

Church News

May 2022



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 1 May	9.30am	Matins*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Fun@4	Christ Church
Sunday 8 May	9.30am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	All Age Worship Followed by APCM	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Senior Sunday	St. Peter's
Sunday 15 May	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
	6.00pm	Evensong* Followed by APCM	St. Peter's
Saturday 21 May	4.00pm	Muddy Church	Vicarage Orchard
Sunday 22 May	9.30am	All Age Communion	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Sunday Worship	Christ Church
Thursday 26 May Ascension Day	7.00pm	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
	8.30pm	Compline	St. Peter's
Sunday 29 May	11.00am	Sunday Worship	Christ Church
	6.00pm	Evensong*	St. Peter's
	8.30pm	Compline	St. Peter's

** 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

Meeting ID: 786 8201 8817 - Passcode: 032244

No Morning Prayer on Mondays 2nd & 30th May

Lord, teach us to pray...

One of the joys of being a parent is preparing your child(ren) for adulthood; helping them to take their place as independent adults in wider society. This often involves passing on skills that we, as adults, have begun to take for granted - such as cooking a decent meal, using the washing machine, learning to drive... the list is almost endless. Some of these 'life lessons' are taught by example and others

through deliberate teaching and practice. And surely there can be no greater joy than when a child comes to you and asks, "Can you teach me to do that?"

In the scriptures, we see a similar approach with Jesus and his disciples. They follow him everywhere and carefully watch him to learn from his example and teaching. In Luke's gospel, chapter 11, we read that Jesus was praying in a certain place and when he had finished, one of his disciples came to him and said, "Lord, teach us to pray." And from this simple request, Jesus instructs them in a pattern of prayer that we still use in all of our services today – The Lord's Prayer.

These words, have altered little over the centuries and still have the power to bring us to our knees in acknowledgement of who God is, his power to provide for our needs and to forgive our failings.

In the period between Ascension Day (26th May) and Pentecost (5th June) that we now call 'Thy Kingdom Come' we are encouraged to come back to these words of Jesus and pray for the Church, the world and particularly to bring to mind the names of five people who do not yet know the love of God for themselves. In our prayers, we remember them and pray that God's kingdom would come into their lives.

Who will you be praying for? What situations in the world will you offer to God? What are your prayers for the Church? In all of them, will you join with me in praying 'Thy Kingdom Come'?

With every blessing,

Colin Resch



Diary Dates

Monday 2 May

NO Sunbeams.

NO Craft Group.

Wednesday 4 May

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

10.00am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

7.30pm Fellowship Group at the Vicarage (see page 16).

Friday 6 May

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

Monday 9 May

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

1.30pm Craft Group meets at Christ Church.

Tuesday 10 May

7.30pm Just4Ladies (see page 16).

Wednesday 11 May

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

10.00am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

Friday 13 May

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

Monday 16 May

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

1.30pm Craft Group meets at Christ Church.

Tuesday 17 May

7.30pm Churches Together in Mountsorrel meeting at the Baptist Church.

Wednesday 18 May

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

10.00am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

7.30pm Fellowship Group at the Vicarage (see page 16).

Friday 20 May

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

Saturday 21 May

4.00pm Muddy Church at Christ Church Vicarage Orchard (see page 12).

Monday 23 May

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

1.30pm Craft Group meets at Christ Church.

Diary Dates (Cont'd)

Wednesday 25 May

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

10.00am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

Thursday 26 May - Ascension Day

7.00pm Holy Communion (BCP) at St. Peter's

Friday 27 May

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

Monday 30 May

No Sunbeams.

1.30pm Craft Group meets at Christ Church.

Diary Dates for June

Wednesday 1 June

7.30pm Fellowship Group at the Vicarage (see page 16).

Friday 3 June

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

Sunday 5 June

12.30pm Platinum Jubilee Party at Christ Church (see page 5).

Monday 6 June

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

1.30pm Craft Group meets at Christ Church.

Wednesday 8 June

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

10.00am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

Friday 10 June

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

On Saturday 16th April, we held our first Muddy Church.

Joined by five Sunbeams families we made a total of 20 members of our Churches enjoying different activities, including an Easter Egg Hunt, as well as making S'mores and singing around the campfire.

Being outside with friends, in the sunshine, surrounded by God's amazing world; singing, talking, fellowship and seeing children's faces covered in chocolate. It really was a fabulous afternoon. So if you would like to join us, our next Muddy Church in the Vicarage Orchard is on Saturday 21st May at 4pm.



(For photos see photos page 13)

Farewell Dorothy



The Barley Loft Housegroup has begun to meet again and April was the last time we would have Dorothy with us.

Dorothy entertained us with stories from her time in the Amazon jungle and produced a photo of her thatched home complete with a line full of washing. Dorothy was in Brazil as part of a team of Bible Translators but was able to use her skills in nursing and midwifery for the benefit of the local people.

Dorothy particularly wanted to share the following with us.

17th Century Nun's Prayer

Lord thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will some day be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs.

Make me thoughtful but not moody: helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but thou knowest Lord that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point.

Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.

I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessing cocksureness where my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson, that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a saint – some of them are so hard to live with – but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil.

Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places, and talents in unexpected people. And give me the grace to tell them so.

AMEN

Dorothy has now moved to sheltered accommodation in Bulwell, to be nearer to her family in Mansfield. Dorothy was a member of Christchurch congregation for over 20 years and played the piano regularly with the music group and for services. she took part with others in 'Movement in Worship' and one of the first to return to church once it opened again after lockdown. She will certainly be missed.

Jo Clarke

Prayer Ideas

At St Peter's and Christ Church we support and pray for 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.

Please find some prayer pointers to help us to pray for global issues and the Charities we support and their work throughout the world:

Ukraine Conflict:

- Pray for vulnerable people who are unable to flee the conflict; e.g. the elderly or those with disabilities.
- Pray for provision of essential supplies; food, clean water, power.
- Pray that refugees will find safe places to stay and will not be exploited.
- Pray for those in our Diocese who are looking at how we as a community can support refugees here in Leicester.
- Pray for those who have lost loved ones on both sides of the conflict.
- Pray for all the charities working in Ukraine and neighbouring countries.

Open Doors:

- Pray for the school girls kidnapped from Chibok by Boko Haram in April 2014 that remain in captivity.
- Pray for their families.
- Pray for persecuted women and children throughout the world.

Tear Fund:

- Pray for equality of provision across the world, that no one goes hungry.
- Pray for the ongoing peace talks between the government in Chad and armed groups in the country.
- Pray for a restoration of relationships between all groups in Chad.

Church Mission Society:

- Pray for the Christians in Bejaia City, Algeria, where the authorities are campaigning to close churches.
- Pray for the church leaders in Bejaia City to know the comfort of God and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for all the closed churches in Bejaia City to be reopened and all convicted Christians to be released.

Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. (Matt 18:19)

Liz Resch, Mission Co-ordinator at Christ Church.

Ascension Day

by Christina Georgina Rossetti

“When Christ went up to Heaven the Apostles stayed”
Gazing at Heaven with souls and wills on fire,
Their hearts on flight along the track He made,
Winged by desire.

Their silence spake: “Lord, why not follow Thee?
Home is not home without Thy Blessed Face,
Life is not life. Remember, Lord, and see,
Look back, embrace.

“Earth is one desert waste of banishment,
Life is one long-drawn anguish of decay.
Where Thou wert wont to go we also went:
Why not today?”

Nevertheless a cloud cut off their gaze:
They tarry to build up Jerusalem,
Watching for Him, while thro' the appointed days
He watches them.

They do His Will, and doing it rejoice,
Patiently glad to spend and to be spent:
Still He speaks to them, still they hear His Voice
And are content.

For as a cloud received Him from their sight,
So with a cloud will He return ere long:
Therefore they stand on guard by day, by night,
Strenuous and strong.

They do, they dare, they beyond seven times seven
Forgive, they cry God's mighty word aloud:
Yet sometimes haply lift tired eyes to Heaven—
“Is that His cloud?”

Essential Works

By the time you read this newsletter regulars at Christ Church will have noticed the scaffold up to the roof and contractors vehicles and paraphernalia in the car park. Unfortunately the date for erecting the scaffold was not known when the April newsletter was printed.

The gable ends have stone copings and some of these stones are delaminating and pieces are falling off, so they need to be replaced.



The contractor will finish as soon as possible but the scaffold could be up till Tuesday 9th August 2022.

We apologise for the inconvenience.

Peter Hodson
Churchwarden

The Baptism of Caroline McCallum (Easter Day 2022)



St. Peter's Church - Good Friday Garden



It was lovely to see some Sunbeam families along with members of both Christ Church and St. Peter's at our All Age Good Friday service. Along with a game of Easter Garden Bingo - which we all won at the same time - and a prayer activity looking at our chocolate egg and how it reminds us of the Easter story, we built our own Easter Garden which is at the front of St. Peter's for everyone to see.



Christ Church Vicarage Orchard



Don't forget your Wellies!

4pm
Sat. 21st May 2022

Everyone is welcome to join us for
an hour of outdoor worship.
Campfire, Marshmallows, Activities, Story,
Singing and Prayers. All in the great outdoors!

To find out more contact Alison or Linda:

alisoncfw.christchurchstpeters@gmail.com
lindacfw.christchurchstpeters@gmail.com

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Muddy Church at Christ Church, Saturday April 16th





April's Fun@4 was all about Easter and remembering the sacrifice Jesus made for all of us. After doing the crafts and as part of our celebration the families wrote 'thank you' to Jesus on a big cross. We also made a frame for an Easter prayer and a New Life tree full of butterflies, flowers and bead crosses.



We finished with the story of Easter, a song and, of course, an egg and spoon race, with everyone getting a chocolate egg to take home.

Both the tree and the cross can be seen in Christ Church.

Linda



It's a Jubilee!

Sunday 1st May, 4pm at Christ Church

Once in a lifetime

As we all know, this year marks the Platinum Jubilee of our Queen. This is an amazing achievement in itself and one that deserves to be celebrated. Her day of accession was 6th



February 1952 and at our services on 6th February 2022, we marked the beginnings of these celebrations with prayers for Her Majesty. As this day also marked the anniversary of her father, King George VI's death, this was not an appropriate day for celebration and so the nation has held off from its celebrations until the official Jubilee weekend next month.




There will be a long weekend of celebrations beginning on Thursday 2nd June with the Queen's Birthday Parade (Trooping the Colour) and the lighting of Platinum Jubilee Beacons. On Friday 3rd June, there will be a special service of Thanksgiving from St Paul's Cathedral which we hope to show in Christ Church as a part of our usual weekly coffee morning. On

Saturday 4th June members of the royal family will attend The Derby at Epsom Downs. Later that evening, the BBC will stage and broadcast the Platinum Party at the Palace, a special live concert from Buckingham Palace that will bring together some of the world's biggest entertainment stars to celebrate the most significant and joyous moments from The Queen's seven decade reign.

The majority of us will not be able to attend these events and can only expect to view them from afar. However, the culmination of the weekend's celebrations will be something that we can all join in with. There will be many street parties taking place up and down the land—including here in Mountsorrel. Not everyone lives on a road that is suitable for such a party so we would like to extend an open invitation to all residents of Mountsorrel who are not able to hold their own street party to join us in the gardens of Christ Church to celebrate the Big Jubilee Lunch. We will provide the tables and chairs and a few games & activities; you provide food and drink for yourself and your group. Later in the afternoon, we hope to be able to show the Platinum Pageant on our screen in the Church for those who would like to see it. We extend this invitation so that all of our residents can celebrate this historic moment in a safe environment.

This is a once in a lifetime event and we look forward to sharing it with you.



Just 4 Ladies

come along and learn about

The Widow of Zarephath & The Widow with two coins

Date: Tuesday 10th May 2022

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: The Vicarage & Online

Zoom ID: 832 1367 6029

Zoom Password: 100634

FELLOWSHIP GROUP AT THE VICARAGE

*Day by day, as they spent much time together at the temple,
they broke bread at home. (Acts 2:46)*

Meeting in a small group to worship, study and pray together allows for more interaction and deeper study than is possible during a Sunday morning service.

The Fellowship Group that meets at The Vicarage and online every other Wednesday evening will be restarting from Wednesday May 4th at 7:30pm.

For the next six sessions we shall be exploring the big themes of scripture, looking at six storylines that develop throughout the Bible; Jesus, Covenant, Presence, Kingdom, Salvation and Worship.

We would love you to join us, in person or online using:

Zoom ID: 858 3431 7001 Passcode: 643768

If you would like more information, please speak to Liz or Colin Resch.



St Leonard's Church Swithland Welcomes the Spring with an Art Competition for Everyone!

“THE BEAUTY OF SWITHLAND WOODS”

We are encouraging you to visit Swithland Woods, not only for our Bluebell Service on Sunday 24th April at 3pm, but at any other time and then create a drawing, painting or collage to illustrate its beauty.

Entries can be brought to the church, or left in the church porch on, or before, Saturday May 7th.

All artwork will be displayed on Saturday 14th May at our Open Church afternoon from 2pm to 4pm and prizes will be awarded at 3pm that same day.

Entries will be divided into three classes by age:

4 to 11 years

12 to 16 years

Adults

Prizes will be awarded in each class.

Artwork can be in any medium but excluding computer art. Our judges will be Janet Lee and Erica Middleton.

**GO FOR A WALK IN THE WOODS
AND GET CREATIVE!**

Supporting Our Community

SOAR VALLEY COMMUNITY **FOOD PROJECT**



STRUGGLING TO FEED YOURSELF OR YOUR FAMILY?

Call 07743 765958 or

**Go to Rothley Baptist Church
on Mondays, Open 11am TO 1pm**

**Donations Always
Required**

**If you wish to donate, we
welcome the following
items:**

- Packet foods, such as:
cereals, pasta, rice, instant
soups, etc.
- Tinned products, such as
vegetables, soup, baked
beans, spaghetti, etc.
- Toiletries, such as, toilet rolls,
shower gel, shampoo, soap,
toothpaste, etc.

There are collection boxes at the
back of each Church, just
remember **'Every little helps!'**

Thank You



In 2019, the Mountsorrel library became a volunteer led library. The Staff are welcoming, friendly and helpful.

It is FREE to join. You can obtain a Library card instantly when producing proof of identity and start borrowing.

Books for adults and children fiction, non fiction, including a local history section, large print and talking books.

Books can be ordered £1 for adults 20p for children.

We have FREE use of computers which can be booked in advance for one hour.

We also have FREE internet and wifi including free access to "Find my Past" and "Ancestry."

Read and download FREE titles using our two newspaper & emagazine services.

Photocopying is available at a charge of 25p per sheet.

Loughborough Echo and Leicester Mercury can be read sitting in the comfort of the library.

Lots of free leaflets, notices of coming events.

**There is much more, come and
explore**

Quiet Gardens in Leicestershire Programme 2022

DATE	HOST	VENUE	TELEPHONE/EMAIL	LEADER
Thursday 5 th May	David & Dee Bunning	Bushby (D) (15)	0116 241 8742 deebunning@yahoo.co.uk	Rev. Julie-Ann Heath (Creative Day)
Tuesday 17 th May	David & Dee Bunning	Bushby (D) (16)	0116 241 8742 deebunning@yahoo.co.uk	Rev. David Clark
Tuesday 14 th June	Rachel Stableford	Shepshed (D) (10)	01509 827081 hmparkinson22@gmail.com	Rev. John Bird
Tuesday 14 th June	David & Dee Bunning	Bushby (D) (16)	0116 241 8742 deebunning@yahoo.co.uk	Janet Perry
Wednesday 22 nd June	Clive & Carol Smith	Smeeton Westerby (D) (12)	0116 279 3636 clivesmith.thebarn@googlemail.com	Rev. Alison Prince
Thursday 23 rd June	Rev. Andrew Hall	Burbage (20)	01455 230 512	Rev. Andrew Hall
Thursday 23 rd June	Mary Rose de Lisle	Lyddington (25)	01572 822 404 mrdelisle@mac.com	Canon Philip Norwood
Tuesday 2 nd August	Neil & Eleanor Logue	North Kilworth (15)	contact@ thestablehouse.co.uk	Neil & Eleanor Logue
Thursday 11 th August	Barbara Preston	Skeffington (D) (10)	0116 259 9147 bar.preston@yahoo.co.uk	Rev. Mike Playdon
Wednesday 17 th August	Alex & Michael Gutteridge	Slawston (D) (6)	07970 277 284 alex.gutteridge@btinternet.com	Canon Cynthia Thomson
Tuesday 23 rd August	Caroline Wicks	Pickwell (8)	01664 454419 caroline_wicks@btopenworld.com	Rev. Julie Hutchinson
Thursday 8 th September	Sue Dawson	Sproxtton (D) (6)	plantsgrow4me@googlemail.com	Sue Dawson
Thursday 8 th September	John & Mary Twidell	Horninghold (6)	01858 555 204 mary.twidell@gmail.com	Rev. Andrew Hall

To book: contact the Host, using the telephone number or email address given. Venues marked with a (D) may present difficulties for some disabled people - the Host can advise.

Days run from 10 am to 4 pm and conclude with a short act of Christian worship.

Catering arrangements: Most Days start with coffee and biscuits and end with tea and biscuits/cakes.

Cost: A voluntary donation of £6 per person is requested to cover costs.

There is a charge at The Stable House, please enquire with the Hosts.

Please note: We have no facilities for debit/credit cards – cash only please.

Booking cancellation: If you are unable to attend, please let the Host know as others may be on a waiting list.

For any general enquiries please contact Heather Parkinson

Tel: 01509 827081 or email hmparkinson22@gmail.com

And view our website:

www.quietgardensinleicestershire.wordpress.com

QUORN FLOWER CLUB

Quorn Flower Club is now holding its meetings at the Community hall at Old Woodhouse. As expected it proved to be an excellent move, as there is a big car park and it's easily accessed from Quorn and surrounding villages. It is a lovely light warm room, with good facilities.

On May 12th we have a workshop tutored by a NAFAS National Teacher, June Borrowdale, and her title is "Going Greener" This is open to non members, who are welcome to come and watch June as she shows us what she wants us to create, and then to stay and see what our members come up with! If you would like to have a go yourself, then ring or email the number below and Tracey our Chairman will let you have a list of requirements. There will be a small fee of £3 for visitors to include tea/coffee. We are looking for new members, so this would be a good opportunity to come and see what we do, with no obligation to join, but just a chance to see whether the group has an appeal for you. If transport is needed, we can arrange a pick up, just contact Tracey. **Don't forget to put it in your diary!!**

We meet every 2nd and 4th Thursday in the month at 2pm, April 14th and 28th and so on. **Guests are welcome at any meeting.**

We would love to see you, and of course we welcome people from all the villages around Quorn and from further afield too. If you would like to hear more, contact Tracey on 07818 642543 or email: warner.t1@sky.com



Carole Green (member)

Senior Sunday
Welcomes
Friends, Old and New
At St. Peter's Church, Mountsorrel
2nd Sunday of the Month
4.00pm - 5.30pm



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

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



All welcome



CRAFT **Group**

Meet at Christ Church

1:30 - 3:30pm at Christ Church

Every Monday

Except Bank Holidays

*New members
Are always
Welcome!*

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

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:

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Get the latest information via our web pages:

<https://mountsorrelchurch.org>



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*(Copy date for the next newsletter is Sunday 22nd May, but
if items are ready, please send earlier)*