

Church News



December 2021

and
suddenly
there was with
the angel
a multitude of
the heavenly host
praising God
and saying
Glory to God
in the highest, and on earth
peace, goodwill towards
men
Luke 2
13-14

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 December	9.30am	Matins*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Fun@4	Christ Church
Monday 6 December	7.00pm	Carol Service amongst the Trees	Christ Church
Sunday 12 December	9.30am	Holy Communion *	St. Peter's
	11.00am	All Age Sunday Worship	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Senior Sunday	St. Peter's
Saturday 18 December	4.00pm	Nativity Service God is with us - Everywhere!	St. Peter's
Sunday 19 December	11.00am	Holy Communion with Prayer for Healing	Christ Church
	6.00pm	Carol Service*	St. Peter's
Friday 24 December	4.00pm	Christingle	Christ Church
	11:15pm	Holy Communion	Christ Church
Saturday 25 December CHRISTMAS DAY	9.30am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
Sunday 26 December Feast of St. Stephen	10.45am	Sung Matins* with Christmas carols	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
Sunday 2 January	9.30am	Matins*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
Thursday 6 January EPIPHANY	7.00pm	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's

** Service taken from the Book of Common Prayer*

Please Note: No Morning Prayer from Monday 27th December 2021 to Monday 3rd January 2022 Inclusive.

Merry Christmas!

I wonder, if like me, you've noticed that the shops are desperate for our cash and this year's TV Christmas advertising seemed to begin much earlier than usual with one advert even stating, "The best excuse is Christmas, it's the excuse of the year..."? In that particular advert, the retailer is advocating buying lots of presents for others while actually, rather unashamedly, treating yourself.

Well, of course, they are correct; Christmas is a great excuse for doing things a little different from the usual – and after nearly two years of living through a pandemic we're all looking for something different – but what? Not necessarily the selfish overspending they seemed to be advocating but still something different.

Christmas gifts, whether given generously (or sometimes reluctantly) do bring some joy; but that joy is often short lived – the batteries wear down, the novelty wears off, the clothes wear out. I don't believe that the true joys of Christmas lie in an abundance of gifts, but in the one true gift of Jesus Christ. Shops may be full of the former; but the Church is full of the latter.

At the end of Matthew's Gospel (Mt 28.19-20) Jesus says to the disciples, *"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."* I sometimes wonder whether the Church should adopt some of the advertising techniques that retailers use as we seek to proclaim the Kingdom of God; but retail advertising is a desperate business and having worked in retail for twenty years, I'm not sure I want to enter that realm again. And so I will continue without the song and dance, and simply offer you some gentle encouragement to join with us this December.

Come and see us at Church. You'll find a warm welcome and the love of God revealed through his Son, Jesus Christ. Open your heart to receive the one gift that money can never buy. And, if you need an excuse... It's Christmas!

With every blessing,

Colin Resch

Diary Dates

Wednesday 1 December

8.00am School Prayers at Christ Church & St. Peter's CE School

7.30pm Fellowship Group at The Vicarage.

Friday 3 December

10.00am till 12 Noon: Coffee Morning at Christ Church.

10.00am - 5.00pm: Christmas Tree Festival at Christ Church, see page 7.

Saturday 4 December

10.00am - 4.00pm: Christmas Tree Festival at Christ Church, see page 7.

Sunday 5 December

1.00pm - 3.30pm: Christmas Tree Festival at Christ Church (*after Church service*).

Monday 6 December

1.30pm Craft Group meets at Christ Church.

7.00pm Carols amongst the Trees at Christ Church, led by the Ladies of Christ Church & St. Peter's, see page 17

Wednesday 8 December

8.00am School Prayers at Christ Church & St. Peter's CE School

Friday 10 December

10.00am till 12 Noon: Coffee Morning at Christ Church.

Monday 13 December

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church

1.30pm Craft Group meets at Christ Church

6.00pm Carols at the Sorrel Fox

Wednesday 15 December

8.00am School Prayers at Christ Church & St. Peter's CE School

7.30pm Fellowship Group at The Vicarage.

Friday 17 December

10.00am till 12 Noon: Coffee Morning at Christ Church.

Saturday 18 December

11.00am CTiM Carols on the Green, see page 17

4.00pm Nativity Service at St. Peters, see page 11

Monday 20 December

1.30pm Craft Group meets at Christ Church

Friday 24 December

10.00am till 12 Noon: Coffee Morning at Christ Church

4.00pm Christingle at Christ Church, see page 15

11.15pm Holy Communion at Christ Church

Diary Dates (Cont'd)

Saturday 25 December - Christmas Day

9.30am Holy Communion at St. Peter's

11.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church

Sunday 26 December

10.45am Sung Matins and Christmas carols at St. Peter's

11.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church

Friday 31 December

10.00am till 12 Noon: Coffee Morning at Christ Church

Diary Dates for January 2022

Sunday 2 January

9.30am Matins at St. Peter's

11.00am Holy Communion at Christ Church

Wednesday 5 January

8.00am School Prayers at Christ Church & St. Peter's CE School

7.30pm Fellowship Group at The Vicarage.

Thursday 6 January - Epiphany

7.00pm Holy Communion at St. Peter's

Friday 7 January

10.00am till 12 Noon: Coffee Morning at Christ Church

Monday 10 January

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church

1.30pm Craft Group meets at Christ Church.

Tuesday 11 January

7.00pm CTiM meeting at Christ Church

Wednesday 12 January

8.00am School Prayers at Christ Church & St. Peter's CE School

7.30pm Fellowship Group at The Vicarage.

Friday 14 January

10.00am till 12 Noon: Coffee Morning at Christ Church.

Baby Crying (A Poem by Godfrey Rust)

The scene is familiar, A baby is sleeping
His mother's worn out. It's been a hard day.
A few hours before she was groaning and weeping,
Just a child giving birth in the usual way.

The place doesn't matter, except it's not cosy
The way the prettiest Christmas cards say,
With kings humbly kneeling, the stable all rosy
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Forget the carol constructed so neatly –
The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes.
Forget the Sunday school singing so sweetly
That little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.

The baby is crying. The baby is human
And the baby is God and he cries with the shock.
He cries for the keys to his coming kingdom.
He cries for the devil who first picked the lock.

He cries for the mother whose heart will be broken.
He cries for the children that Herod will find.
He cries for the father whose fears are unspoken
But for ever will trouble his uncertain mind.

He cries for food in a land ploughed by famine.
He cries for freedom behind a barred door
He cries for a judge who will come and examine
The reasons for sin and the causes of war.

He cries for the rich, who on hearing him crying
Lean over and say there now, give us a smile!
He cries for the camps full of refugees dying –
His tears are the Congo, the Danube, the Nile.

He cries for the strength that he needs to prepare him
To learn obedience in thirty long years.
Good Friday will come. Death will not spare him:
The world will at last be baptised with his tears.

And his crying at night is his effort to waken
The sleeping and dead whom he came to live through,
He cries to God who must leave him forsaken.
He cries out to me. He cries out to you.

Christ Church, Mountsorrel

Christmas Tree Festival

2021



**Entry free.
Donations
welcome to
support
Rainbows Hospice**

Friday 3rd December - 10am -5pm*

Coffee/Tea 10am –12noon Friday

Saturday 4th December - 10am -4pm*

Sunday 5th December - 1pm -3.30pm*

(following our 11.00am Morning service)

***Note: each day, last entry is 30 minutes before closing time.**

Refreshments available Saturday & Sunday

Christ Church, Rothley Road, Mountsorrel, LE12 7JU

Web: <https://mountsorrelchurch.org/>

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:

The Children's Society

The collection from our Christingle service is donated to them each year.

The Children's Society provide specialist support that empowers young people to make positive changes and rediscover their hope. Young People want a future they can look forward to and the charity makes sure they get it. Working alongside young people, their families and community, they will not rest until together, step-by-step, they have created a society built for all children.

The Society started in 1881 when a Sunday school teacher called Edward Rudolf decided to dedicate his life to improving the lives of children as he realised that there were countless young people living in poverty.

They began by opening children's homes, residential nurseries and day care centres but as society changed they changed as well and began to focus on helping young people solve their own problems.

Today they work with young people who have suffered years of abuse, who have run away from home or are struggling with mental health issues. They look out for young carers and those who are at risk of being groomed by gangs and they help refugees who have no one else to turn to in this country.

The young people they work with all have difficult experiences and complicated lives but they all have one thing in common - HOPE - they hope for a happier home life, getting a job, of escaping those that exploit them.

(Cont'd overleaf)

The Children's Society work with young people for as long as it takes across different aspects of their life empowering them to make decisions for the futures they want.

Children are still living in poverty today – this means that their parents cannot afford food, clothing & shelter. Low paid jobs and zero hour contracts mean even when the parents are employed many families are living hand to mouth.

For children caught up in county lines and criminal exploitation they run a Disrupting Exploitation Program. Many of the children involved will have missed out on school, healthy friendships and the therapy sessions help them re build trust.

They also work with children/young people who have been caught up or are at risk of being caught up in sexual exploitation. They train other professionals to recognise the signs of child sexual exploitation.

The Children's Society goal is by 2030 to have overturned the damaging decline in children's well-being, setting a path for long lasting growth.

Some prayer points:

- Pray for all the Christingles taking place this Christmas, that those attending will glimpse the real meaning of Christmas.
- Pray for the Disrupting Exploitation Program and all the children/young people on it.
- Pray that the families dealing with the realities of poverty this Christmas will get help.
- Pray for all those working to protect children from criminally and sexually exploited.

You can find out more about the work of The Children's Society including more prayer resources and details of other ways you can support them at:

<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk>

Liz Resch

Mission Co-ordinator at Christ Church



Trees instead of Christmas Cards

Please consider not sending cards to each other this Christmas. Instead, leave a Christmas message on the display that will be put in Church and put a donation in the box.

With every £7 collected we can gift through World Vision mango, avocado and papaya seedlings to start a tree nursery that could provide fresh, sweet food for many years to come.



Discover More about Ringing

at www.bellringing.org and www.cccb.org.uk

for more information and great videos of what ringing is about,
plus contacts for learning to ring.

St. Peter's Church, Mountsorrel

Are you aged over 10 and under 100? Do you want to get fit?

Do you have an hour to spare on a Tuesday evening @ 7pm?

If so, come to St. Peter's and learn to bell ring.

- The exercise is gentle (we have light bells as well as some heavy ones)
- You will find us a friendly bunch; we are all learning together and you will be welcomed as one of the "Team"
- We do ring for some Sunday Services but not all. We sometimes ring for special services during the week and weddings.

Please come to ring and help tell everyone there is a Church at the centre of village life.

For further details contact.
David Bird on 0116 2303095.

THE RINGERS LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!



Sunday 5th December 4pm
at Christ Church



Fun@4

Nativity Service

St. Peter's Church

Saturday 18th December @ 4pm

God Is With Us - Everywhere!

By Fay Rowland

Morning Prayer at Christ Church and online, 9am

Tuesday * Wednesday * Thursday* Friday

Meeting ID: 786 8201 8817

Passcode: 032244

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Christ Church and
St. Peter's, Mountsorrel

Children's Page

Long, long ago it happened, the prophet Isaiah of old
told the people of Judah the birth of a king foretold:
**Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Lord and Prince of peace –
Father everlasting. He should be all of these.**

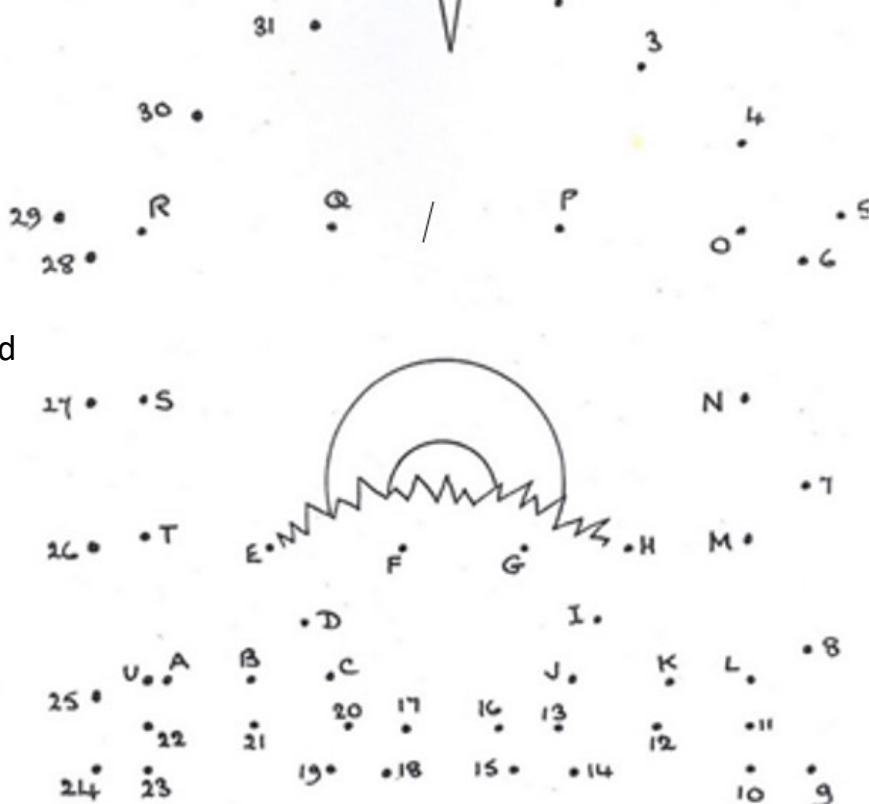


There are five words
hidden in the grid.
Each one is cut into
two bits. All have
something to do
with picture. Can
you puzzle them
out?

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Ang		Pea
ce	Hea	th



Join the dots
from 1 to 32 and
from A to U



[Produced by the Diocese of Bath and Wells, Go Team]

Wishing all our children and families a very Happy Christmas

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Family Advent Prayer Spiral

Advent is upon us and the countdown to Christmas has begun! As we journey through advent, here's a prayer activity that you can use as a family each day.

You'll need some air drying clay, play dough might also work or you could mix up some salt dough (recipes are easily found online and are very simple).

You'll also need a small candle – a birthday candle in its holder would work well but if you're unsure about using a lit candle you could make a much bigger spiral and use a battery tea light – whatever works best for you.

Roll the clay into a long thick sausage shape and slightly flatten the top.

Make the sausage shape into a spiral, then using your candle of choice, make 25 indentations along the spiral deep enough for the candle to stand in securely when the clay is dry.

Leave the clay to dry.



**SAFETY
FIRST**

Remember...
Don't leave lit candles unattended
Keep matches/lighters away from children
Make sure your candle is secure before lighting it.

Pray

Starting from the outside, every day during advent move the candle one space along the spiral, ending at the centre on Christmas day.

Each day, as you move the candle on a space, light it and pray for a person or a place you know going through dark and hard times. Pray that they will know light in their darkness as Christmas approaches. (Blow the candle out when you've prayed).

God bless you this Christmas, keep praying!

Alison White
Children & Family Worker



**All Age Sunday Worship
Sunday 12th December @ 11am**

**‘Christmas is
coming..’**

**Come and help us build our crib scene
during this service**

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

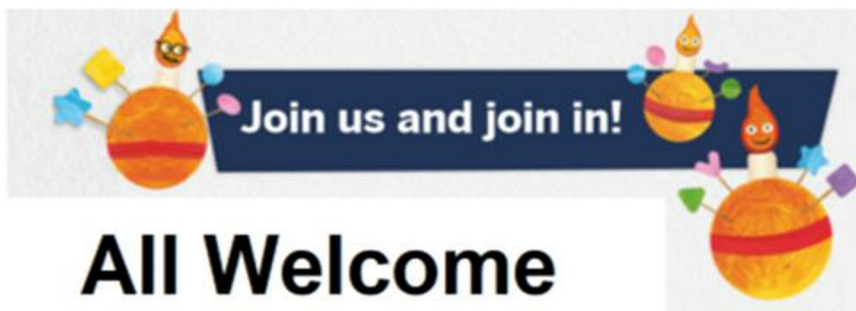
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Christingle Service

Friday 24th December @4pm



Christ Church, Rothley Road,
Mountsorrel



All Welcome

C HRIST

"Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord"

Luke 2:11

H OPE

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead"

1 Peter 1:3

R EDEMPTION

"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace"

Ephesians 1:7

I NHERITANCE

"I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints"

Ephesians 1:18

S ALVATION

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved"

Acts 4:12

T RUTH

"Jesus answered "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me"

John 14:6

M ERCY

"But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy ...made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions-it is by grace you have been saved"

Ephesians 2:4

A NSWER

"Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."

Jeremiah 33:3

S ATISFY

"Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days"

Psalms 90:14



Carol Service amongst the Trees

*Led by the Ladies of
Christ Church & St Peters*

*Monday 6th December
7pm at Christ Church*

Followed by light refreshments

**Carols
on the
Green** in MOUNTSORREL

Saturday 18th December
11am to 12 noon
Everyone welcome!

**CHURCHES
TOGETHER**
IN MOUNTSORREL

Everyone is invited to join us for this open air celebration, singing Carols together in a beautiful location. Don't forget to dress for the weather!

Midnight Communion

Christmas Eve
Christ Church
11:15pm



6th January 2022

**St Peter's Church
Holy Communion
7.00pm**

EPIPHANY

I can have a coffee. I can have a chat. I can socialise. I can be creative. I can make friends. I can share a problem. I can ask for help. I can have a laugh. I can have fun. I can learn a craft. I can have a rest. I can just be me. I can have a coffee. I can have a chat. I can socialise. I can be creative. I can make friends. I can share a problem. I can ask for help. I can have a laugh. I can have fun. I can learn a craft. I can have a rest. I can just be me. I can have a coffee. I can have a chat. I can socialise. I can be creative. I can make friends. I can share a problem. I can ask for help. I can have a laugh. I can have fun. I can learn a craft. I can have a rest. I can just be me. I can have a coffee. I can have a chat. I can socialise. I can be creative. I can make friends. I can share a problem. I can ask for help. I can have a laugh. I can have fun. I can learn a craft. I can have a rest.



**Thursday afternoons
1-30pm til 4-00pm**

**Mountsorrel Baptist Church
LE12 7AJ**


**For more information
Contact
Chris or Elaine
07395 956 777**

Mountsorrel Community Food Project

Could you help those struggling in our community this Christmas by donating all or some of these suggested food items.

1 Coffee 	2 Stuffing mix 	3 Christmas crackers 	4 Tinned fish 	5 Christmas cake or choc log 	6 Jam 
7 Tinned tomatoes 	8 Breakfast cereal 	9 Selection box 	10 Tea bags 	11 Tinned meat 	12 Long life juice 
13 Baked beans 	14 Christmas pudding Non alcoholic 	15 Tinned fruit 	16 Toiletry gift set 	17 Chutney 	18 Crackers for cheese 
19 Tinned carrots 	20 Tinned custard 	21 Gravy granuals 	22 Mince pies 	23 Christmas treat 	24 UHT milk 

Donation boxes are in each church and outside the Vicarage.
Last date for donations Sunday 12th December.






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

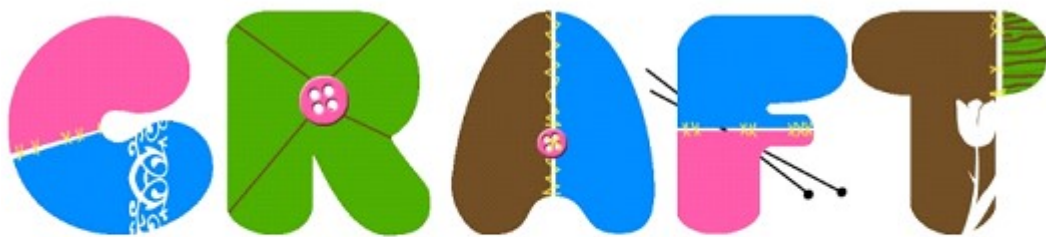
Every Friday in Christ Church

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

*New members
Are always
Welcome!*

12th December

Senior Sunday

St Peter's Church
4pm

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@mountsorrelchurch.org

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@mountsorrelchurch.org

Get the latest information via our web pages:

www.mountsorrelchurch.org



Christ Church/St. Peter's Church, Mountsorrel

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