

Church News

February 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
Thursday 2 February Candlemas	7.00pm	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
Sunday 5 February	9.30am	Matins*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Fun@4 and Youth@4	Christ Church
Sunday 12 February	9.30am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	All Age Worship	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Senior Sunday	St. Peter's
Saturday 18 February	4.00pm	Muddy Church	Vicarage Orchard
Sunday 19 February	11.00am	Holy Communion with Healing Prayers	Christ Church
	6.00pm	Evensong*	St. Peter's
Wednesday 22 February Ash-Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
Sunday 26 February	9.30am	All Age Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Sunday Worship	Christ Church
Sunday 5 March	9.30am	Matins*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Fun@4 and Youth@4	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

NOTE: NO Morning Prayer

From 20th Feb - 2nd Mar Inclusive.

God's love is for all the people

When For several decades, the Church of England has been exploring and debating issues around identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. The last six years in particular have seen the Church engage in a process of listening and learning together around these issues under the heading of Living in Love and Faith. This is a process that we have engaged with in our own parish and has given individuals the opportunity to give feedback into the debates. Generally, these issues tend to polarise views within the Church around matters of doctrine with some calling for the Church to take a fresh interpretation of the Bible that would allow us to extend the offer of marriage to those in same-sex relationships; while others are calling on the Church to uphold a traditional view of sexuality and marriage. The discussions have not been easy; and, at times, hurtful words have been spoken on both sides of the debate.

Alongside proposals to be debated at General Synod this month, the House of Bishops has now issued a direct apology to LGBTQI+ people for the way the Church has rejected them, admitting "We have not loved you as God loves you, and that is profoundly wrong." The proposals, which you can find on the Church of England website, recognise that there is still much disagreement on the way forward. For some, the proposals will go too far; yet for others, the proposals will not go far enough. I am not sure how the debate at General Synod will pan out, but there is the danger that neither side of the debate will be satisfied and the motion will fall.

Penny Mordaunt, MP has said, "This issue [same-sex marriage] has been under discussion within the Church of England for a long time... I fear if it is not resolved at General Synod the matter will continue to fester and detract from the positive contribution the Church of England makes to our society." This is a real danger – that the focus of the Church shifts from worship and the outward looking sharing of God's love to an inward focus of argument and doctrine.

So whatever you see of the Church in the press over the coming weeks, I want to reassure you that I will continue to focus on the needs of my parishes and the sharing of God's love to ALL the people of our community. It is my hope and prayer that our Church family will do the same. Perhaps it is no coincidence that we begin February with a remembrance that Jesus Christ was presented in the temple and proclaimed to be 'salvation prepared in the sight of all people; a light for revelation to the gentiles (non-jews) and the glory of Israel.' (See Luke 2.29-32)

Please join with me in praying for the members of General Synod who will debate these proposals on 8th February.

With every blessing,

Colin Resch

Diary Dates

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 9).

Thursday 2 February - Candlemas

- 7.00pm Holy Communion at St. Peter's (see page 8).

Friday 3 February

- 10.00am till 12 Noon: Coffee Morning at Christ Church.
- 7.00pm Pre-Marriage Course at Christ Church, Week 2 of 5 (see page 9).

Monday 6 February

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

Wednesday 8 February

- 8.00am School Prayers at Christ Church & St. Peter's CE School.
- 10.00am Christianity Explored at Christ Church, Week 6 of 7.
- 4.00pm till 6.00pm: Youth Chill Out at Christ Church.
- 7.00pm Musical Fellowship at Christ Church (see page 19).
- 7.30pm Deanery Synod.

Friday 10 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 9).

Saturday 11 February

- 10.00am till 4.00pm: Christianity Explored Day at Christ Church.

Monday 13 February

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

Wednesday 15 February

- 8.00am School Prayers at Christ Church & St. Peter's CE School.
- 10.00am Christianity Explored at Christ Church, Week 7 of 7.
- 4.00pm till 6.00pm: Youth Chill Out at Christ Church.
- 7.00pm Fellowship Group at The Vicarage and Online (see page 9).

Friday 17 February

- 10.00am till 12 Noon: Coffee Morning at Christ Church.
- 7.00pm Pre-Marriage Course at Christ Church, Week 4 of 5 (see page 9).

(Continued on next page)

Diary Dates for February (cont'd)

Saturday 18 February

4.00pm Muddy Church in the Vicarage Orchard (see page 17).

Monday 20 February

NO Craft Group.

Tuesday 21 February - Shrove Tuesday

1.30pm till 3.30pm: Pancake Party at Christ Church (see page 17).

Wednesday 22 February - Ash Wednesday

10.30am Holy Communion with Ashing at St. Peter's (see page 18)

Friday 24 February

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

Monday 27 February

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

1.30pm Craft Group at Christ Church.

Dates for March 2023

Wednesday 1 March

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

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

Friday 3 March

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

2.15pm World Day of Prayer at Mountsorrel Baptist Church.

7.00pm Pre-Marriage Course at Christ Church, Week 5 of 5 (see page 9).

Monday 6 March

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

1.30pm Craft Group at Christ Church.

Tuesday 7 March

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

Wednesday 8 March

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

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

Friday 10 March

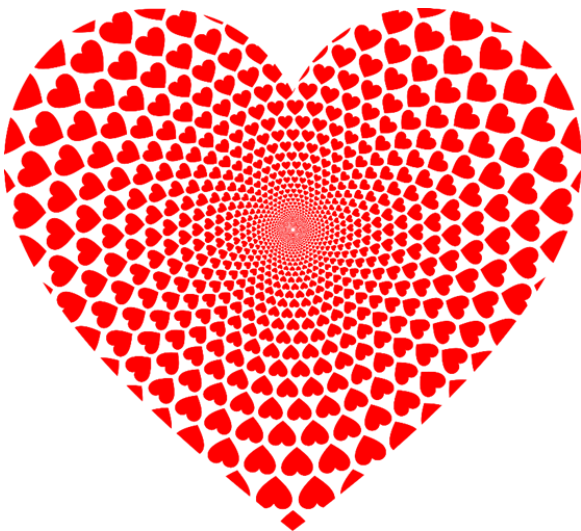
10.00am till 12 Noon: Coffee Morning at Christ Church.

Lent Project 2023

Acts of Random Kindness!

This year, our Lent Project is all about spreading love and kindness! Christchurch & St Peter's Primary School will also be joining us in this project.

We've chosen a theme for each week and will be encouraging the school children, staff and all our church congregations to take part in acts of random kindness throughout Lent. It could be as simple as smiling at someone, letting someone merge in front of you in queuing traffic, making something for someone, donating to the food bank or helping someone for nothing in return.



If you want to follow the themes as the children do, here they are...

- 1.Helping at home
- 2.Helping others
- 3.Kind words
- 4.Support a charity
- 5.Be kind to yourself

There's lots and lots of things we can all do to make a difference to other people with our kindness. It might mean giving up some time or being generous with what we have some weeks which is all very appropriate throughout Lent.

By the beginning of Lent there will be a display in each of our churches for our Lent project, along with some post-it heart stickers. Each time you come into church, stick a heart post-it onto the display for each time kindness has been shown to you and for each act of random kindness you have made. You don't need to write anything on the hearts, just stick them on to show that kindness has been shown. We hope to have 2 displays full of hearts by the end of Lent!

'The islanders showed us unusual kindness. They built a fire and welcomed us all because it was raining and cold'.

Acts 28:2

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.

As this month marks twelve months since the invasion of Ukraine lets focus our prayers on that situation.

Pray for people affected by the conflict:

- That those in Ukraine will be protected from the violence and have supplies of food and clean water.
- That the gas and electric infrastructure damaged by the conflict may be repaired.
- That refugees will find safe places to stay.
- Healing for those who are wounded or have experienced trauma.

Pray for those in leadership:

- That leaders on both sides will be filled with compassion, wisdom, calm and a desire for peace.
- That world leaders will balance responding to the injustice of the invasion with seeking ways to de-escalate tensions and restore global security.

Pray for the church:

- That the church in Ukraine, Russia and the wider region will be a voice for peace.
- That's God's power will be revealed through the church bringing a message of love and hope in the midst of darkness.

Pray for Global impact:

- For food and fuel prices to stabilise.
- That provision will be made for countries in vulnerable positions.

(Continued on next page)

Pray for Peace:

- That there will be an immediate end to the violence.
- That diplomatic solutions will be found that will lead to lasting peace.
- That people will be able to return home.
- Strength for individuals and organisations in Ukraine, Russia and the region who are working for peace.

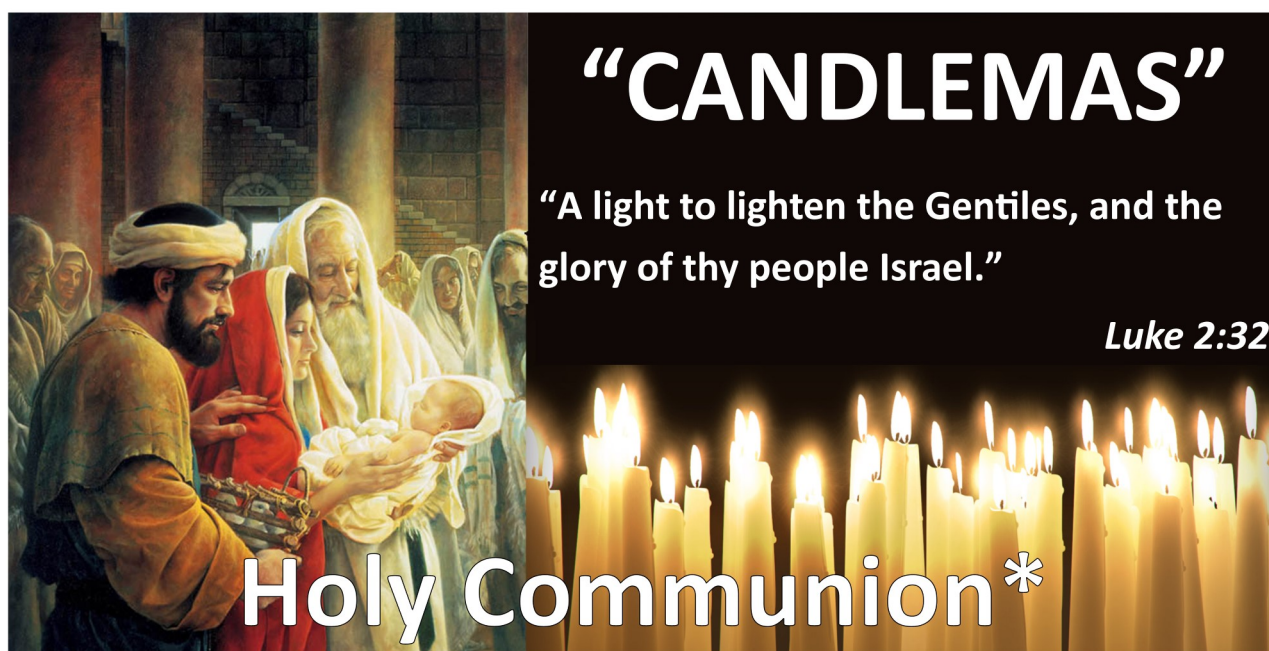
Pray continually (1Thessalonians 5:17)

Liz Resch

Mission Co-ordinator at Christ Church.

St. Peter's Church, Mountsorrel

✂ 7pm, Thursday, 2nd Feb. ✂



All Welcome

(* Book of Common Prayer)



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

27 th Jan	Communication
3 rd Feb	Conflict
10 th Feb	Commitment
17 th Feb	Connection
3 rd Mar	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 1st and Wednesday 15th February, 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.



All Age Service Sunday Worship, 8th January 2023

The 4th Wise Man



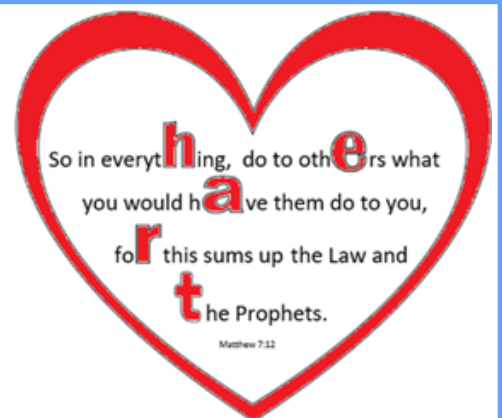
The Church was full last month for our all age service. 11 children followed a star around the Church to find hidden treasure and we listened to the story of Artaban who, like the three wise men in the song, set off to give Jesus three precious gifts of his own. Artaban though ends up travelling for years, giving his gifts away to help others. Artaban dies without ever finding Jesus; but, as he is dying, a voice tells him that "whatever you did to help others you did for me".

We all have gifts that we can give to others: time, love, patience, support, friendship, so we were invited to put drawings of ourselves alongside the 4 wise men in our stable to show that we too can look and find Jesus, helping others along the way.

Do join us for next month's all age service on the 12th February. For more information about our services please contact any one of us. Linda, Alison or Kat.



Kindness
Matthew 7:12



Sunday 5th February
4pm at Christ Church

Back after the Christmas break; crafts, fellowship and a story from the Bible.
Time to reflect, sing and pray together and of course have some fun!
This month we are looking at how we can be kind to others and to ourselves.
Everyone is welcome, so do please join us if you can.

Crib and Christmas Tree Festival 2022

This festival was arranged by Peter and Helen Hodson, we give all our thanks for their time and effort that went into organising this successful event.



A general view of the Crib and Christmas Tree Festival at Christ Church Mountsorrel on Fri 9th to Mon 12th December 2022



Christ Church & St Peter's Sunbeam's crib



Favourite School Tree

Classes 6JH Hawks and 6LJ Owls combined.



Favourite Community Tree

Mountsorrel Community Craft Project.



Nativity picture by Dirne.

[Photographs courtesy of Peter Hodson]



We would like to say a huge thank you to:

Christ Church Mountsorrel

For supporting Rainbows from their Christmas Tree festival,
raising a fantastic...

£278.41

You're helping us to support families from across the East Midlands wherever they are.

Signed: G Pamfield

Date: 10 January 2023



Registered with
FUNDRAISING
REGULATOR

Registered Charity Number: 1014051



We care for children, young people and families in the East Midlands – wherever they are.
Hospice | Hospital | Home

Mrs J Doyle
Christ Church Mountsorrel

Our Ref: 0064507

10 January 2023

Dear Mrs Doyle,

Thank you so much for your fantastic donation of £278.41, raised from your Christmas Tree Festival at Christ Church Mountsorrel. Thank you for choosing to support Rainbows from your event, we really do appreciate it.

Your support is helping to brighten short lives, across the East Midlands, while ensuring we can continue to be here for children, like Orla.

During a pregnancy scan it was found that Orla had Hydrocephalus - a build-up of fluid on the brain. Now aged three, Orla suffers from frequent seizures, which is a constant worry for her mummy, Laura. Laura recently told us the support she gets from Rainbows is invaluable.

"We were put in touch with Rainbows right at the beginning as they sourced a special car seat, that enabled Orla to lie down, to transport her home from hospital," said Laura.

"Rainbows helped out right from the start. They helped us to leave hospital and they are still part of our story now.

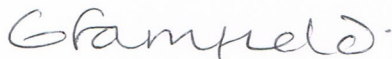
"When I first looked around I was really nervous and didn't know what to expect. I thought it would be a really sad place. But it was amazing. The staff go above and beyond and look after the whole family, which is lovely."

It's because of your support that we can be here for families like Orla's, helping them to create precious memories and spend time together as a family.

If you'd like us to come and visit you at church to give an update on the work of Rainbows, please do get in touch and we'll be happy to arrange this.

Thank you once again to everyone involved for your support.

With very best wishes



Gary Farnfield
Community Fundraiser

Your details will only be used by us. You can change the way that you hear from us at any time by emailing supportercare@rainbows.co.uk or calling 01509 638 049. To find out more about how we collect, use and store your personal information, please read our privacy policy at <https://www.rainbows.co.uk/about-rainbows/charity-information/privacy-policy>

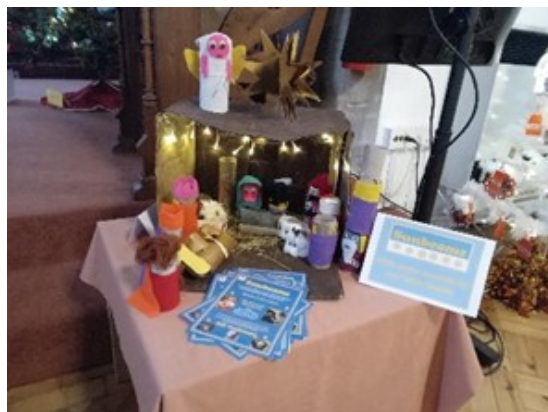
General enquiries:
Reception tel: 01509 638 000
Email: administration@rainbows.co.uk

Fundraising enquiries:
Fundraising tel: 0800 952 1133
Email: fundraising@rainbows.co.uk

Rainbows is registered in England and Wales as Cope Children's Trust
Registration Number: 2743297 Registered Charity Number: 1014051
Registered Office: Lark Rise, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 2HS

Sunbeams news

Sunbeams Sunbeams had an extended break over Christmas due to the Christmas Tree Festival and school holidays, we all enjoyed creating a crib scene for the Christmas Tree Festival and were delighted to find out our crib was voted the favourite! Everyone enjoyed our Christmas party in December and some of our Sunbeams came to our film morning during the school holidays.



In January we have been thinking about people we meet, starting with welcoming Jesus as we heard the story of Anna & Simeon meeting Jesus at the temple – we hope you like our ‘Welcome Jesus’ picture on our display board.

We’ve also thought about doctors, nurses & healthcare workers when we heard the story of the good Samaritan; farmers with the story of Adam the first farmer; and post people with a story about St Paul and his letters.

We’ve enjoyed lots of playing and crafts have included collage, planting seeds to make cress/grass heads and wrapping parcels!

Under 5’s with their parents/carers are all welcome at Sunbeams.

Alison



Friday 3rd March 2023

World Day of Prayer
England, Wales & Northern Ireland

‘I have heard about your faith’

2.15pm at Mountsorrel Baptist Church

All Welcome



Fear and Faithfulness.

All Age Service Sunday Worship, 12th February @ 11.00am

We'll be exploring God's provisions for us and how we should trust him to provide for our daily needs.

Christingle 2022



It was wonderful to have a full church on Christmas Eve for our Christingle service. We sang all our favourite Christingle songs and thought about Jesus, Light of the World and how we should sparkle in the world!



A huge thank you to Waitrose, Mountsorrel for donating 150 oranges for our service.

And another huge thank you to everyone who helped make the Christingles on the Friday at Coffee Morning!



At Muddy Church in January, we thought about the year ahead and made journey sticks. We wrapped different coloured wool around sticks we had found with each colour representing one of our hopes for 2023.

We toasted crumpets on the fire and enjoyed these with hot chocolate before melting marshmallows and making s'mores for pudding!

All are welcome to join us for Muddy Church on the third weekend of each month, 4pm on Saturdays for about an hour.

Our next Muddy Church is on Saturday 18th February at 4pm

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party

**Board
Games**



**Craft
Table**

**21st February 2023
at Christ Church 1.30pm to 3.30pm**

To help with catering please book FREE tickets on
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pancake-party-tickets-522029352847>



Youth Update!



Last month saw the start of our listening lunches at Rawlins Academy for the year 7s. over the next few weeks we will be gathering together to discuss various themes such as friendship, identity and influences on our lives. Please remember us in your prayers as we meet during Thursday lunch time.

Take care,

Kat Jenkins

Youth Worker

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

Phone: 07857964330

Email: Kat.Jenkins@mountsorrelchurch.org



**St. Peter's Church
Mountsorrel**

**Holy Communion
with Ashing**

**ASH
WEDNESDAY
22nd February
10.30am**

**All
Welcome**

(* Book of Common Prayer)



Musical Fellowship

Wednesday 8th February @ 7pm
at Christ Church

Everyone is welcome to join us
to sing, to play or to just listen.



Saturday 4th February 2023

Thorpe Acre Church

Loughborough

LE11 4LF

7.30 pm

Admission £7

Payable by cash or card



Sunbeams



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



Mondays 9.30-11.30am
Christ Church, Mountsorrel

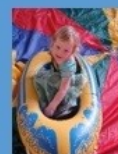
Play, Refreshments, Bible story, Craft,
Singing & Prayer.



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

Currently, we are short of tinned meat (ham, spam, corned beef) and main meal tins like stews, curry, big soups 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>

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

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

Christ Church and St Peter's – Contact Information

Ministry Team:

Priest in Charge, Revd Colin Resch

4 Rothley Road, Mountsorrel, Loughborough, LE12 7JU

0116 429 9946

revcolinresch@mountsorrelchurch.org

Day off: Monday

Reader, Mrs Helen Hodson, 0116 2303828

Reader, Mr Edmund Stacey, 01509 214802

Children and Families' Workers:

Alison White, alison.white@mountsorrelchurch.org

Mobile: 07305 664 009

Linda Vesty, linda.vesty@mountsorrelchurch.org

Mobile: 07488 330 893

Benefice Youth Worker:

Kat Jenkins, kat.jenkins@mountsorrelchurch.org

Mobile: 07857 964 330

Benefice Safeguarding Officer:

Melanie Rowley, 0116 412 5870, melanierowleypso@gmail.com

Christ Church Contacts:

Assistant Warden & PCC Secretary, Mr Peter Hodson, 0116 230 3828

Assistant Warden, Mrs Veronica Liquorish, vpl1947@virginmedia.com

St. Peter's Church Contacts:

Warden & PCC Secretary, Mr David Bird, 0116 2303095

Warden, Mr David Owen, 07854 623 916, davidwowen@hotmail.co.uk

Administration:

Treasurer & Bower Room Bookings' Contact

Mrs Val Doyle, 0116 237 5623, valjdoyle@hotmail.com

Parish Administrator & Newsletter Editor

Mr Paul Rowley (part time) admin@mountsorrelstpeters.org

*(Copy date for the next newsletter is Sunday 12th February, but
if items are ready, please send earlier)*