

Church News



January 2023

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 January	11.00am	Christ Church & St. Peter's Joint Service of Holy Communion	Christ Church
		NO Service at St. Peter's	
Friday 6 January Epiphany	7.00pm	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
Sunday 8 January	9.30am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	All Age Worship	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Senior Sunday	St. Peter's
Saturday 14 January	4.00pm	Muddy Church	Vicarage Orchard
Sunday 15 January	11.00am	Holy Communion with Healing Prayers	Christ Church
	6.00pm	Evensong*	St. Peter's
Sunday 22 January	10.30am	CTiM All Age Holy Communion	St. Peter's
		NO Service at Christ Church	
Sunday 29 January Candlemas	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
	6.00pm	Evensong*	St. Peter's
Thursday 2 February The Presentation	7.00pm	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's

** Service taken from the Book of Common Prayer*

Morning Prayer

Will recommence from Mon. 16th Jan.

9am in Christ Church and online (via Zoom)

Monday - online only

Tuesday * Wednesday * Thursday* Friday

Meeting ID: 786 8201 8817 - Passcode: 032244

Happy New Year

When I was deliberating on what sort of greeting to bring to this edition of Church News, I came across some advice from a blog called paperlesspost that suggested,

“stick with a festive message that is general enough to appeal to anyone. These blurbs are simple and straightforward, while still being thoughtful: Health and happiness to you and yours in the new year ahead; Warmest Wishes; Out with the old, in with the new. Happy New Year!; Peace love and happiness; Cheers to new beginnings; Have a joyful new year. Peace & Love.”

All of which, now that I have shared them with you, would come with very little thought.

It is a new year and, as always, it gives the perfect opportunity to look back and reflect on the months that have past and look forward to the year that is coming. Of course, the older you get, the more you realise, that although the date changes, nothing much else will. For most of us, life will continue along much the same path as before. We will see both good times and not-so-good times in 2023. For one, I hope not to need emergency surgery. But whatever life throws at you, it is how we deal with it that is important.

For example, when I was in hospital at the end of October finding myself confronted with the ‘non-choice’ of surgery or paralysis, I could have panicked and been fearful. Yet I chose to trust in both the NHS and in God who had given skills and talents to the surgical team that were to look after me. Throughout the whole process, I found a trust and a faith that sustained me in peace. Even now as my recovery continues, I trust that God will be ever-present so that whatever the outcomes are, all will be well. Of course, as a Christian, I know that even death is not the end, it simply brings on a new beginning. Jesus said, *‘My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.’* (John 10.27-28).

So, yes there will be new opportunities in 2023, and I hope that, for all of us, it turns out to be our best year yet. But, as for what greeting to give you, I don’t think I can beat that of the Old testament priestly blessing:

“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace.”

(Numbers 6.24-26)

With every blessing,

Colin Resch

Diary Dates

Monday 2 January - BANK HOLIDAY

9.30am NO Sunbeams at Christ Church.
NO Craft Group at Christ Church

Wednesday 4 January

8.00am School Prayers at Christ Church & St. Peter's CE School.
10.00am Christianity Explored at Christ Church, Week 1 of 7,

Friday 6 January - Epiphany

10.00am till 12 Noon: Coffee Morning at Christ Church.
7.00pm Holy Communion at St. Peter's (see page 15).

Monday 9 January

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church (see page 16).
1.30pm Craft Group at Christ Church (see page 17).

Wednesday 11 January

8.00am School Prayers at Christ Church & St. Peter's CE School.
10.00am Christianity Explored at Christ Church, Week 2 of 7.
4.00pm till 6.00pm: Youth Chill Out at Christ Church.

Friday 13 January

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

Saturday 14 January

4.00pm Muddy Church in the Vicarage Orchard (see page 12).

Monday 16 January

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church (see page 16).
1.30pm Craft Group at Christ Church (see page 17).

Tuesday 17 January

7.30pm Just4Ladies (see page 15).

Wednesday 18 January

8.00am School Prayers at Christ Church & St. Peter's CE School.
10.00am Christianity Explored at Christ Church, Week 3 of 7.
4.00pm till 6.00pm: Youth Chill Out at Christ Church.
7.00pm Fellowship Group at The Vicarage and Online (see page 6).

Friday 20 January

10.00am till 12 Noon: Coffee Morning at Christ Church.
7.00pm Pre-Marriage Course at Christ Church, Week 1 of 5 (see page 6).

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Diary Dates for January (cont'd)

Monday 23 January

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church (see page 16).

1.30pm Craft Group at Christ Church (see page 17).

Tuesday 24 January

7.00pm St, Peter's PCC

Wednesday 25 January

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

10.00am Christianity Explored at Christ Church, Week 4 of 7.

4.00pm till 6.00pm: Youth Chill Out at Christ Church.

7.00pm Musical Fellowship at Christ Church (see page 10).

Thursday 26 January

7.00pm Christ Church PCC

Friday 27 January

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

7.00pm Pre-Marriage Course at Christ Church, Week 2 of 5 (see page 6).

Monday 30 January

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church (see page 16).

1.30pm Craft Group at Christ Church (see page 17).

Dates for February 2023

Wednesday 1 February

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

10.00am Christianity Explored at Christ Church, Week 5 of 7.

4.00pm till 6.00pm: Youth Chill Out at Christ Church.

7.00pm Fellowship Group at The Vicarage and Online (see page 6).

Friday 3 February

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

7.00pm Pre-Marriage Course at Christ Church, Week 3 of 5 (see page 6).

The Leprosy Mission has advised us that they will no longer be accepting used stamps after the 31st March 2023.

Please make sure any used stamps you have are passed on to me by the end of February so they can be sent off.

Thank you.

Janet Wright



The Leprosy Mission

Leprosy defeated, lives transformed

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 20th January comprising:

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

20 th Jan	Communication
27 th Jan	Conflict
3 rd Feb	Commitment
10 th Feb	Connection
17 th Feb	Adventure

Christ Church, Rothley Road, Mountsorrel, LE12 7JU

Contact: Colin & Liz Resch, 0116 429 9946

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 18th January, 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.

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:

The Leprosy Mission :

- Praise God for the funds being raised to build a new Research centre at Anandaban Hospital in Nepal.
- Please pray for good relationships between the architects, engineers and builders as the new structure is built.
- Pray to God for continued inspiration and wisdom for the researchers working at the Centre.
- Praise God that the Christian Leprosy Hospital in Myanmar is able to continue to run.
- Pray for peace for the people of Myanmar, asking God to replace hate with love, and fear with courage.

Tearfund:

- Pray for those facing starvation in East Africa that they are provided with the nourishing food and clean water they need.
- Pray to God that the rainfall that is needed in parts of Uganda, Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia comes.
- Pray that this rainfall will lead to abundant harvests and for water sources to spring up again closer to communities.
- Pray that food and fuel prices will stabilise, and that provision will be made for countries in a vulnerable position.
- Pray that the resources we have – as a global family – will be stewarded well so that everyone has enough.

Mountsorrel:

- Pray for those in our community struggling to make ends meet.

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- 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.

Prayers for 2023:

- Pray for peace to come where there is war and civil unrest – Ukraine, Syria, Yemen, Afghanistan.
- Pray for the rights of women and children to be protected.
- Pray for world leaders to work together.

Pray continually (1Thessalonians 5:17)

Liz Resch

Mission Co-ordinator at Christ Church.

School lunchtime club

Our lunchtime club at school started after the October half-term for years 5 & 6 at Christchurch & St Peter's Primary School.



At this club we look at a theme for Collective Worship and then, with a little help, the children come up with ideas for an assembly which we then produce and lead together.

On 30th November, 4 children lead their first assembly all about Advent, it included a game, telling everyone about the advent wreath, a bible reading, singing and a prayer.

The children did a fantastic job and the assembly was very well received by children and staff alike. We're looking forward to meeting together again after Christmas and planning our next assembly!

Alison

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.

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

Youth Chill

Wednesday's 4:00pm till 6:00pm

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.



**All Age Service Sunday Worship
8th January @ 11.00am**

The 4th Wise Man

**5, 6, 7, 45, 99, 1000, Just how
many are there?**

Everyone is welcome to join us for a relaxed and slightly less formal Sunday Worship. Songs, prayers, talk, activities all included.
Tea and Coffee served throughout.

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

alison.white@mountsorrelchurch.org

linda.vesty@mountsorrelchurch.org

kat.jenkins@mountsorrelchurch.org



Musical Fellowship

Wednesday 25th January @ 7pm
at Christ Church

Come along and join in with some
old songs and maybe learn some
new ones too.

Everyone welcome





All Age Holy Communion at St Peter's Church



Our November service was the first Sunday of Advent and we thought about light, Jesus the light of the world and being light in the world ourselves.

We had torches which reminded us to be prepared, hi-vis vests reminding us to be seen in the world, and candles reminding us that it's our job to share the light of Jesus with our community and world.

We used glo-sticks to pray this month, snapping one to glow each time we asked Jesus to bring His light to the situations we were praying for.

Our next All Age Holy Communion is Sunday 22nd January at 10.30am and all are welcome,

Alison



Nativity Service

St. Peter's Church

Wednesday 21st December @ 11am

God Is With Us - Everywhere!

By Fay Rowland



Thank you to everyone who took part in our Nativity Service at St. Peter's. The cast were all wonderful including the small shepherds and angels and the not so small shepherds and angel. A note for the ladies: we struggled to find three wise men, so had two wise ladies instead. All the children read their parts brilliantly and the

Sunbeams Choir was a treat. Many thanks to John Strange for playing the piano and to Sarah for playing her flute as we all arrived.



Carols



A number of people braved the cold to join us for our outdoor Nativity. The children helped open presents containing tree ornaments which were clues as to which part of the Christmas Story we were going to hear next. Candles were lit, songs were sung, including a rendition of While Shepherds Watched, to the tune of Ilkley Moor Baht'at; guitars and flute were played, hot

chocolate and mince pies were on offer and there was a huge fire to help keep us warm. Can't wait for next year's!

Our next Muddy Church is on Saturday 14th January at 4pm



Fun@4 last month was our Christmas party. We played a lot of games including Christmas Bingo and the Nativity Smarty Game, if you want to know what that is, just ask. We saw the lights go on in Mountsorrel and then

Egor was chosen to switch our own Church lights on. Pizza and cake for tea and a present for everyone who was there.

No Fun@4 in January, we are back on Sunday 5th February.



In December we enjoyed our Crib Service.

We heard the story of the first Christmas in a different way, several envelopes were distributed to people and as the story was read, the envelopes were passed left or right every time the words left or right were heard – which was rather a lot with a slight rewriting of the story, minor chaos ensued but we got there in the end! The envelopes were then opened and revealed the name of one of our crib figures, as we sang some carols everyone helped to create our crib scene.



We also enjoyed some different prayer activities - we lit candles to pray for people, places or situations which need Jesus' light; we wrote or drew our prayers of longing and placed these in an empty manger reminding ourselves that the people waited a long time for the birth of Jesus and we looked at the many crib scenes in church and wondered about the people in the story and who we might be if we were part of that first Christmas.

Our next all age worship is 8th January and all are welcome,

Alison



Youth News!



Our young people have been busy getting ready for Christmas, making decorations for the tree and creating our Nativity scene. There was a blue and purple theme to our efforts, and we got creative making lots of things, although some more successful than others! Only one Robin made it's way onto the tree, I wonder if you spotted it?

We ended 2022 with a snowman themed evening, with a film and crafts. The melted snowmen biscuits were very popular and tasted great too. I was also invited to the Rawlins Academy year 7 Carol service, where we heard about different types of Christmases and how our celebrations reflect our different understanding of the celebration.

After reviewing our first term, we are slightly adjusting the times of our Mid-Week Chill, we will now be meeting on Wednesdays from 4pm - 6pm during term time from 11th Jan. Please do invite any young people you may know, it's a relaxed space for young people to come together, make friends and be themselves.

Please do keep our young people in your prayers;

- That our young people will be happy at school and achieve their full potential
- That doors and hearts will be open to exploring faith
- That our youth activities will grow and see more young people access our church

Take care,

Kat Jenkins

Youth Worker

The United Benefice of Mountsorrel, Christ Church & Mountsorrel, St Peter's Church.

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Service of Holy Communion

**Friday
6th January
St Peter's Church
7.00pm**

Left

Just 4 Ladies

come along and watch

Mrs Harris goes to Paris

Date: Tuesday 17th January 2023

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: The Vicarage or Online

Zoom ID: 832 1367 6029

Zoom Password: 100634



Sunbeams



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



Mondays 9.30-11.30am
Christ Church, Mountsorrel

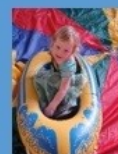
Play, Refreshments, Bible story, Craft,
Singing & Prayer.



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



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 23rd January, but
if items are ready, please send earlier)*