

Church News

December 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 4 December	9.30am	Matins*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Fun@4	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Youth@4	Christ Church
Sunday 11 December	9.30am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	All Age Worship	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Senior Sunday	St. Peter's
Monday 12 December	7.00pm	Carols amongst the Trees	Christ Church
Saturday 17 December	4.00pm	Muddy Carols	Vicarage Orchard
Sunday 18 December	11.00am	Holy Communion with Prayers for healing	Christ Church
	6.00pm	Carol Service	St. Peter's
Wednesday 21 December	11.00am	Nativity Service	St. Peter's
Sunday 24 December Christmas Eve	4.00pm	Christingle	Christ Church
	11.15pm	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
Sunday 25 December Christmas Day	9.30am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Family Holy Communion	Christ Church
Sunday 1 January 2023	11.00am	Christ Church & St. Peter's Joint Service of Holy Communion	Christ Church
Friday 6 January 2023 Epiphany	7.00pm	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's

** Service taken from the Book of Common Prayer*

Please Note: There will be NO Morning Prayer in Church or online during December, unless notified otherwise

Preparation, Anticipation and Celebration

As we leave November and move into December we leave behind a time of Remembrance and move into a time of Preparation and Anticipation that leads us into a time of Celebration.

On Sunday 27th November Advent began, which is the start of the Christian year. Advent means “Coming” and is a time of preparation like Lent. When Advent was first introduced in the fourth and fifth centuries it also lasted 40 days, subsequently it was reduced to just the period incorporating the four Sunday’s leading up to Christmas Day.

During Advent we prepare for the celebration of Christmas. This preparation usually incorporates shopping for presents and food, sending cards, attending Nativity and Carol services. During Advent we also look forward with anticipation to celebrating Christmas with family and friends.

Advent as well as a time of practical preparation should also be a time of spiritual preparation where we make time to reflect on the true meaning of that first Christmas, that Jesus willingly gave up everything to be born as a helpless baby knowing it would result in his death, so that we could be reconciled with God and have eternal life.

As well as a time of spiritual preparation Advent is a time of spiritual anticipation, where we look forward to the second coming of Christ and all that means for us, “so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him”

Hebrews 9:28.

This all leads us into a time of Celebration, a celebration of what happened that first Christmas, a celebration of what God has done for us and what he has promised to all that follow him.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

John 3: 16-17.

God Bless,

Liz Resch



Diary Dates

Friday 2 December

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

7.00pm Christmas Crafts at Christ Church (see page 16).

Monday 5 December

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

12 noon till 3.30pm: Warm Monday, incorporating Craft Group at Christ Church
(see page 8).

Wednesday 7 December

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

3.30pm Youth Chill Out at Christ Church.

7.00pm Fellowship Group at The Vicarage and Online.

Friday 9 December

10am till 4pm: Crib & Christmas Tree Festival at Christ Church (see page 9).

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

Saturday 10 December

10am till 4pm: Crib & Christmas Tree Festival at Christ Church (see page 9).

11.00am till 12 Noon: CTiM Carols on the Green (see page 10).

Sunday 11 December

1pm till 3.30pm: Crib & Christmas Tree Festival at Christ Church (see page 9).

Monday 12 December

12 noon till 3.30pm: Warm Monday, incorporating Craft Group at Christ Church
(see page 8).

7.00pm Carols amongst the Christmas Trees at Christ Church (see page 16).

Wednesday 14 December

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

3.30pm Youth Chill Out at Christ Church.

7.00pm Christmas Musical Fellowship at Christ Church (see page 17).

Saturday 17 December

4.00pm: Muddy Carols in the Orchard (see page 18).

Monday 19 December

9.30am: Children's Film Morning at Christ Church.

Friday 16 December

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

Wednesday 21 December

11.00am Nativity Service at St. Peter's (see page 15).

7.00pm Jazz Carols at St. Leonards Church, Swithland (see page 19).

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Diary Dates for December (cont'd)

Friday 23 December

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

Saturday 24 December

4.00pm Christingle at Christ Church (see page 9).

11.15pm Holy Communion (BCP) at St. Peter's Church.

Friday 30 December

7.00pm Christmas Quiz at Christ Church (see page 15).

Dates for January 2023

Monday 2 January - BANK HOLIDAY

NO WARM MONDAY / CRAFT GROUP

Wednesday 4 January

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

3.30pm Youth Chill Out at Christ Church.

Friday 6 January - Epiphany

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

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



Sunday 4th December @ 4pm
Christmas Jumpers, if you have one, a must!

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:

Compassion:

- Pray for all who are currently food insecure and going hungry.
- Pray that God will sow hope where there is hunger.
- Pray for the much needed rain fall in East Africa and for there to be a successful harvest.
- Pray for Compassions local church partners in Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda as they respond to the crisis and ask God to strengthen them.

Tearfund:

- Pray for peace in Brazil following the election of a new President.
- Pray for wisdom for Brazil's new president and harmony between him and other political leaders.
- Pray that Brazil will now be governed in a way that will improve the quality of life for the most vulnerable and care for the environment.

Children's Society:

- Pray for the work of the Children's Society with children around the world.
- Pray for the Christingle at Christ Church which supports their work.

Mountsorrel:

- Pray for those in our community struggling to make ends meet.
- Pray for those who will be alone and lonely this Christmas.
- Pray for the Sorrel Food Project and all its volunteers.
- Pray that those who need to will use the Warm Space's around the village.
- Pray that we will have good conversations with those who visit our

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churches during advent and Christmas.

- Pray for all the extra services that will be taking place

Pray continually (1Thessalonians 5:17)

Liz Resch

Mission Co-ordinator at Christ Church.



After lots of rain, Muddy Church in November was thankfully dry and not too cold either!

We were delighted to welcome several families around the fire and sang 'As we are gathered' to begin our session.

Don't forget your Wellies!

Everyone helped to make our natural Christmas tree for the Christmas tree festival during our time together; spraying pinecones, foraging for holly and ivy, assembling the tree and decorating it before a countdown to switching its lights on as we sang 'Oh Christmas Tree'!

We enjoyed toasting crumpets over the fire with our new toasting forks as well as making our usual s'mores and the hot chocolate was definitely appreciated now it's getting colder.

Do join us in December for our Muddy Carols and telling of the Christmas story around the fire.



alison.white@mountsorrelchurch.org
Linda.Vesty@mountsorrelchurch.org

Supported by:



Warm Welcome Spaces



As the cost of living hits we are offering a Warm Welcome Space at Christ Church at the following times:

Sunbeams

Monday's 9:30 till 11:30 during term time.

A toddler group for preschool children and their parents.

Free drink and snack with activities and toys for the children.

Warm Monday incorporating Craft Group

Monday's 12noon till 3:30pm. – not open 19th or 26th December

Open to all whether you do a craft or not. Free hot drink available.

Youth Chill

Wednesday's 3:30pm till 5:30pm

This is for secondary age children (11 to 16). Free drink and snack.

Activities available to do, or just sit and chill. Parental Consent forms required.

Coffee Morning

Friday 10am till 12 noon

Open to all, free hot drink and cake available. A chance for conversation and to make new friends.

**You can also find a Warm Welcome Space
at the following places:**

- Mountsorrel Library – all week during opening hours.
- Mug & Mingle – Wednesday & Saturday, 11am till 1pm at The Parish Rooms.
- Winter Warmer at Mountsorrel Care Home – Wednesday's 12:30pm till 1:30pm.
- i-can café at the Baptist Church - Thursday's 1:30pm till 4:00pm.

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 will be meeting at The Vicarage and online on Wednesday 7th December, in the evening at 7:00pm.

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.

Christingle Service

Christ Church



The
Children's
Society

Christmas Eve @ 4pm



Crib & Christmas Tree Festival

Christ Church

Friday 9th December 10am- 4pm

Saturday 10th December 10am- 4pm

Sunday 11th December 1pm- 3.30pm



Can you help?

If you can spare an hour, or two, to steward at this event please sign-up on the list at the back of church.
Your help will be appreciated. Thank you.

**Carols on The Green
Saturday 10th December
11:00am with the
Leicester Co-operative
Brass Band**



**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!**

Using Christmas Cards to feed the Hungry



Please consider not sending cards to each other this Christmas. Instead leave a Christmas message on the display in Church and make a donation.

For every £10 collected we can feed a hungry child for a month through world vision. There are 14 million children going hungry across the world, this Christmas lets make a difference to some of them.



All Age Service Sunday Worship 11th December @ 11.00am

Join us as we build our Church Nativity Crib

For more information about this service, please telephone me on 07488330893 or email me at: Linda.vesty@mountsorrelchurch.org

Linda

Sunbeams news

Sunbeams have enjoyed stories from the Old testament during November. We've enjoyed pretending to sleep and wake up with the story of the boy Samuel, lifted the flaps to find the animals in Noah's ark and imagined being swallowed by a big fish and sitting in the dark like Jonah. Our craft has included listening ears headbands, rainbows and fish!

Of course we've enjoyed playing, singing, biscuits and hot drinks for the grown-ups too!

Over the next few weeks, we are making our crib scene for the Christmas Tree and Crib Festival in December and are also looking forward to a fun Christmas themed morning in December.



Our last session before Christmas will be 5th December, this is due to the Christmas Tree Festival on the 12th and then the Christmas holidays. We are however, having a cinema morning on 19th December which we hope our Sunbeams will join us for.

If you haven't been before you can just come along any Monday morning or if you'd like more information you can join our Facebook group 'Sunbeams Mountsorrel' or contact Alison at alison.white@mountsorrelchurch.org

Alison

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.

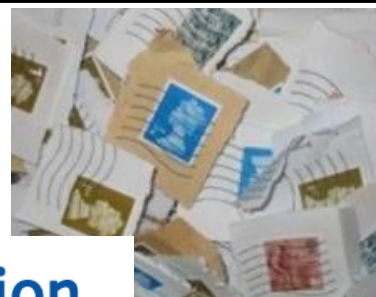
Thank you.

Janet Wright



The Leprosy Mission

Leprosy defeated, lives transformed





November's All Age was on Remembrance Sunday so we began our worship with a short act of Remembrance and laying of the wreath.

We heard from Paul's letter to the Romans that nothing can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, and we used a rope and lots of volunteers to demonstrate this!



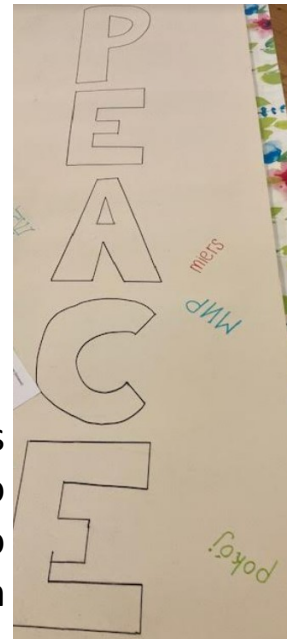
We reminded ourselves that even when difficulties seem to get between us and God, prayer always draws us back to Him bypassing whatever situations we may find ourselves in, and that is what gives us a peace that the world cannot give.

We moved around during our time of prayer to different stations actively praying for the world and ourselves on the theme of peace. During our sung worship, the children enjoyed using worship ribbons and musical instruments to dance and praise!



'For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord'.

Romans 8:38-39



We looked at how different we all are, but how God loves us all just the same. We thought about our differences but also how we can help people to fit in and not feel alone. We also saw a picture of the most important person to God - we each looked in a mirror and saw ourselves.

Fun@4 is open to all, so do come along to see what we do.

For more information about Fun@4 please telephone Linda on 07488 330 893 or email Linda.vesty@mountsorrelchurch.org

Light Party!

On October 31st after school we held our first Light Party at the request of some of our mums! We all enjoyed toast and drinks, lots of light themed crafts including star pictures, edible sparklers and painting tealight holders before playing some very silly games! The flour cake was definitely the most popular game



with star-bobbing coming a close second! I expect the Light Party will now become an annual activity at Christ Church.

Thank you to everyone who came to help with this fun afternoon event.





All Age Holy Communion at St Peter's Church



In October we heard about the paralyzed man who was carried to Jesus by his friends who forgave him his sins and healed him.

We explored limits – good ones like speed limits which keep us safe and not so good ones like not being able to walk and considered whether we might limit others in the way we do things.

We demonstrated some good teamwork like the four friends who carried the man to Jesus and wondered why Jesus had forgiven the man before healing him. My belief on this is simple; Jesus knew what this man needed and therefore healing him without saying he was forgiven would have left an unmet need in the man.

Our prayers were more formal this month, but as we prayed for the world, our community, and those who are unwell or suffering, we brought forward biblical style stretchers with a representation of our prayers.



‘Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God’!

Luke 5:25

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

Nativity Service

St. Peter's Church

Wednesday 21st December @ 11am

God Is With Us - Everywhere!

By Fay Rowland

Would you like to take part in our Nativity Service at St. Peters, or would you like to just come along and watch?

There are two Eventbrite bookings, one for those who wish to take part and one for those who would like free tickets to watch.

Please go to either:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/444067968247> To watch the service or

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/444070917067> to take part in the service



Christmas Quiz

Friday 30th December @ Christ Church
7pm for a 7.30 Start

Come as a team or join in with others

Please bring your own drinks and snacks

Book your FREE tickets @ <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/461778631317>



Carol Service amongst the Trees

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

*Monday 12th December
7pm at Christ Church*

Followed by light refreshments



**2nd December
7-9pm**

**Christ Church,
Mountsorrel**

**An evening of Christmas themed crafts suitable for
teens and adults. All materials needed will be
provided.**

Donations on the night will be welcome

**Tickets available from
[Crafts4Christmas.eventbrite.co.uk](https://crafts4christmas.eventbrite.co.uk)**





Christmas
Musical Fellowship

Wednesday 14th December @ 7pm

**Join us for some festive songs along
with mince pies and some mulled
wine.**

Everyone welcome





Carols

**4pm @ The Vicarage Orchard
Sat. 17th December**

Join us to hear the Christmas Story told in a slightly different way, help open some presents and see what's inside, sing some traditional carols and children's Christmas songs, and share some mince pies and coffee, all in the great outdoors.

Please wrap up warm, bring a chair to sit on and a torch if you have one.



**From your Churchwardens and
Assistant Wardens**



May the wondrous joy of this season remind you of Him who is truly worthy of all our praise! We're wishing the precious gift of faith, the true blessings of hope and the peace of His love at Christmas time and every day.

We wish you all A Merry Christmas

and

A Peaceful, Blessed filled and Happy New Year.



Join us at St Leonard's Church Swithland

For a Stellar Candlelit Service
of 8 Jazz Carols and Lessons

Wednesday 21st December at 7pm



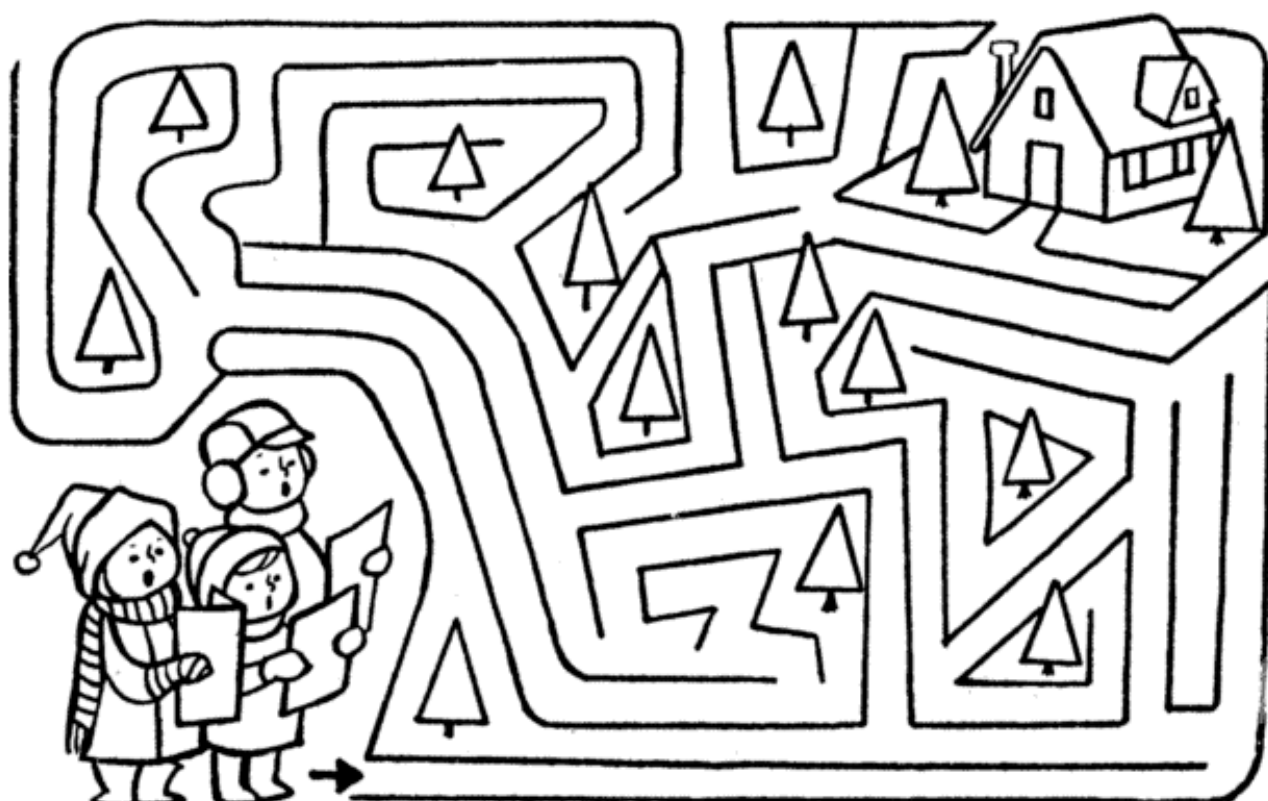
Jazz played by The Charnwood Jazz Band with
a choir drawn from Charnwood Forest

Mulled wine and mince pies

All donations for The Children's Society

For further information contact The Rev'd Steve Delaforce 07786702893

St Leonard's Church Main Street, Swithland, LE12 8TJ



Take the road home with carol singers



Sunbeams



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



Mondays 9.30-11.30am
Christ Church, Mountsorrel

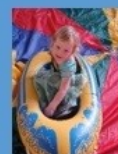
Play, Refreshments, Bible story, Craft,
Singing & Prayer.



Contact alison.white@mountsorrelchurch.org

or search for 'Sunbeams Mountsorrel' group on Facebook

All welcome



Senior Sunday

Welcomes

Friends, Old and New

At St. Peter's Church, Mountsorrel

2nd Sunday of the Month

4.00pm - 5.30pm



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



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

**We are in urgent need of:
liquid soaps/shower gels, etc.**



**There is a collecting box
near our main Church doors.**

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>



I am still recycling genuine branded and unbranded printer ink cartridges (not toner cartridges) for Guide Dogs for the Blind. Please leave any that you have in the boxes available in both Churches, thank you.

Janet Wright



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:

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 Monday 12th December, but
if items are ready, please send earlier)*