

Church News

July 2022

Christ Church

Rothley Road
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St Peter's Church

Market Place
Mountsorrel
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Services at Christ Church & St. Peter's Church

Date	Time	Service	Venue
Sunday 3 July	9.30am	Matins*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Fun@4	Christ Church
Sunday 10 July	9.30am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	All Age Worship	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Senior Sunday	St. Peter's
Saturday 16 July	4.00pm	Muddy Church	Vicarage Orchard
Sunday 17 July	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
	6.00pm	Evensong*	St. Peter's
Sunday 24 July	9.30am	All Age Communion	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	Christ Church
Sunday 31 July	11.00am	Sunday Worship	Christ Church
	6.00pm	Evensong*	St. Peter's
Sunday 7 August	9.30am	Matins*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church

** Service taken from the Book of Common Prayer*

**Morning Prayer, 9am:
in Christ Church
and online (via Zoom)**

Monday - online only

Tuesday * Wednesday * Thursday* Friday

Meeting ID: 786 8201 8817 - Passcode: 032244

**Please note: No Morning Prayer
11th, 18th and 25th to 29th July inclusive**



As I sat beside the fire pit at Muddy Church, I found myself staring into the glowing embers, reflecting on their beauty, observing how the reds and golds flicker and change with flames dancing above and, not for the first time, I was struck with the 'wow' of God. This is what Muddy Church is all about – finding God in the natural world.

Fire is a regular feature in the Bible. In fact the word fire-s appears four hundred and sixty-four times. It's use is varied, but here are some of the uses.

- **Fire.** Sometimes it is just that. A fire, for cooking or keeping warm.
- **God's presence.** God appeared to Moses from the fire of a burning bush.
- **Sacrifice.** Abraham was prepared to offer his son Isaac as a burnt offering in the fire. The Israelites made burnt offerings, sin offerings, fellowship offerings to God – offerings made by fire.
- **Guidance.** God guided the Israelites through the desert with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.
- **Cleansing.** Pots, pans and other objects that had become 'unclean' were cleansed by being put through fire.
- **Judgement.** Elijah called down fire upon the men of King Ahaziah of Samaria because the King wanted to consult another god instead of Israel's God, the Lord.
- **Love.** Solomon describes love as a fire that blazes like a mighty flame.
- **Punishment.** Often, after taking over a city and destroying or capturing the inhabitants, an invading army would set the city on fire so there was nowhere for them to return to.
- **Place of Reconciliation.** After his resurrection, Jesus met with Peter on the beach with a fish barbecue. As they chatted, Jesus offered his forgiveness for the three times that Peter had denied him, by asking Peter to affirm his love for Jesus and by Jesus calling him into future ministry.

and perhaps the most well known of all:

- **Hell.** A place to be avoided at all costs. A place of eternal fire. A lake of fire. A place without Good and without God.

I hope that this Summer brings you warmth – but not so much that you think you're in hell.

With every blessing,

Colin Resch

Diary Dates

Friday 1 July

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

Saturday 2 July

Summer Fete at Christ Church & St. Peter's Primary School.

Monday 4 July

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

1.30pm Craft Group meets at Christ Church.

Tuesday 5 July

7.00pm Joint PCC Meeting at St. Peter's Church.

Wednesday 6 July

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

10.00am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

Friday 8 July

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

Monday 11 July

1.30pm Craft Group meets at Christ Church.

Friday 15 July

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

Monday 18 July

1.30pm Craft Group meets at Christ Church.

Friday 22 July

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

Monday 25 July

1.30pm Craft Group meets at Christ Church.

Friday 29 July

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

Diary Dates for August

Monday 1 August

1.30pm Craft Group meets at Christ Church.

Wednesday 3 August

1.00pm Wedding of Paul & Laura at St. Peter's Church.

Friday 5 August

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

Saturday 6 August

10.00am Church Outing to Lincoln Cathedral (see page 14).



Hi, I'm Kat and I've just been appointed as your new Youth Worker. I'm really looking forward to getting to know you all and seeing what God has planned for Mountsorrel.

A bit about myself, I am originally from Derby but have spent the last few years in the Welsh Valleys, supporting volunteer youth workers across South Wales and beyond. I enjoy walking, abseiling and making things (it doesn't matter what, I'll give anything a try, anything once!), but my favourite thing is a nice hot chocolate at the end of the day.

I spent several years working for the NHS in biochemistry before retraining as a Christian Youth Worker in Nottingham, following a lifetime of youth work as a volunteer in various different organisations. I am looking forward to bringing some of these experiences here and exploring how we can explore God's grace and love, build His Kingdom and spread His word so that "every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord".

Kat

Benefice Youth Worker



***In his heart a man
plans his course;
but the Lord
determines his steps.***

Proverbs 16:9

Please pray for Kat as she joins our Church Family.
Pray that she feels surrounded by our love and support, and that the starting of her new job here at Christ Church and St. Peter's Church is a joyful and exciting time for us all.

Prayer Spaces in Schools at Christ Church

On Tuesday 14th June, year 6 from Christ Church & St Peter's Primary School joined us at Christ Church for a transitions themed time of prayer & reflection.



Five prayer spaces were set up, each with discussion points, things to think about and a prayer activity to do. Each space focussed on an aspect of the children's upcoming transition to secondary school including looking back on their time at Primary School and looking forward to their next step in life.

There was opportunity to think about worries, change, feelings, and things they were thankful for, and looking forward to.

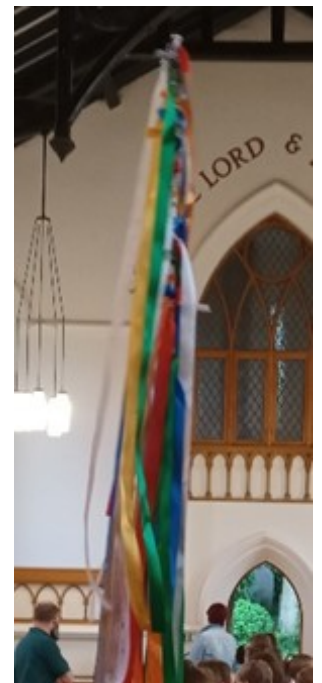
Some of the displays the children created are in Christ Church – do pause to take a look and pray for the children.



They also created two wonderful flags made up of ribbons on which they had written things or people they were particularly thankful for at primary school, the children took these back to school with them to share with staff at school.

We all enjoyed a wonderful morning together and we hope to repeat this again next year.

Thank you to our brilliant volunteers whose help meant that this event could take place.



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:

Leprosy Mission:

- Pray for their work in Myanmar, especially their work with the government and other organisations to break down the barriers to inclusion for people with disabilities.
- Pray for protection from harm and illness for Dr Zaw Moe Aung and his team as they support those living with the effects of leprosy.
- Pray for them as they work with rural communities to raise awareness of leprosy, improve sanitation and set up hydropower to bring light to dark homes.
- Pray for God's blessing on the Disability Resource Centres across Myanmar. These centres provide rehabilitation, physiotherapy, ulcer care and counselling to people living in the local areas.
- Pray for protection for the people of Myanmar, wisdom for the government leaders and for peace across the country.

Compassion :

- Pray for the ending of child marriage (girls under 18) around the world.
- Pray protection over vulnerable girls whose families may be thinking of marrying them off young due to poverty.
- Pray for the child marriage prevention workshops in Bangladesh.
- Pray for Compassion team members working around the world to protect children and educate communities about the harm of child marriages.

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Tear Fund:

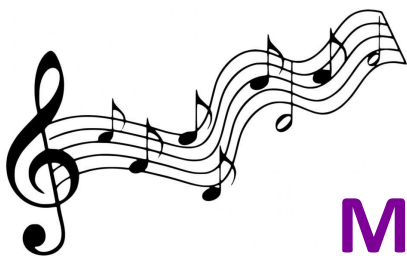
- Pray for the people of Haiti where gang warfare has broken out.
- Pray for the children who are unable to attend school because of the violence. Pray that ways will be found to enable them to continue their studies.
- Pray that children are not recruited into the gangs.
- Pray for the Tear fund team providing conflict resolution training to church leaders.
- Pray that those leaders taking part, that they will be able to instigate community dialogue with the gang members and bring about healing, restoration and peace.

Mountsorrel:

- Pray for all those in our community who are struggling due to the rising cost of living.
- Pray for the Mountsorrel Community Food Project and all who volunteer there.
- As the school holidays begin this month pray for all families and especially those who will be worried about how they are going to feed their children.

Pray continually (1Thessalonians 5:17)

Liz Resch, Mission Co-ordinator at Christ Church.



Musical Fellowship



We meet again on Wednesday 6th July at the new time of 7pm.

We shall sing a few songs, take turns to choose a favourite and maybe even learn a new song or two.

You are all welcome to join us.

Linda, Mel, Jenny and Toni





**Sunday 3rd July
at Christ Church**

There was no Fun@4 in June as we joined the Big Jubilee lunch with other members of our two Churches. Next month we are having a real Messy, Messy Church! Do join us if you can *Linda*

Sunbeams news

Sunbeams have been continuing to have fun every Monday and Wednesday morning at Christ Church.

Around Pentecost we enjoyed exploring the Holy Spirit and had fun with a fan and battery tea-lights whilst we heard the story.



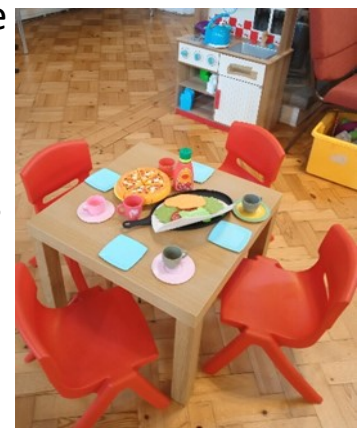
Over the last couple of weeks, we've heard the story of Paul's conversion on the road to Damascus, imagined not being able to see and enjoyed glow-sticks!



Singing time is always fun with a mixture of children's Christian songs and nursery rhymes – 'Wind the bobbin up' remains a favourite!

Craft has included tissue paper collages and flame crowns and

we've enjoyed lots of play and of course a hot drink for the grown-ups!



Alison and Linda

Muddy Church at Christ Church, Saturday June 18th

Not so many of us braved the weather in June. But those of us who did had a lovely peaceful, (if not a little damp) cooking sausages, cow spotting, sheep making and drinking hot chocolate, afternoon. We would love you to join us, so bring a chair if you have one - there are some logs to sit on if not – and enjoy some fresh air and a real sense of fellowship.



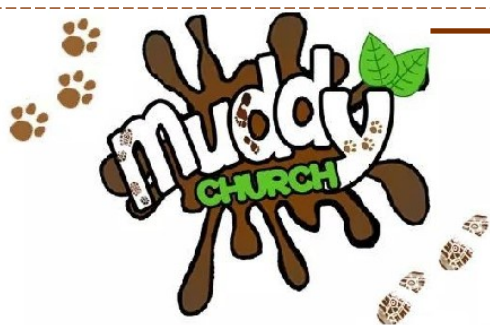
There's Dirt On My Shirt

*There's dirt on my shirt, and leaves in my hair'
There's mud on my boots, but I don't really care.*

*Playing outside is so much fun, to breathe the clean air,
And feel the warm sun.*

*To stomp in a puddle, or climb a big tree,
Makes me quite happy, just look and you'll see.*

Jeff Foxworthy



Don't forget your wellies!

Our next session is:

Saturday July 16th at 4pm at

Christ Church Vicarage Orchard

To find out more contact Alison or Linda

Supported by:



Charnwood

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Christ Church - Update

Are you wondering what is happening on the roof?



The stone coping on the gable end at the chancel end is delaminating which means that pieces are falling off.

A set of photos are on the noticeboards in church showing that there is no drip channel on the roof side of the gable.

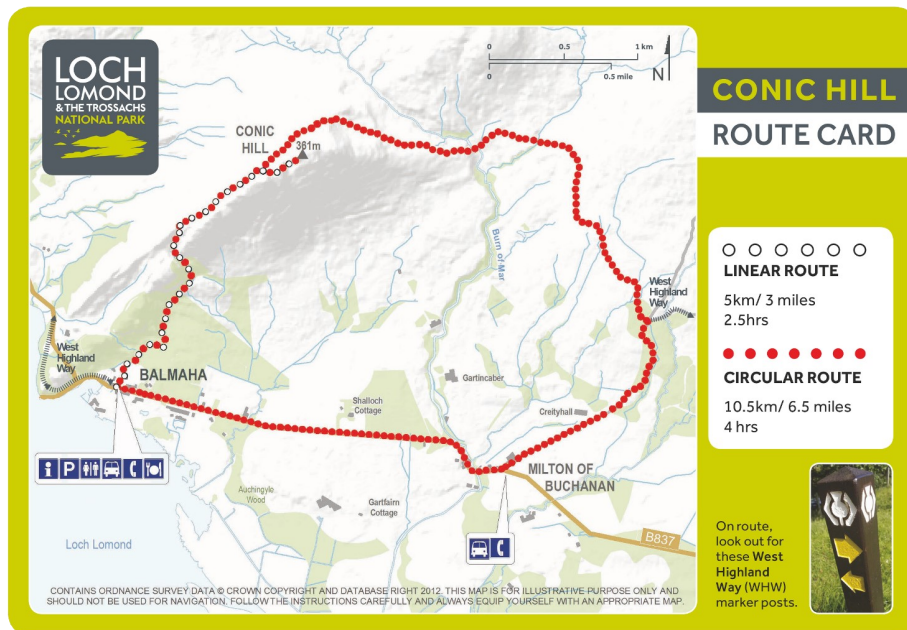


This resulted in water creeping back under the coping causing it to become saturated and prone to damage by frost. Roots of plants have been seen under the coping, having followed the water.

All the coping on this gable is being replaced with new stone which has had to be cut specifically for our gable. The new stone has a drip channel on both sides!

Peter Hodson
Churchwarden

Please will you sponsor me as I attempt a walk in Scotland?



I have set my heart on doing a 6 ½ mile walk (really a climb), in order to raise funds for CMT (Charcot Marie Tooth disease). It's a disease which attacks the peripheral nerves, so basically, your muscles are wasting away.

Some of you will know that Graham endured this disease for many years.

After attending a specialist hospital in Canada, an expert there suggested CMT. Back home, the medics weren't even aware of it ignoring the suggestion for a further eight years. Once the diagnosis was made known to us, by then aged 62 years, the symptoms over so many years all made sense. You can read about CMT on their website <https://www.cmt.org.uk>

I tried climbing Conic Hill last year, but only made it as far as the plateau. This being a great disappointment to me, I believe that with sponsorship as an incentive, I will make it to the summit. Eight years having passed by this July, I now feel able to raise some funds for CMT to help further their research. Our eldest son Gavin, has agreed to come with me. The actual day is as yet unknown, but definitely during the third week of July.

Conic Hill stands 361 metres (1,184 feet high) and is part of a major geological feature known as the Highland Boundary Fault. This forms a zone separating the Lowlands to the south from the Highlands to the north, each with different rock types, landscapes, animal and plant life and cultural heritage. I'm told that there are wonderful views from the top....even part way up, they were worth seeing!

Should you be willing to give of your support, then please indicate on the sign-up sheet available in Church, Please use the following link for my on-line fund raising page <https://cmtunitedkingdom.enthuse.com/pf/conic-hill> which is on CMT's website.

Many thanks in anticipation,

Veronica Liquorish



All Age Holy Communion at St Peter's



Since February we have been enjoying an all-age Holy Communion at St Peter's on the 4th Sunday of each month. This service is more relaxed and maintains the traditional liturgy of Holy Communion with an all-age talk and prayer activity in place of the sermon and intercession prayers.

In May, as it was the week Thy Kingdom Come began, we thought about prayer and decided on at least some of the people we would pray for during Thy Kingdom Come as we bound two sticks together to make a cross.



For our prayers, we chose to either write initials or names onto hearts and flowers; our hearts were placed around a prayer which has remained in church for people to add to or pray for. Our flowers were folded and placed in some water in the font, we then prayed as we watched the petals open and the names of those we were praying for were revealed.

Alison



All are welcome to join us 9.30am
each 4th Sunday of the month at
St Peter's Church.



God's Mathematics!

All are welcome to join us 11.00am
each 2nd Sunday of the month at
Christ Church.

3 was the important number at June's All Age Worship at Christ Church. We tried to think of things that come in 3s. Blind Mice, Macbeth Witches, Bronte Sisters to name just 3! We did 3 sums, all of them having the same answer—3! We sang 3 songs during the service and then finished with a song sung in 3 rounds. We spent the service not worrying about how 3 can be 1 or 1 can be 3 but looked at what the Trinity means to us and the love that the 3, Father, Son and Holy Spirit have for each and every one of us.

Linda

Flower Festival at Lincoln Cathedral

Saturday 6th August 2022

We have the opportunity to see Lincoln Cathedral come to life in a unique and inspiring way, as they celebrate 950 years.

This year's theme is 'Vision' with the expectation of there being something for everyone to enjoy, from the Mayflower Pilgrim's journey to the New World, the Moon Landing and even Harry Potter.

Cost for the Flower Festival is:-

- Adult: £15
- Concessions: £13.50
- Group (10+): £12.75
- Under 16: FREE

Please sign up for this trip a.s.a.p. in order that I may purchase the tickets at the reduced rate of £12.75.



The Cathedral is a working Church, so please be aware that the event will be closed from 4 – 6.30p.m. to allow services to take place. All visitors are welcome to join the service.

Our visit to the Cathedral will be followed with Afternoon Tea close by, giving us the opportunity to enjoy fellowship together.

Veronica

A selection of photographs of our Jubilee Celebrations



Prayer Chain

At Christ Church & St Peter's Church we believe that prayer is one of the foundations of the Christian Faith. In prayer, Christian believers speak directly to and with God. We believe that God delights to hear our prayers; and that prayer can make a difference.

We have a small group of Church members who have committed to pray for others. Currently if you would like this group to pray for you or a friend you contact Liz Resch and she sends the message out for you.

But now you can also contact the Prayer Chain direct by completing the form on our website at: mountsorrelchurch.org/prayer.

The information on the form will be circulated to the members of the prayer chain for prayer. All requests received this way will be treated with complete confidentiality.

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.**

To request a food parcel,
Please call or text **07395 956777** before Sunday 9pm.

Open Tuesdays 10.00 to 11.15 am

Mountsorrel Baptist Church, Leicester Road. LE12 7AJ

<https://www.mountsorrelbaptistchurch.org/index.php?contact>

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 by completing the form on our website at mountsorrelchurch.org/prayer or 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 24th July, but
if items are ready, please send earlier)*