Church News

March 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 5 March	9.30am	Matins*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Fun@4 and Youth@4	Christ Church
Sunday 12 March	9.30am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	All Age Worship	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Senior Sunday	St. Peter's
Saturday 18 March	4.00pm	Muddy Church	Vicarage Orchard
Sunday 19 March	11.00am	Café Church	Christ Church
	6.00pm	Evensong*	St. Peter's
Saturday 25 March The Annunciation	10.00am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
Sunday 26 March	9.30am	All Age Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	Christ Church
Sunday 2 April	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

Is Commitment a dirty word?

In an age when we often do not think twice about signing an 18-24 month phone contract, why is it that membership of clubs and associations is at an all time low? Has commitment become something of a dirty word?

We are happy to sign up to something — even make a substantial regular financial commitment — if we can see how it will benefit us (such as a new phone contract). Maybe in our parents' or grandparents' generation they were signing up to commit to a cause — such as community club, union or sports association — knowing that their financial contribution would assist that cause or charity; but in our generation we often make our financial contribution, asking the question, 'what will I get in return?' Times are tough and we want to make the most of our hard-earned cash.

Many clubs and charities (local church included) have not been very good at communicating the benefits of their 'cause' and, as a result, have lost membership and the benefits that come from members time, talents and money.

It is that time of year when we revise our Church membership list (known as the Church Electoral Roll). The names of those who have died are removed along with those who have moved away; new congregants and parishioners are invited to join. Will your name be on the list? What is the point, why bother? What does the Church offer in return?

I'm not sure that I can summarise the 'cause' of the Church in just a few paragraphs – it's much too complex for that; but I will draw your attention to two scriptures and encourage you to prayerfully dwell upon them to see if they give an explanation:

- "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5.8)
- Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10.10)

That is reason enough for me to commit, but what about you?

With every blessing,



Diary Dates

Wednesday 1 March

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

10.00am CTiM Lent Course at the Baptist Church, Week 1 of 5.

Friday 3 March

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

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 Church.

Wednesday 8 March

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

10.00am CTiM Lent Course at the Baptist Church, Week 2 of 5.

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

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

Friday 10 March

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

Monday 13 March

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

1.30pm Craft Group at Christ Church.

Tuesday 14 March

7.30pm Just4Ladies at the Vicarage or online (see page 19).

Wednesday 15 March

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

10.00am CTiM Lent Course at the Baptist Church, Week 3 of 5.

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

7.00pm Musical Fellowship at Christ Church (see page 7).

Friday 17 March

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

Saturday 18 March

4.00pm Muddy Church in the Vicarage Orchard (see page 16).

Monday 20 March

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

1.30pm Craft Group at Christ Church.

Diary Dates for March (cont'd)

Wednesday 22 March

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

10.00am CTiM Lent Course at the Baptist Church, Week 4 of 5.

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

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

Friday 24 March

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

Saturday 25 March

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Peter's Church (see page 15).

Afternoon Spring Cleaning at St. Peter's Church (see page 16).

Monday 27 March

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

1.30pm Craft Group at Christ Church.

Wednesday 29 March

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

10.00am CTiM Lent Course at the Baptist Church, Week 5 of 5.

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

Friday 31 March

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

Dates for April 2023

Monday 3 April

1.30pm Craft Group at Christ Church.

Thursday 6 April

11.00am Chrism Eucharist

7.00pm Passover Meal at Christ Church.

Friday 7 April - Good Friday

10.00am Family Celebration at St. Peter's Church.

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

2.00pm An Hour before the cross at St. Peter's 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 Charites we support and their work throughout the world:

The Earthquake in Turkey & Syria:

- Pray for all those who have lost loved ones or have been injured.
- Pray for all those who have lost their homes and all their processions.
- Pray for the doctors and nurses continuing to treat the injured.
- Pray for protection against outbreaks of other diseases due to the conditions.
- Pray for clean water and good sanitation to be available
- Pray for all the aid agencies and charities that are providing on going help and support to those affected.
- Pray for the churches in the affected areas to be beacons of light
- Pray for aid and help to get to those affected in Syria.

Climate Change:

- Pray for those areas were the harvest is ruined by drought or too much rainfall.
- Pray for those who are losing their homes to rising sea levels.
- Pray that those in leadership will make the hard decisions necessary to protect our planet.
- Pray that we all become more aware of the impact our actions have on not just those around us but on our global neighbours.
- Pray that the resources we have as a global family will be stewarded well so that everyone has enough.

Mountsorrel:

Pray for the business in our village to thrive.

- Pray for our primary school, all the pupils, teachers and support staff.
- Pray for the Lent Project to produce many acts of kindness.
- Pray for our Parish Councillors to have wisdom as they make decisions that affect us all.

Pray continually (1Thessalonians 5:17)

Liz Resch

Mission Co-ordinator at Christ Church.



Musical Fellowship

Wednesday 15th March, 7pm, at Christ Church

Everyone, whether musician, singer or listener, is welcome to come along. Last month Hannah joined us for the first time, we had two guitars, one ukulele, one flute and piano. I would love to say what a talented lot we are, but some of us just aren't! But what we lack in talent we make up in enthusiasm. We sing a mixture of songs and mostly to the same tune. It's a relaxing and fun evening; even more so when Edmund sings a verse or two of well known songs, but using the words his Grandfather taught him.

Línda





P.S Not all songs are sung in the Key of Linda!

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 8th and Wednesday 22nd March, 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.



This year we will be having a single Lent Group on the 5 Wednesday Mornings. (1st,8th,15th,22nd & 29th March)

We will be meeting at the Baptist Church for these Meetings (10am — 11:45am) This will include refreshments at the beginning.

Rather than purchasing and going through Lent Courses I have adapted some Readings and Thoughts from Lukes Gospel which I wrote during lockdown.

It covers each Day in Easter week after Palm Sunday. There are in fact 6 Studies, including Easter Saturday, and that can by used by us personally.

The material will be given out at each Wednesday in Lent when people arrive. It will include an opening activity, Bible Reading and reflection. Discussion and Prayer in small groups.

God Bless,

Anthony

(Pastor, Mounstorrel Baptist Church)

Long Service Award Given

Back when our late Queen was newly crowned, the Reverend John Hamlet, then vicar of Christ Church, asked one of the Church teenagers if he would consider taking on the role of Verger. After prayerful consideration the invitation was accepted and, on Sunday 18 January 1953, Brian Allard became verger at Christ Church - a role he still holds to this day. Since then, he has welcomed a further five incumbents to the Church including myself. Poor health has prevented him from being present in Church for much of the last twelve months, but we did not want this moment to pass without giving due thanks to Brian for his amazing and faithful service to the Church these last 70 years. So during one of our services, the congregation celebrated this milestone with balloons and a photo opportunity as we 'presented' him with a Long Service Award. I was then able to take this to him along with photos of the event. I think it is fair to say he was somewhat surprised and taken aback. The certificate is now proudly on display and I am told that quite a few of the carers have made reference to it.





Thank you Brian,

you are an example to us all.

Revd. Colin Resch





All Age Service Sunday Worship, 11am, Sunday 12th March 2023

Our Church Family

"Church is not an organisation you join; it is a family where you belong, a home where you are loved and a hospital where you find healing."

Nicky Gumbel

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, contact either Alison, Linda or Kat:

Alison.White@mountsorrelchurch.org Linda.Vesty@mountsorrelchurch.org Kat.Jenkins@mountsorrelchurch.org



Sunday 5th March 4pm @ Christ Church

Don't just count your blessings, be the blessing that other people count on!





Fun@4 in February was based on the simple message Jesus gave to us all:

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.... Matthew 7:12

Our session was also tied into this year's Lent Appeal—more of which later from Alison—being kind and helpful.

The children made their own tea, which anyone who has made tea for Fun@4 will know just how helpful that was; although one child, who will remain nameless, but threw quite a tizzy about having to make their own sandwiches!

The children chose a charity and wrote a prayer thanking God for the work they do, which were then read out during our celebration time. They made words up from lots of 'scrabble' letters about being kind and on the quiet table they helped build bridges, something a lot of us perhaps should think about doing. But the most popular activity was being led around the obstacle course blindfolded. It is so good to see parents join in with the activities and one dad not only helped a couple of children go around, but did it himself.

Next month - 5th March we are really short of help, so if you can spend a couple of hours helping out that would be much appreciated.





All Age Holy Communion at St Peter's Church



It was wonderful to join together with all the churches in Mountsorrel for our January service as part of the week of prayer for Christian Unity.

Our bible focus was John chapter 17 – Jesus prays for all believers, which speaks of complete unity.

We had fun creating a unique percussion piece using instruments, clapping and our voices and thought about how we all worked together to create each pattern of sound we made.

For our prayers, we used beads to represent each prayer and threaded these as we prayed for Christians around the world, in our nation and our local community.

All are welcome to All Age Holy Communion on the fourth Sunday of each month.

Alison

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.





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. More accurate timings

will be published on our website in due course, but he is likely to enter St Peter's parish from Quorn at about 5.30pm and I'am hoping that a crowd of us will meet him 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 where 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



School Lunchtime Club



After a few weeks of planning, the children led Collective Worship again at the end of January.

Our theme was 'Giving & Receiving' and the children used the film 'The Lion King' to demonstrate this — Pumba and Timon share all they have with Simba and later on Simba rescues Pumba from another lion who was trying to eat him!

They then acted out the bible story – The Feeding of the 5000, including all the children in the assembly as the huge crowds!

We thought about trusting God and all enjoyed singing Hakuna Matata from The Lion King; the leading children led a prayer that they had written and then left everyone with a challenge – to be fantastic sharers at home and school!

Due to several requests, our lunchtime club will now be open to children from year 4 as well as years 5 & 6.

Alison

Sunbeams news

Sunbeams have continued to have lots of fun on our theme of 'people we meet'. We've played at shops, post offices and looking after babies in our imaginary play.

Lentil play was a very popular messy/sensory activity as was bread dough!

Crafts have included desert sand pictures and planting seeds and as always we've enjoyed lots of singing with our story time.



Parents/carers with children under 5 years are welcome to join us at Sunbeams, Monday mornings 9.30-11.30am during term time.

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

Alison







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





St. Peter's Church Saturday 25th March 10.00am



The Annunciation Holy Communion* All Welcome

(* Book of Common Prayer)



For our all age service on the 12th February, the topic was 'fear and Faithfulness'. During the service we thought about how God provides for us each and every day and created some beautiful daisy chain prayers inspired by our reading from Matthew 6:25-34. We thanked God for all of the good gifts we had been given and wrote these on the flowers. These have all been put together to create a banner for Christ Church, but there is still room to add more flowers. If you would like to add a flower thanking God for something or you receive an answer to prayer which you want to give thanks for please speak to Kat and she will



give you everything you need to make your flower.





Muddy Church is still going strong! Last month Darren Walker and friends from his Churches visited, in the hope that they can start something similar in their benefice, and if you have a look at Diomail vou should see an article about us there too.



In February we looked at being loved, even though most of us hadn't received a valentine's card! About how God loves

each and every one of us, no matter what. We made hearts out of willow branches and cooked sausages on our new sausage grill. We sang some songs and whilst playing the guitar an impromptu percussion section started up, which was lovely.

Muddy Church is a relaxed, less structured way of being Church and everyone is welcome. Our next session is Saturday 18th March 4pm.



Spring Cleaning at St Peter's Church



There will be a Spring Cleaning afternoon at St Peter's Church on 25th March. Following the service of Holy Communion at 10am, you are invited to stay for a bring and share lunch (or bring your own packed lunch) before joining us for a Spring Clean of the Church. We are hoping to have a major clear out of all the bits and pieces that have accumulated over the years that are no longer required as well as clean the parts of the Church that are not cleaned as part of our regular weekly clean. We would ask that if you have any personal possessions in the Church, that these are removed prior to the Spring Clean so that they are not cleared out with other items.



Youth Update!



The Listening Lunches have been going really well at Rawlins and we have been getting around 20-25 year 7s coming on a Thursday lunchtime. We had a time of prayer for Turkey and Syria which opened up some great conversations around prayer and how they felt knowing that so many people had died and lost their homes.

Please pray that these conversations will start to build relationships and open up opportunities for more young people to engage with church.

Our Mid-week Chill continues and this month we have got creative making some bugs and got active making use of our new badminton set. After Easter we will be opening up the group to our year 6s to support the transition over the summer up to secondary school. If you want any more details please speak to Kat or Linda.

Please pray that this group grows and is able to provide a welcoming space for young people where they feel comfortable to discuss life's big issues and how faith may play a part in these.

(Please note there is no meeting on the Wednesday 1st March)

After a wonderful craft night at Christmas, I will be organising a craft evening for Easter on 31st March starting at 7pm. This will be suitable for older children, teens and adults (children under 12 will need to be accompanied by an adult and those aged 12-18 will need to complete a parental consent form if attending without an adult).

We will have a selection of things to make on the night as well as a guided activity. As with all of our other events, please pre-book via:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/easter-craft-evening-tickets-560472657807

or by speaking to Kat.

Take care,

Kat Jenkins

Youth Worker

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

Phone: 07857964330

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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.



come along and learn about

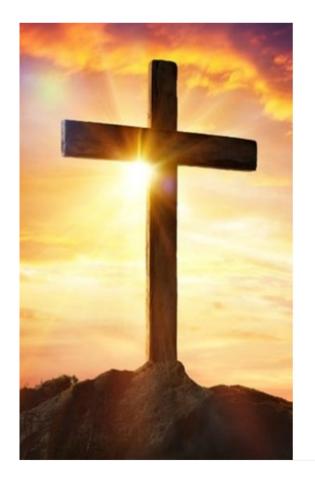
Leah & Rachel

Date: Tuesday 14th March 2023

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: The Vicarage or Online

Zoom ID: 832 1367 6029 Zoom Password: 100634



An Hour Before The Cross

Friday 7th April at 2:00pm

St Peter's Church







Meet at Christ Church

1:30 - 3:30pm at Christ Church Every Monday Except Bank Holidays New members

Ane 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



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



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(Copy date for the next newsletter is Sunday 19th March, but if items are ready, please send earlier)