

# *Church News*

March 2022



## **Christ Church**

Rothley Road  
Mountsorrel  
LE12 7JU

## **St Peter's Church**

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Mountsorrel  
LE12 7BA

## Services at Christ Church & St. Peter's Church

Date	Time	Service	Venue
Wednesday 2 March <b>ASH-WEDNESDAY</b>	11.00am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
Sunday 6 March	9.30am	Matins *	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Fun@4	Christ Church
Sunday 13 March	9.30am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	All Age Worship	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Senior Sunday	St. Peter's
Sunday 20 March	11.00am	Holy Communion + Healing Prayers	Christ Church
	6.00pm	Evensong*	St. Peter's
Friday 25 March "The Annunciation"	7.00pm	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
Sunday 27 March	9.30am	All Age Communion	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Café Church	Christ Church

*\* Service taken from the Book of Common Prayer*

## Morning Prayer, 9am: in Christ Church

**Tuesday \* Wednesday \* Thursday\* Friday  
and online (via Zoom)**

**Monday \* Tuesday \* Wednesday \* Thursday\* Friday**

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**Passcode: 032244**

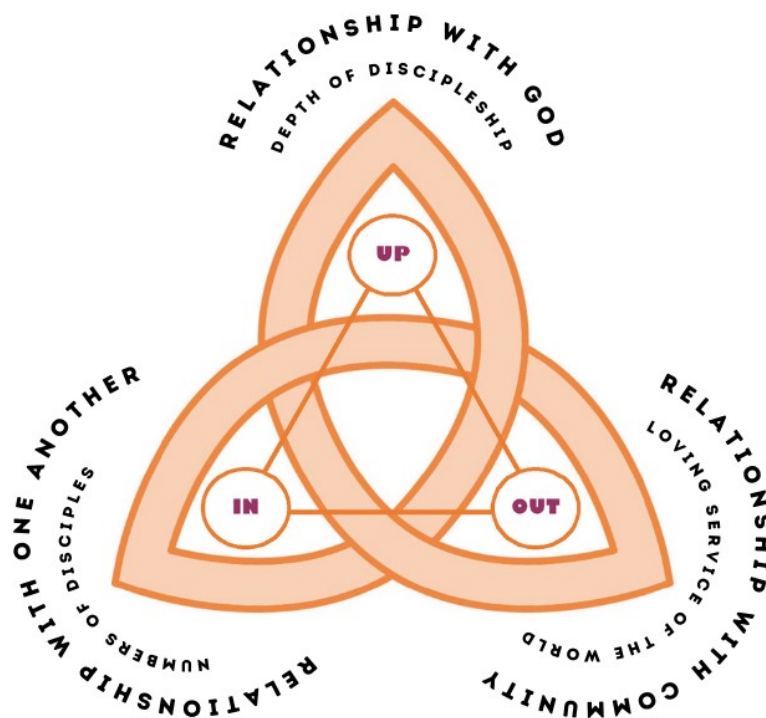
**Please Note:**

**No Morning Prayer Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and from  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, Inclusive.**

## Thoughts for Lent

I am reminded by the adverts for a certain squeezey lemon, that pancake day is upon us once more (1st March in case you've missed it) and the countdown towards Easter has begun. Of course pancake day is the day before the start of Lent when the Church enters a period of solemn preparation for Easter. Traditionally the cries of 'Hallelujah' are silenced until we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter morning. We are encouraged to think about our lives, our lifestyle and our worship. It is a time for repentance and re-shaping of our priorities and focus.

I thought this would be a good opportunity to share with you my vision of how Church life should be so that we can journey together to make our Church just a little more Christ-like. I can sum it up in three words: Up – In – Out; but I suspect these need a little more explanation.



**UP** – This is to do with our relationship with God. The upward focus reminds us to deepen our faith, to develop our discipleship, to pray, to read the Bible, to spend time studying and learning. It is as we look up towards a Holy God, that we become aware of our faults and unholiness. We say sorry and try to live lives that are more pleasing to God. In the language of our Diocesan focus, this is about developing the depth of our discipleship.

*(Cont'd overleaf)*

**IN** – This is to do with our relationship with one another. The Inward focus reminds us to develop our fellowship with other believers, to attend Church, to meet and pray with and for others in the Church family. This is where we build deep and loving friendships and nurture one another in faith. It finds its true meaning as we gather around the communion table meeting God and one another in bread and wine. In the language of our Diocesan focus, this is about developing the number of disciples.

**OUT** – This is to do with our relationship with the community. The Outward focus reminds us that we live as Christians within society. Recognising that we have received blessing upon blessing from God, we reach out with his love into the wider community to share something of God's blessing. We serve others without paying any attention to faith, gender, race, sexuality, (dis)ability, wealth or poverty or any other label. In doing so, we hope that some may come to know God's love and turn to him in faith; but we continue to serve whether this happens or not. In the language of our Diocesan focus, this is about showing loving service to the world.

As you journey through Lent towards Easter, may I encourage you to consider how balanced your Christian faith is with regard to these three aspects. If we can do one thing this Lent, let it be to balance our Christian lives to give equal regard to God, one another and the wider world.

If there were a Bible passage that sums this up well, I think Acts 2.42-47 is pretty close:

*<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup>Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup>They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup>Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

With every blessing,

*Colin Resch*



# Diary Dates

## **Wednesday 2 March - Ash Wednesday**

- 8.00am School Prayers at Christ Church & St. Peter's CE School.
- 10.00am Sunbeams at Christ Church.
- 11.00am Holy Communion at St. Peter's (see page 14).

## **Friday 4 March**

- 10.00am till 12 Noon: Coffee Morning at Christ Church.
- 2.00pm World Day of Prayer at The Methodist Church, Woodhouse Eaves.
- 7.00pm Pre Marriage Course at Christ Church.

## **Monday 7 March**

- 9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.
- 1.30pm Craft Group meets at Christ Church.

## **Tuesday 8 March**

- 7.00pm Joint PCC Meeting at Christ Church.

## **Wednesday 9 March**

- 8.00am School Prayers at Christ Church & St. Peter's CE School.
- 10.00am Lent Course at The Baptist Church (see page 12).
- 10.00am Sunbeams at Christ Church.
- 7.30pm Lent Course at Christ Church (see page 12).

## **Friday 11 March**

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

## **Monday 14 March**

- 9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.
- 1.30pm Craft Group meets at Christ Church.

## **Wednesday 16 March**

- 8.00am School Prayers at Christ Church & St. Peter's CE School.
- 10.00am Lent Course at The Baptist Church (see page 12).
- 10.00am Sunbeams at Christ Church.
- 7.30pm Lent Course at Christ Church (see page 12).

## **Friday 18 March**

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

## **Monday 21 March**

- 9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.
- 1.30pm Craft Group meets at Christ Church.

### **Wednesday 23 March**

- 8.00am School Prayers at Christ Church & St. Peter's CE School.
- 10.00am Lent Course at The Baptist Church (see page 12).
- 10.00am Sunbeams at Christ Church.
- 7.30pm Lent Course at Christ Church (see page 12).

### **Friday 25 March - The Annunciation**

- 10.00am till 12 Noon: Coffee Morning at Christ Church.
- 7.00pm Holy Communion at St. Peter's (see page 16).

### **Monday 28 March**

- 9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.
- 1.30pm Craft Group meets at Christ Church.

### **Tuesday 29 March**

- 7.30pm Just4Ladies at Christ Church (see page 10)

### **Wednesday 30 March**

- 8.00am School Prayers at Christ Church & St. Peter's CE School.
- 10.00am Lent Course at The Baptist Church (see page 12).
- 10.00am Sunbeams at Christ Church.
- 7.30pm Lent Course at Christ Church (see page 12).

## **Diary Dates for April 2022**

### **Friday 1 April**

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

### **Monday 4 April**

- 9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.
- 1.30pm Craft Group meets at Christ Church.

### **Wednesday 6 April**

- 8.00am School Prayers at Christ Church & St. Peter's CE School.
- 10.00am Lent Course at The Baptist Church (see page 12).
- 10.00am Sunbeams at Christ Church.
- 7.30pm Lent Course at Christ Church (see page 12).

### **Friday 8 April**

- 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 last nine months I have shared the history of and details of some of the work undertaken by our mission partners.

Following on from this I am going to share each month some prayer pointers to help us to continue to support their work throughout the world.

### **Ukraine:**

- Pray for de-escalation of the situation & for peace to prevail.
- Pray for those undertaking diplomatic talks with Russia.
- Pray for the Christians there.
- Pray for safety for Church Missionary Society & other charity workers there and give them wisdom to know what to do.

### **Afghanistan:**

- Pray for Christians living in fear in Afghanistan.
- Pray for World Visions work in delivering food & water to desperate families.
- Pray for education to restart for girls and young women.

### **Climate Change:**

- Pray for those who are hungry due to changes in weather patterns.
- Pray for all those affected by adverse weather such as storms, flooding and landslides
- Pray for our mission partners as they work with those affected.

### **Liz Resch**

Mission Co-ordinator at Christ Church

# Safeguarding

We are opening Christ Church on Saturday 12th March 2022 between 2 and 4pm. We will have computers available for all those who are required to undertake safeguarding training online and DO NOT have computer access or internet at home and those who are not confident at completing the training.

The safeguarding training for the Basic and Foundation is online. On the Diocese of Leicester webpage. Follow the link from Safeguarding to Training and follow the instructions given at: <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/> If you are having difficulties please email me and I will send you the information.

The Leadership Training requires pre booking online.

Please look at the list and check which ones you need to complete.

Basic Awareness	Foundation	Leadership
PCC		
Vergers	Vergers	
Servers	Servers	
Welcomers	Welcomers	
Refreshment Helpers	Refreshment Helpers	
Sidespersons	Sidespersons	
Flower Arrangers	Flower Arrangers	
Administrative Staff	Administrative Staff	
Bell-ringers	Bell-ringers	
Choir Members/Music Group	Choir Members/Music Group	
Sound/ AVTechnicians	Sound/ AVTechnicians	
Readers/Leaders/Supervisors of work with children/vulnerable adults (paid or volunteer)	Readers/Leaders/Supervisors of work with children/vulnerable adults (paid or volunteer)	Readers/Leaders/Supervisors of work with children/vulnerable adults (paid or volunteer)
Churchwardens	Churchwardens	Churchwardens
PCC Safeguarding Leads	PCC Safeguarding Leads	PCC Safeguarding Leads
Youth and Children's Pastors	Youth and Children's Pastors	Youth and Children's Pastors
Music Group Leaders/Choir Leaders	Music Group Leaders/Choir Leaders	Music Group Leaders/Choir Leaders
Bell Tower Captains	Bell Tower Captains	Bell Tower Captains

When you have completed the training, please email me a copy of your certificate to: [melanierowleypso@gmail.com](mailto:melanierowleypso@gmail.com)



## Rend Your Heart by Jan Richardson

To receive the blessing all you have to do  
is let your heart break. Let it crack open.  
Let it fall apart so that you can see  
it's secret chambers, the hidden spaces  
where you have hesitated to go.

Your entire life is here, inscribed whole  
upon your heart's walls: every path taken  
or left behind, every face you turned toward  
or turned away. Every word spoken in love  
or in rage, every line of your life  
you would prefer to leave in shadow,  
every story that shimmers with treasures known  
and those you have yet to find.

It could take you days to wander these rooms.  
Forty at least.

And so let this be a season for wandering  
for trusting the breaking for tracing the tear  
that will return you to the one who waits  
who watches who works within  
the rending to make your heart whole.



## World Day of Prayer

*"I know the plans I have for you"*

2pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022  
at The Methodist Church,  
Woodhouse Eaves

# *Just 4 Ladies*

come along and watch

## WONDER

“You can’t blend in when you were born to stand out”

Date: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: Christ Church

## What is Fun@4?

Fun@4 is associated to a national organisation called Messy Church. Their tag line is:  
*“Church, but not as you know it!”*



Each month we start with different crafts, last month they were all connected to New Beginnings 2 Corinthians 5:17. Then, once most crafting is done, there is a short celebration time involving a bible story, prayer, song, and if time a game. Fun@4 grace is said and then we sit down together for our tea.

We are always looking out for help so please do talk to either Alison or myself to find out how you can support and be involved in having some fun@4!

Linda [Lindacfw.christchurchstpeters@gmail.com](mailto:Lindacfw.christchurchstpeters@gmail.com)

**All Age Service Sunday Worship**  
**Sunday 27th March 2022**  
**@ 11-00 am**



**Christ Church**  
**Mountsorrel**

Everyone is welcome to join us for a special Mothering Sunday Service. Tea and Coffee served throughout.

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

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## A Fun@4 True or False Quiz



Fun@4 is.....

1. Just for Children
2. A Church not a craft club
3. Meets once a month
4. Primarily a way of getting children into Church on a Sunday morning
5. A way to introduce Jesus and give an opportunity to encounter Him
6. Messy Church is part of BRF (Bible Reading Fellowship)
7. Just one of over 3372 Messy Churches worldwide
8. Fun for everyone

Answers to be found on a different page!

## Lent Course



We will be joining with the Methodist and the Baptist Church's during lent to work through the Difference Course.

In a divided and fractured world, it can be hard to know where to begin with the issues that surround us. Difference is a 5 session course that equips us to see transformation through everyday encounters.

The sessions will be running on a Wednesday and you can join us either at 10:00am at The Baptist Church or 7:30pm at Christ Church.

9 <sup>th</sup> March	Session 1 - God's Call
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Session 2 - Crossing Divides
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Session 3 - Navigating Disagreement
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Session 4 - Practising Forgiveness
6 <sup>th</sup> April	Session 5 – Risking Hope



## Lent Project 2022

Every year we're faced with the question – 'What should we support for the Lent Project this year?' It can be quite a task finding a project, checking the organisation is responsible with the money they receive and coming up with ways of inspiring everyone to give.

This year, with our current economic situation in the UK the answer seems more obvious and closer to home.

With millions of people expected to struggle with the increasing cost of living, energy and fuel, we have chosen this year to support the Soar Valley Community Food Project.



*'All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had'. (Acts 4:32)*

To support the project, we hope to collect food and money donations throughout Lent from our churches and Christchurch & St Peter's Primary School. The food is distributed to those in need across the Soar Valley and money donations will be particularly helpful to the projects gas & electricity top up scheme which is vital to many families at this time – no one should have to choose between food and heating/power and the Soar Valley Food Project can help to ensure this won't happen in our community.

**Please particularly donate the following items**

Tinned meals e.g. Chicken in sauce, or beef and onion.  
Tinned meat e.g. spam or corned beef  
Tinned custard and rice pudding  
Tinned fruit e.g. pineapple, peach or fruit cocktail  
Tinned macaroni cheese, spaghetti or ravioli  
Tinned vegetables e.g. carrots, peas or corn  
Tinned baked beans  
Packet rice  
Jam - Strawberry or raspberry  
Squash - orange or blackcurrant

Food donations can be placed in the basket at the back of Christ Church or St Peter's Church or in the box outside the Vicarage.

Donations of money can be paid by card using the Sumup facility or placed in the bowls marked 'Soar Valley Food Project Lent Appeal'. These will be available in both churches throughout Lent.

**There is a collecting box near the main Church door.**

## Sunbeams news

Sunbeams has been meeting regularly again since May 2021. We have just started a second group on a Wednesday due to high numbers of families and the caution still needed to protect everyone from covid-19.

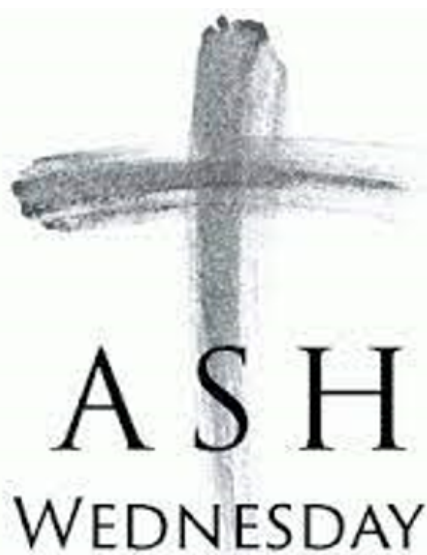
During January and February we have been enjoying lots of stories of Jesus including Jesus being baptized, Jesus feeds the 5000 and Jesus calms the storm. To fit in with our story themes, we've enjoyed water play, playing with bread dough, teddy bears having a picnic and sensory food play.



Our crafts have included having fun cutting and sticking with food pictures and painting of stormy seas.

Using the big screen for singing time (with noisy musical instruments of course!) has been well received and meant we could include Mr Tumble as well as puppets singing our Christian songs!

We're currently serving over 30 families, it's amazing fun and a brilliant ministry to families.



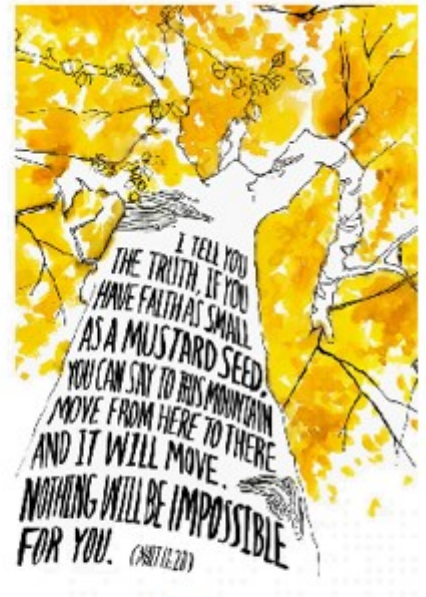
**2<sup>nd</sup> March**  
**11:00am**

**St Peter's Church**  
**Mountsorrel**

**Holy Communion**  
**with Ashing**

**All**  
**Welcome**





# Celebrating Small

Sunday 6th March 4pm @ Christ Church



**Meet at Christ Church**  
**1:30 - 3:30pm at Christ Church**  
**Every Monday**  
**Except Bank Holidays**

*New members  
Are always  
Welcome!*

## All Age Sunday Worship

February's All Age at Christ Church focused on blessings – we thought about the blessings we receive and how we can be a blessing to others. During our time together, we reminded ourselves that we should stand out as different as followers of Jesus and thought about some of the people who have experienced abusive behaviour from a society fed up with covid. We then decorated and filled small boxes with a blessing from the church which we distributed to our two GP surgeries and the pharmacy in the village the following day which was Valentine's Day. The blessings were gratefully received.



*You're blessed when you've lost it all.  
God's kingdom is there for the finding.  
You're blessed when you're ravenously  
hungry.  
Then you're ready for the Messianic meal.  
You're blessed when the tears flow freely.  
Joy comes with the morning.*



## Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March The Annunciation

**St Peter's Church  
7:00pm,**

**Holy Communion (BCP)**





# Sunbeams

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

**Mondays 9.30-11am**

**Wednesdays 10-11.30am**



**Christ Church,  
Mountsorrel**

**Play,  
Refreshments,  
Bible story, Craft,  
Singing & Prayer.**



Contact [alisoncfw.christchurchstpeters@gmail.com](mailto:alisoncfw.christchurchstpeters@gmail.com)

or search for Sunbeams Mountsorrel group on  
Facebook to book in for a session

**All welcome**



## Fun@4 True or False Quiz Answers

1. False: Fun@4 is for everyone. All are welcome. Church is inclusive, not exclusive.
2. True: it's a Church that helps people encounter Jesus as Lord and Saviour.
3. True: the first Sunday of every month apart from January and August, at 4pm at Christ Church.
4. False: Fun@4 **IS** Church.
5. True.
6. True: the BRF offer resources, support and Leader Training.
7. True and the number is just getting bigger.
8. Of course! But we need your help for it to continue to be so.



*"Generous persons will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed." Proverbs 11:25*

# Coffee Morning

*Every Friday in Christ Church*

*Pop in and make some new friends*



*Tea & Coffee  
Cakes  
Conversation*

*10am – 12noon*





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](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@mountsorrelchurch.org](mailto: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:

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**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 20<sup>th</sup> March, but  
if items are ready, please send earlier)*