 leaders receive every month for free.

They are looking forward to 2025 and their prayer and aspiration is to see:

- Every church a pathway to faith
- Every Christian a courageous witness
- Every leader a catalyst for evangelism
- Every child the chance to explore Jesus.

Here are some things that you can pray for:

- Sponsoring Thank God for all the Ventures and Falcons that have taken place this summer and ask him to continue to work in the lives of the children & young people who attended them.
- Praise God for the fruitful partnership between CPAS and Worcester Diocese and ask him to use CPAS' input to ministerial training and Calling Young Disciples to help churches thrive and grow.
- The launch of the first Leading Evangelism Learning Hub and for James Lawrence who leads it and the groups of leaders taking part.
- For wisdom as decisions are made about which events and programmes will remain online and which will be in physical venues.
- Pray for those at CPAS involved in the decision process of appointing new clergy to their patronage parishes.

You can find out more about the work of CPAS including more prayer resources and details of other ways you can support them at www.cpas.org.uk

Liz Resch
Mission Co-ordinator at Christ Church

An Invitation from St. Leonard's Church

To the congregations of Christ Church and St Peters Church

You are most welcome to join us for our HARVEST LUNCH
on Sunday 26th September at the Memorial Hall at 12.30pm

This will be a 'Bring and Share' lunch.

If you would like to attend, add your name to the list at the back of church,
or speak to Geraldine 0116 2572360.

You will be contacted to confirm your choice of food to bring along.

EVERYONE WELCOME



All Age Sunday Worship
2nd Sunday of every month
@ 11-00 am

New for
September

Everyone is welcome to join us for a relaxed and slightly less formal Sunday Worship. Songs, prayers, talk, activities all included. Tea and Coffee served throughout.

To find out more about our All Age Services,
contact either Alison or Linda:

Alisoncfw.christchurchstpeters@gmail.com

Lindacfw.christchurchstpeters@gmail.com



Christ Church and St. Peter's
Mountsorrel

Children's Page

Where is God

Sometimes when people are suffering, dying, in pain or struggling it is hard to see or find God, but we need to remember that all we have to do is look because He is there! See how many times you can find the word GOD in this puzzle. It isn't hard, it is just a case of looking and seeing. I have found 32 !!

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"For nothing will be impossible with God".

[Luke 1:37]

Linda
(Children and Families Worker)

Nature Prayers

Autumn is approaching, I've already noticed some leaves changing colour and trees beginning to drop their fruit – I even saw a conker a couple of days ago!

As with every season, Autumn brings change, our world begins to look different so here's a prayer idea which involves an autumn nature walk.



Go for a walk – there are lots of green areas local to the village – the parks, nature trails at the Mountsorrel & Rothley Community Heritage Centre, Cossington Meadows. Or you might want to drive to Beacon Hill or Swithland Woods. As you walk, take time to notice the changes that are happening around us, enjoy this wonderful time of year in creation.

Remember to take a bag so that you can collect some of Autumns treasures – fallen leaves, acorns, beech nuts and shells, conkers, sycamore keys, and pinecones.

Here's some different ways you might like to pray using the things you collect;

- Leaves – look at the different colours the leaves have changed to become. Think of places in the world where change is needed – if you have a world map, you could place a leaf on those places, ask God to help to bring change to those places.
- Acorns – look how small the acorn is, now think about how big the tree was that it came from. The huge tree grew from the small acorn! I wonder if you feel big like the tree or small like the acorn? Ask God to help you grow into the person He has created you to be.
- Pinecones – is your pinecone open or closed? I wonder if you are feeling open or closed to God's love? As you hold or look at the pinecone, ask God to help you to be open to Him and His love.
- Conkers – the Horse Chestnut tree goes through lots of changes to create the conker, white flowers bloom in the spring before spikey shells appear in which the wonderful shiny conkers grow! I wonder if there are changes happening in your life. Sometimes change can be a bit scary, maybe you're feeling 'spikey' about changes in your life, but without change we wouldn't have the wonderful shiny conkers! Ask God to be with you when you feel unsure about changes happening around you. If you are worried about something changing, give it to God to look after for you and ask him to give you peace. You could take a conker and gently throw it into the garden as a symbol that you have given it over to God.



You might come up with some other ideas for praying with other things you've found – be as creative as you like, God loves to hear from us!

Take care & keep praying

Alison White, Children & Family Worker



**Sunday 5th September at
Christ Church 4pm**

**Do join us for an Olympic and
Paralympic Fun@4
blow a Javelin, shot put a cotton
wool ball,
Design your own Olympic
mascot
Join in with the singing and
fellowship
Not forgetting tea!**

EVERYONE is welcome.

**The next Fun@4 Planning meeting is:
Thursday 9th September at 7.30pm on Zoom
Please contact Linda for the link.**

lindacfw.christchurchstpeters@gmail.com

alisoncfw.christchurchstpeters@gmail.com

Fellowship Group at the Vicarage

It is with great excitement that we announce that the Fellowship Group that meets at the Vicarage is re-starting. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday 1st September at 7:30pm and fortnightly thereafter.

The group will be both in person and via zoom for those who find it easier to take part that way due to family and work commitments.

We will be following The Prayer Course, which is an eight-week journey through the Lord's Prayer covering the following sessions:

1. Why Pray?
2. Adoration
3. Petition
4. Intercession
5. Unanswered prayer
6. Contemplation
7. Listening
8. Spiritual warfare

The zoom details are: Meeting ID: 858 3431 7001 Passcode: 643768

We are open to new members joining so if you are not part of an existing home group and would like to join us, please do. Have a word with either of us if you have any questions.

Liz & Colin Resch



**WHAT'S THE BEST NEWS
YOU'VE EVER HEARD?**

CHRISTIANITY|EXPLORED

What's the best news you've ever heard?

Was it surprising? Did it change the way you think? Or was it something you wanted to be true but didn't dare hope?

Christianity Explored is a relaxed and informal way of sharing the best news you can ever hear, and gives people space and time to think about the big questions of life. So come along and bring a friend who needs to hear this good news.

Over seven sessions in Mark's Gospel, guests find out more about the life of the person at the heart of the Christian faith – Jesus Christ. Starting at 7.15pm with tea and coffee, the structure of each session is simple: a short Bible study, a short talk/film and a discussion based on the talk.

Course Outline:

Session 1. Friday 24 September: Good News

Session 2. Friday 1 October: Identity

Session 3. Friday 8 October: Sin

Session 4. Friday 15 October: The cross

Session 5. Friday 22 October: Resurrection

Session 6. Friday 29 October: Grace

Optional Day Away. Saturday 30 October 10am — 4pm

The Sower: Listen carefully

James and John: Ask humbly

Herod: Choose wisely

Session 7. Friday 5 November: Come and die

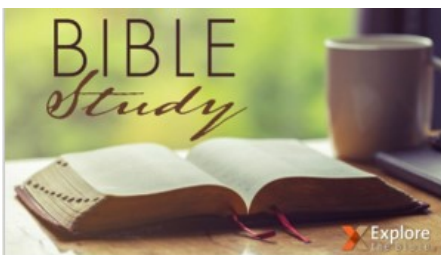


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Darren's Installation Service (3rd August 2021)



Photograph, courtesy of Peter Hodson.



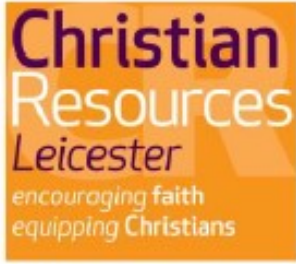
FELLOWSHIP GROUP AT THE VICARAGE

Starting on Wednesday 1st September, then:
Every other Wednesday at 7:30pm.

You can join us in person or via zoom.

Zoom ID: 858 3431 7001 - Passcode: 643768





Shop Assistant Christian Resources Bookshop Leicester

A part-time position has become available within the business for a Bookshop Assistant. The work is for 12 hours per week, usually spread over 3 days with some Saturday work as needed. Flexibility is essential.

The job will include all aspects of retail work including stock control, customer relations, and cash handling.

The successful applicant will have strong administration skills with a good knowledge of Microsoft Office software in particular Word, Excel and Outlook. They must be able to demonstrate sympathy with the aims, goals and values of the Bookshop and of St Martins House.

Requests for a full Job Description should be made by email to enquiries@christianresourcesleicester.com, and application should be by letter with CV either by email or by post to:

Janette Sturgis
Christian Resources Leicester
St Martins House
7 Peacock Lane
Leicester
LE1 5PZ

Closing date: 10th September

Just 4 Ladies

came along and enjoy a

Games Night

Date: Tuesday 14th September 2021

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: Christ Church



Christ Church with St Peters Sunbeams

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

9.30-11.30 am at Christ Church
every Monday during term time.

Just come along or contact
alisoncfw.christchurchstpeters@gmail.com
for more information.

All welcome



Supported by: **Charnwood**

Coffee Morning

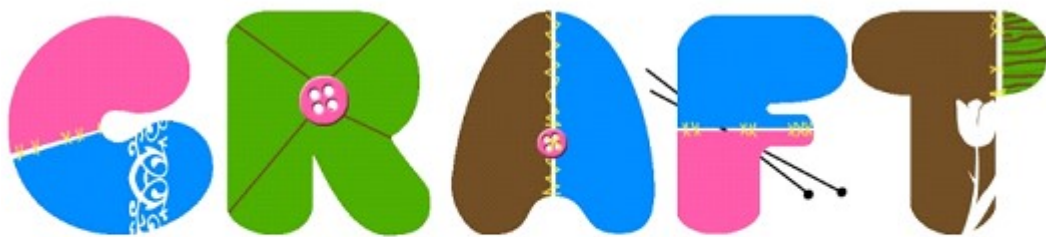
Every Friday in Christ Church

Pop in and make some new friends



*Tea & Coffee
Cakes
Conversation*

10am – 12noon



Group

Meet at Christ Church

1:30 - 3:30pm at Christ Church

Every Monday

Except Bank Holidays

**Call in or see Margaret Hampson
for more details**

*New members
Are always
Welcome!*

St. Peter's Church are pleased to announce:

Senior Sunday is back

Ready to welcome old friends and new

4.00pm at St. Peter's, on the second Sunday of each month

Please let Leslie or Colin know of any people over 60 who would value going to a short service followed by refreshments.

Thank you for supporting the 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
near the main Church
door.**

At the moment we would really appreciate :

- Tinned fruit, small tins of ham, tinned tuna
- Tinned meat based main meals and tinned vegetables
- Bottles of squash

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

Chris Budd

Just a reminder that I am still collecting used postage stamps for The Leprosy Mission. There are boxes at the back of each church for putting them in.



Thank you.

Janet Wright



The Leprosy Mission

Leprosy defeated, lives transformed

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://cofe.mountsorrel.org/>



Christ Church/St. Peter's Church, Mountsorrel

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*(Copy date for the next newsletter is Monday 20th September, but
if items are ready, please send earlier)*