

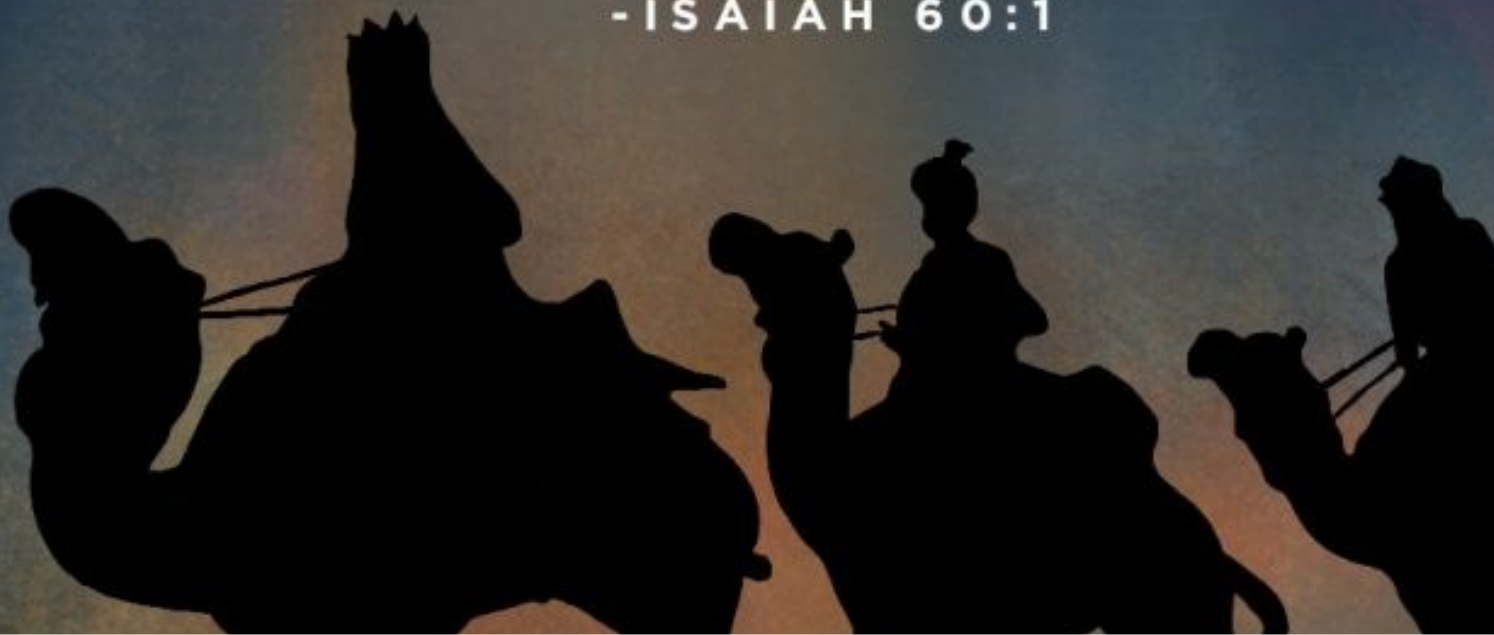
Church News

January 2022

Epiphany

"ARISE! SHINE, FOR YOUR LIGHT
HAS COME, THE GLORY OF THE
LORD HAS DAWNED UPON YOU."

- ISAIAH 60:1



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 2 January	9.30am	Matins*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Sunday Worship	Christ Church
Thursday 6 January The Epiphany	7.00pm	Holy Communion *	St. Peter's
Sunday 9 January	9.30am	Holy Communion *	St. Peter's
	11.00am	All Age Sunday Worship	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Senior Sunday	St. Peter's
Sunday 16 January	11.00am	Holy Communion with Prayer for Healing	Christ Church
	6.00pm	Evensong*	St. Peter's
Sunday 23 January	9.30am	Matins* and Baptism	St. Peter's
	10.30am	CTiM Service	Baptist Church
Sunday 30 January	11.00am	Sunday Worship	Christ Church
	6.00pm	Evensong*	St. Peter's
Wednesday 2 February The Presentation	7.00pm	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
Sunday 6 February	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*

Please Note: No Morning Prayer from Tuesday 25th to Friday 29th January Inclusive.

Happy New Year

As Big Ben strikes in the 'Happy New Year', the occasion is usually marked with the sights and sounds of countless fireworks, church bells, clinking of glasses as people say goodbye to the year past and look forward to the year to come.

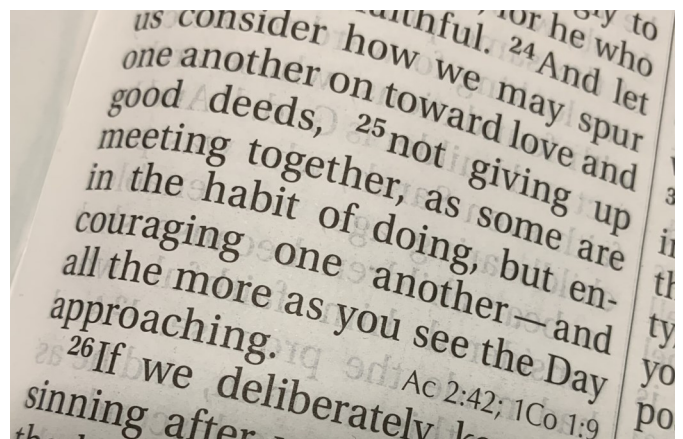
For some, this is a time when the slate is wiped clean and the regrets and woes of the past are put to one side with hope for a better future; relationships are begun, others are ended; resolutions are made.

This year will be no different for many people. Added into the mix is the uncertainty that comes from living through a global pandemic. We had hoped to be free of Covid by now but the Omicron variant has brought about a renewed awareness of social distancing and mask wearing and hand washing as we do battle with the virus and help to protect ourselves and one another from the effects of falling ill.

It is very simple to fall into the trap of isolating ourselves from society once more. However, we are social beings designed for the company of others (Genesis 2:18) and excessive self-isolating is causing massive damage to society and to our mental well-being.

The Church has worked hard to ensure that our meeting places are safe spaces for people to gather and worship is a good environment for improving our mental health as we turn from looking at our own troubles and seeing the goodness of God.

The writer to the Hebrews reminds us that we should not give up meeting together, but encourage each other to do so more and more for in doing so we spur one another on toward love and good deeds.



So as 2021 rolls into 2022, unless you are required to self-isolate through close contact with a Covid-positive person, I would urge you to join us in our acts of worship. You will find them a good place to recover a sense of perspective as we place all of our cares and concerns into the hands of the one who created us and redeemed us through the gift of his son, Jesus.

With every blessing, *Colin Resch*

Diary Dates

Wednesday 5 January

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

Thursday 6 January - The Epiphany

7.00pm Holy Communion at St. Peter's Church

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.

Monday 17 January

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church

1.30pm Craft Group meets at Christ Church

Wednesday 19 January

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

Friday 21 January

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

Monday 24 January

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church

1.30pm Craft Group meets at Christ Church

Wednesday 26 January

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

7.30pm Fellowship Group at The Vicarage.

Friday 28 January

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

Monday 31 January

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church

1.30pm Craft Group meets at Christ Church

Diary Dates for February 2022

Tuesday 1 February

7.00pm Just4Ladies

Wednesday 2 February

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

Friday 4 February

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

7.00pm Pre Marriage Course at Christ Church (see page 6)

The Kings from the East

by Heinrich Heine

"Dear children," they asked in every town,
Three kings from the land of the sun,
"Which is the road to Bethlehem?"
But neither the old nor the young

Could tell, so the kings rode on:
Their guide was a golden star,
Which glittered ahead of them, high in the air,
So clear, so very clear.

The star stood still over Joseph's house,
They all of them stepped in:
The good ox lowed and the little child cried,
And the kings began to sing.



The Pre-Marriage Course

A place to build strong foundations for your relationship

The Marriage Course

A strong marriage needs a strong couple unafraid to navigate life together.

The Marriage Preparation Course is for couples who are engaged or exploring the possibility of marriage. Over five sessions, couples explore themes including communication, commitment, resolving conflict, keeping love alive and shared goals and values. Couples enjoy a romantic atmosphere and the privacy of sharing only with one other. Most couples spend up to 250 hours planning the perfect wedding day. In just five simple sessions, couples on The Marriage Preparation Course can plan for a strong, healthy marriage.

Five Friday evenings beginning 4th February comprising:

7.00 Meet for drinks & welcome
7.15 Meal
7.45 Notices & introduction
8.00 Talk with discussion breaks
9.30 Conclusion & chat

4 th Feb	Communication
11 th Feb	Conflict
18 th Feb	Commitment
25 th Feb	Connection
4 th Mar	Adventure

Christ Church, Rothley Road, Mountsorrel, LE12 7JU

Contact: Colin & Liz Resch, 0116 429 9946

Morning Prayer at Christ Church and online, 9am

Tuesday * Wednesday * Thursday* Friday

Meeting ID: 786 8201 8817

Passcode: 032244

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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 Church Mission Society (CMS) was founded on the 12th April 1799 in Aldersgate Street, London. The founders, which included William Wilberforce, came from the Clapham Sect, which was a group of activist evangelical Christians. They were committed to three great enterprises: abolition of the slave trade, social reform at home and world evangelisation.

It's overseas mission work began in 1804 in Sierra Leone and then spread to India, Canada, New Zealand and around the Mediterranean. Currently there are CMS people in 40 countries across Africa, Asia, South America, The Middle East, Europe and here at home in the UK. People from all walks of life are part of the CMS family and although they come from diverse backgrounds they are united in their commitment to God's mission.

One example of their work is ReVive. This is a charity set up by CMS mission partners in Olinda, north-east Brazil to provide a home and protection for abused and vulnerable girls. They currently run two homes and support over seventy-five girls with accommodation, protection and education.

ReVive has just been given permission by the local authorities to start a fostering service, the first of its kind in the area.

(Cont'd overleaf)

CMS believes that every Christian – and ultimately every person – is called to join in God’s mission and has the potential to bring challenge, change, hope and freedom to the world.

Here are some prayer ideas:

- Pray for the ReVive charity in Brazil as it seeks foster parents for its new initiative.
- Pray for H’s work amongst the women & girls trapped in Thailand’s sex trade.
- Pray for CMS Mission partners around the world.
- Pray for CMS role in training leaders in churches around the world.

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

<https://churchmissionsociety.org/>

Liz Resch
Mission Co-ordinator at Christ Church



**Fun@4 returns
Sunday
6th February**

Topic—TBA

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Name that Chocolate!

As we have all been indulging in the odd chocolate over Christmas, I wondered if you could name a few.

Found in a country Garden	
9 10 11 12 ...	
Turn around	
A place in Birmingham	
Istanbul Harem	
A planet	
You can not fasten these	
More than a planet	
Clever folks	
Arrange marriage partners	
Spiderman, Batman etc	
A breed of dog	
Dairy holder	
High class thoroughfare	
Dark occult	
Locals from Malta	
Outside meal	
Big bus	
Talks quietly	
Musical Bard	
Feline equipment	
100% AU	
It's a party	
Encourage	
Ten cent pub	

Answers in February's newsletter.



Christ Church and St Peter's
Mountsorrel

Children's Page

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January 6th is the Feast of the Epiphany when we remember the visit of the Wise Men to Jesus.



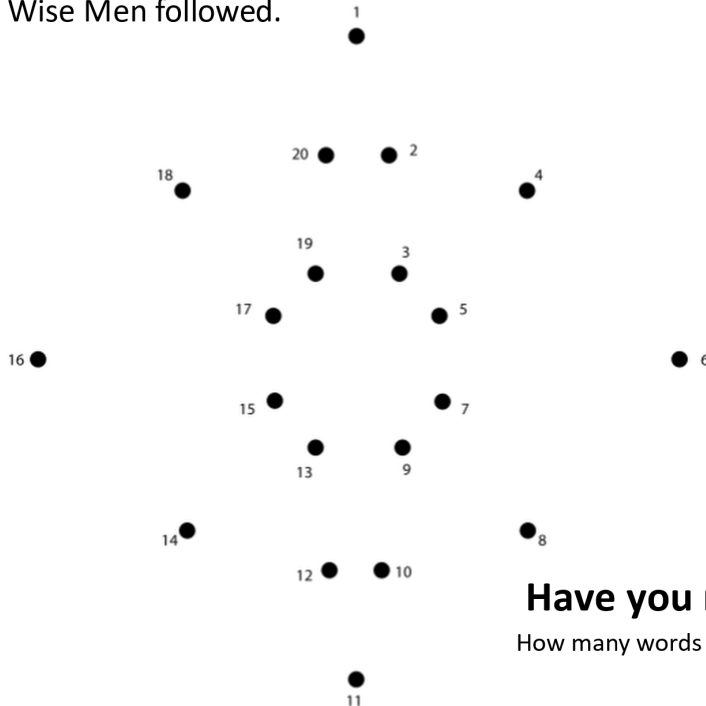
I hope you got some fantastic presents this Christmas!

But why do we have presents at all?

Can you work out this riddle?

My first is in camel and men and in wise
My second's in present and plan and surprise
My third is in light that is shining and fair,
My fourth is in hope and in plan and in prayer.
My fifth is in hold and in how and in hand,
My sixth is in travel and far and in sand.
My seventh's in star and it isn't in bright.
My last is in story and journey and way.
My whole is an eight letter word for this special day!

Join the dots 1 to 20 to see what the Wise Men followed.



The Wise Men read the skies above,
And now we read their story
Of how they found the prince of peace,
New-born from heaven's glory.

We come, as if to Bethlehem,
To offer gifts of love
To make this world all of the time
A piece of heaven above.

Have you made any New Year Resolutions?

How many words can you make from the letters NEWYEARRESOLUTIONS ?

May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed. *Psalm 20:4*

Christmas Tree Festival 2021

It was harder to plan for CTF this year because we wanted to keep visitors safe from COVID. A one-way system was planned but this limited space a little. However, we managed to squeeze in 42 trees.

We thank all those who provided a tree as they made the church look very special.

Over 300 people visited during the weekend. On Monday 6th Dec, Mountsorrel School children came in various groups to view the trees. Nursery/pre-school groups from the village also visited. Thank you to Alison for organising these groups.

Thank you to Linda, Veronica, Rose and Janet for stewarding over the weekend. Many thanks to Toni, Caroline, Margaret Hough and Jenny for doing a grand job serving refreshments.

The money raised from bookings, donations and refreshments will be divided equally between church and The Rainbows Children's Hospice.

The result of the Favourite tree Vote is:

School Trees

- 1st Kingfishers (cheese-box reindeers)
- 2nd Chaffinches/Goldfinches (feathery doves)
- 3rd Eagles (red and green 'doughnut' shapes)

Community Trees

- 1st Rose Cottage
- Joint 2nd Castle View Day Nursery
and Fantastic Balloons
- 4th Mountsorrel Community Craft Project

The votes for all the trees are posted on the Bower Room corridor noticeboard.

Peter and Helen Hodson

(see next page for some photographs)



General view of the Christmas trees



Rose Cottage Tree

Kingfishers' cheese-box reindeer



Photographs courtesy of Peter Hodson

Coffee Morning

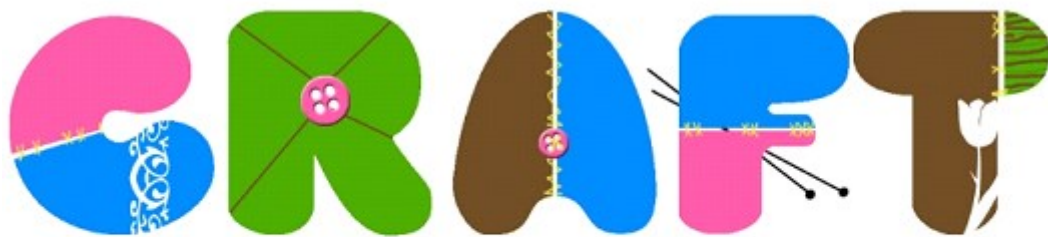
Every Friday in Christ Church

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!*



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**

**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:

<https://mountsorrelchurch.org>



Christ Church/St. Peter's Church, Mountsorrel

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*(Copy date for the next newsletter is Sunday 23rd January, but
if items are ready, please send earlier)*