

Church News

April 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
Saturday 1 April	6.30pm	Evening Prayer With Bishop Martyn	Christ Church
Sunday 2 April Palm Sunday	9.30am	Matins*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Fun@4 and Youth@4	Christ Church
Thursday 6 April Maundy Thursday	7.00pm	Passover Meal	Christ Church
Friday 7 April Good Friday	10.00am	Family Worship	St. Peter's
	11.30am	CTiM Prayers at The Cross	Castle Hill
	2.00pm	An hour before The Cross	St. Peter's
Sunday 9 April Easter Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Baptism, Confirmation & Communion with Bishop Saju	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Senior Sunday	St. Peter's
Saturday 15 April	4.00pm	Muddy Church	Vicarage Orchard
Sunday 16 April	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
	6.00pm	Evensong* followed by the APCM	St. Peter's
Sunday 23 April	9.30am	All Age Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Morning Prayer followed by the APCM	Christ Church
Sunday 30 April	10.30am	CTiM Joint Service	Baptist Church
	6.00pm	Evensong*	St. Peter's
Sunday 7 May	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*

Not Everything is Better Online

Many things that used to take time to achieve can now be accomplished online in a fraction of the time. For example, I recently applied to renew my passport. The process was incredibly simple, completed with a photo taken on my mobile phone. There was no need to queue at the post office to get the correct form, no need to talk to anyone, no need to wait for the photo-booth to process and print my photo, no need to find someone to countersign the photo, no need to get the form double-checked at the post office. It was, in short, a very simple process.

Even the art of letter writing has taken on new levels with the introduction of AI (artificial intelligence) Chat Bots. Have you ever wondered what this letter might look like if produced by a ChatBot? Well, apparently, something like this:

[As we approach the month of April, we are reminded of the significance of this time in the Christian calendar. April is the month of Easter, and it culminates with the celebration of Resurrection Sunday on April 16th. We are excited to celebrate the hope and promise of new life that this day represents. We invite you to join us for our special Resurrection Sunday service on April 16th at [time]. We will have a powerful message of hope and joy, as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.]

It begins so well, but then it is obvious that the ChatBot can't distinguish between our date of Easter and that of the Orthodox Church; and it doesn't spell in an English way. Those are minor details, but more importantly it seems to be lacking warmth and connection. You'll probably be pleased to know that I won't be resorting to ChatBots to write my personal message to you each month.

As Church, we are a gathered people. Yes, it is possible to watch a Church service online – and we certainly did our fair chunk of that during the Covid lockdown – but it is still not the same being present with others as we worship the living God. In Church we sit, stand, kneel, recite our responses, sing, pray, listen, learn, commune and celebrate TOGETHER. We come whether we are feeling happy or sad, when we are sick and when we are well, when life is going well or when it's all gone wrong. Together we gather with fellow disciples of Jesus. We gather because where even two or three are gathered together,

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Jesus promises to be there. We gather because He calls us to do so. And in that place of gathering we find love, healing and acceptance.

So do look at our list of Events and services for this month and join us for some, or all, of them. I can't promise that the Easter Day sermon (on 9th April by the way) will be a 'powerful message of hope and joy'. I hope it is. But I can promise that if we gather, Jesus will be there. Because the good news of Easter – the powerful message of hope and joy, if you like – is that Jesus is alive.

With every blessing,

Colin Resch

Diary Dates

Saturday 1 April

5.30pm Bishop Martyn's Pilgrimage in Mountsorrel (see page 8).

Thursday 6 April - Maundy Thursday

11.00am Chrism Eucharist (see page 9).

7.00pm Passover Meal at Christ Church (see page 14).

Friday 7 April - Good Friday

10.00am Family Worship at St. Peter's (see page 15).

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

11.30am CTiM Prayers at the Cross at Castle Hill (see page 8).

2.00pm An Hour before the Cross at St. Peter's (see page 15).

Friday 14 April

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

Saturday 15 April

4.00pm Muddy Church in the Vicarage Orchard.

Monday 17 April

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

Wednesday 19 April

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

10.00am Beyond the Bump at Christ Church (see page 13).

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Dates for April (cont'd)

Thursday 20 April

10.00am Startrite at Christ Church (1/8)

Friday 21 April

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

Monday 24 April

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

Wednesday 26 April

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

10.00am Beyond the Bump at Christ Church (see page 13).

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

7.00pm Musical Fellowship Group at Christ Church (see page 12).

7.00pm Fellowship Group at The Vicarage and Online (see page 8).

Thursday 27 April

10.00am Startrite at Christ Church (2/8)

Friday 28 April

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

Dates for May 2023

Wednesday 3 May

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

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

Thursday 4 May

10.00am Startrite at Christ Church (3/8)

Friday 5 May

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

Tuesday 9 May

7.00pm CTim Meeting at the Baptist Church.

Wednesday 10 May

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

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

7.00pm Fellowship Group at The Vicarage and Online (see page 8).

Thursday 11 May

10.00am Startrite at Christ Church (4/8)

Friday 12 May

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

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:

Open Doors :

- Pray for all Christians around the world who will not be able to celebrate Easter openly.
- Pray for all those persecuted for changing from Islam to Christianity.
- Pray for Women in Afghanistan who are no longer able to work due to new restrictions.
- Pray for the release of Church Leaders in Nicaragua, who have been detained due to their opposition to the president.
- Thank God for the rescue of 66 women and children abducted by jihadists in January in Burkina Faso.

World Vision :

- Pray for Children in Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Middle East who do not know where their next meal is coming from.
- Pray for the 82 million people living in refugee or displacement camps or away from home due to conflict.
- Pray for protection for those fleeing conflict from trafficking gangs and exploitation.
- Pray for all those affected by the world's changing climate – rising sea levels, droughts, monsoons and changing seasons.
- Pray for children in Latin America who are especially vulnerable to trafficking, drug gangs and sexual exploitation.

St Peter's Church & Christ Church :

- Pray for those being baptised and confirmed on Easter Sunday.

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- Pray for our Priest Colin, our Readers Helen & Edmund, Mel our Assistant Minister in training and Val, our treasurer.
- Pray for David & David the Churchwardens at St Peters.
- Pray for the work being done by Alison & Linda, our Children & Family Workers.
- Pray for the work being done by Kat, our Youth Worker.
- Pray for the relationships being built with families, children & young people.
- Pray for the work being undertaken with our primary school and Rawlins Academy.
- Pray for our APCM's taking place later this month.
- Pray for people to volunteer to take on rolls within our churches.
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Pray continually (1Thessalonians 5:17)

Liz Resch

Mission Co-ordinator at Christ Church.

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 on 10th and 17th to 21st
April Inclusive, 1st and 8th May.**



Diocese of
Leicester
Shaped by God

Bishop Martyn's Lent Pilgrimage will be passing through the Mountsorrel parishes on Saturday 1st April and it would be fantastic if a good number of us were able to walk with him as he journeys. He will be leaving Quorn at 4.45pm and I suggest that we gather at 5pm on the parish boundary (Betty Henser's Lane - by the Chinese takeaway) and accompany him to St Peter's Church where he will stop to pray. He will then walk to Christ Church for refreshments at 6pm and afterwards he will lead a short service of Evening Prayer at 6.30pm.

This will be Bishop Martyn's first visit to the Mountsorrel Churches, so let's make him feel welcome.

Revd. Colin Resch

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 26th April and Wednesday 10th May, 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.



Forthcoming Joint Services

Friday 7th April

11.30am - Prayers at the Cross at Castle Hill.

Sunday 30th April

10.30am - At the Baptist Church.



Chrism Eucharist

Diocesan ('Chrism') Eucharist on Maundy Thursday 6 April 2023 at 11am at St James the Greater, London Road, Leicester LE2 1NE.

We very much look forward to seeing you on Maundy Thursday as deacons, priests and bishops as we gather to renew our ordination vows. This service is open to anyone, so please do extend a warm welcome to others, including church officers and lay ministers.

This service provides the opportunity for us to express something of what it means to be 'The Diocese' as we come together before God as members of the body of Christ, and it is my expectation and hope that all licensed clergy will be present (while being aware that a midweek morning is not an easy time for chaplains and those in secular employment). Clergy with PTO are also very welcome to attend.

In this service, we are affirming our relationship to one another as ordained ministers, so I would be glad if you would all robe, as we express our solidarity with one another. Robing will be in the Under Croft of St James the Greater. The 'dress code' is alb and white stole, but cassock, surplice and scarf are also acceptable. All Readers are welcome to attend and robe in cassock, surplice and blue scarf. Please make sure you are robed by 10.40am at the latest.

During this service, we will also bless the oils for use in ordination, initiation and healing. Oils will be available for collection in the church after the service so please bring empty, suitable containers with you.

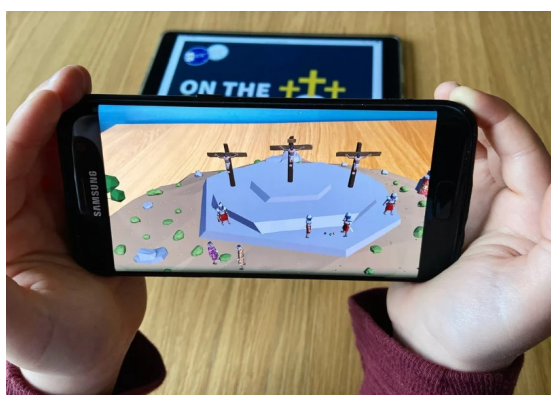
In order to help with numbers, seating and catering, would you please book using the following Eventbrite link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/chrism-eucharist-on-maundy-thursday-tickets-564911995987> When you register on Eventbrite, there are some details there about trains, buses and details of the Victoria Park car park nearby. If driving, do try and car share with others.

The service will not be lived streamed but will hopefully be made available as a video afterwards for those who are unable to be there.

News From the Church Councils

At a joint meeting of the Church Councils of both Christ Church and St Peter's Church, we decided that we would like to raise some funds for two particular situations.

First, most of you will be aware that Mel Rowley has been training to be an Associate Minister in the Church of England. She has now finished her training and is due to be licensed for her work in our parishes by the Bishop during a special service on 20th May at St Margaret's Church, Leicester beginning at 3pm. Everyone is invited to attend the service and show her our support. We would like to give Mel a set of robes to wear for funerals, for services at St Peter's and on other formal occasions. These robes are quite expensive to buy so if you would like to contribute towards this gift, you can do so online by visiting mountsorrelchurch.org/mel or by placing your cash donation in an envelope clearly marked 'Mel's Robes' and place it in the offering at Church when you next visit.



Secondly, Our Children & Family Workers and our Youth Workers have explored the possibility of purchasing some computer tablets for use with some Augmented Reality software produced by Missional Generation in conjunction with New Wine. Young people today are used to receiving information digitally and the software that we've seen will allow them to experience God's word in ways that are familiar to them whilst also helping them on their spiritual journey. The equipment and software will cost in the region of £1,500 and we are looking for donations to help pay for it. If you would like to make a donation towards this exciting project, you can do so online by visiting mountsorrelchurch.org/ar or by placing your cash donation in an envelope clearly marked 'augmented reality' and place it in the offering at Church when you next visit.



At our All Age Service in March we celebrated being part of not only our Christ Church Family but of God's Family. We put together a jigsaw to show that no matter how different we look, or what shape we are, we all fit together. We even had a few pieces left to show there is room for whoever wants to join us.

Over the past few weeks I have been collecting thumb prints, or drawings, or names of our Christ Church Family and these will be put together to make a wall hanging. If you have not had chance to do a thumb print, and you would like to, we can add as we go along, so do please talk to me.

We played Kim's game which highlighted how much easier it is if we work together rather than on our own and looked at five things that make a Church Family special: Teamwork and togetherness, Love for one another, Teaching and encouraging, Service to others and Faithful witness. Linda.



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



Fun@4

Holy Week

John 12:12-19 and
Matthew 26:17-28:20

**Sunday 2nd April
4pm @ Christ Church**

**“I am the resurrection and the life.
The one who believes in me will
live even though they die;”**

John 11:25



Musical Fellowship

Wednesday 26th April @ 7pm
at Christ Church

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



Beyond the Bump



A post-natal support group for new mums



A 5 week course looking at topics such as:

- Sleeping
- Bonding
- Play & development
- Weaning
- Birth stories
- Anything you want to talk about

Come and meet other new mums in a supportive environment, enjoy warm drinks and biscuits, and a listening ear from mum's who have got through the new-born stage

How do I take care of myself with the demands of my baby?!

Am I the only mum who feels this way?

Dates of next course:

Wednesday 19th April

Wednesday 26th April

Wednesday 3rd May

Wednesday 10th May

Wednesday 17th May

Each session starts at 10am until around 11.30am

At Christ Church, Rothley Road, Mountsorrel

Contact Alison White to book a place on the course;
07305 664009 or alison.white@mountsorrelchurch.org

This group is being run by the church for the community, there is no Christian or religious content in this group. Alison & Katherine who will run the group are qualified Early Years Practitioners

Passover Fellowship Meal

Maundy Thursday, 7pm

This year, we will be celebrating a Passover Meal on Maundy Thursday (6th April) at Christ Church for members of our three Churches – St Peter's, Christ Church & St Leonard's.

Those who came last time found it to be a wonderful occasion. Based on the traditional Jewish Passover Meal, we journey back to the time of Jesus and see how he might have celebrated the last supper with his disciples. The main course of the meal is traditionally roasted lamb so not suitable for vegetarians (a vegetarian option will be available by prior request).



We start at 7pm and enjoy a wonderful evening of fellowship and food together. To ensure that we prepare sufficient food, it is essential that you book a ticket through our website mountsorrelchurch.org/passover . Wine forms a central part of the meal too so please do not drive unless you have to (although we will have a non-alcoholic alternative available).

We will need help with preparing the food so please contact Colin Resch if you would be willing to serve in this way.

Good Friday Family Worship St Peter's Church, Friday 7th April @10am



Followed by
refreshments with hot
cross buns.

All are welcome

Join us for a short interactive service suitable for all ages to mark Good Friday. We will hear the story, sing a song, join in a prayer activity and make our Easter garden.



An Hour Before The Cross

Friday 7th April at
2:00pm

St Peter's Church



Good Friday

By

Christina Rossetti

Am I a stone, and not a sheep,
That I can stand, O Christ, beneath Thy cross,
To number drop by drop Thy blood's slow loss,
And yet not weep?

Not so those women loved
Who with exceeding grief lamented Thee;
Not so fallen Peter, weeping bitterly;
Not so the thief was moved;

Not so the Sun and Moon
Which hid their faces in a starless sky,
A horror of great darkness at broad noon –
I, only I.

Yet give not o'er,
But seek Thy sheep, true Shepherd of the flock;
Greater than Moses, turn and look once more
And smite a rock.

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 9.30-11.30am
Christ Church, Mountsorrel

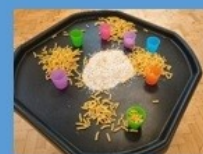
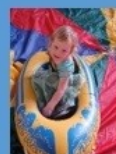
Play, Refreshments, Bible story, Craft,
Singing & Prayer.



Contact alison.white@mountsorrelchurch.org

or search for 'Sunbeams Mountsorrel' group on Facebook

All welcome



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>



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 Sunday 24th April, but
if items are ready, please send earlier)*