

# Church News

May 2023



## Christ Church

Rothley Road  
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## St Peter's Church

Market Place  
Mountsorrel  
LE12 7BA

## Services at Christ Church & St. Peter's Church

Date	Time	Service	Venue
Sunday 7 May	9.30am	Matins*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Fun@4 and Youth@4	Christ Church
Sunday 14 May	10.00am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	All Age Worship	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Senior Sunday	St. Peter's
Thursday 18 May <b>Ascension Day</b>	7.00pm	Holy Communion* Followed by bring & share supper	St. Peter's
Saturday 20 May	3.00pm	Mel Rowley's Licencing Service.	St. Margaret's Church. Leicester
	4.00pm	Muddy Church	Vicarage Orchard
	8.30pm	Compline	St. Peter's
Sunday 21 May	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
	6.00pm	Evensong*	St. Peter's
	8.30pm	Compline	St. Peter's
Sunday 28 May <b>Pentecost</b>	9.30am	All Age Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
Sunday 4 June	9.30am	Holy Communion*	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*



**Compline Service at St. Peter's Church**  
 8.30pm, Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> to Sat 27<sup>th</sup>  
 May Inclusive.  
*The peace of all peace  
 be yours this night*

# Long live the king!

The coronation of King Charles III on Saturday 6th May will be a unique occasion. We have never had such a long time between the successive coronations of a British monarch. What will make this event unique is the fact that most of those taking part in the proceedings were not alive when the last one took place. Memories of those who were witnesses to our late Queen's coronation have begun to fade and the details are, perhaps, a little short on the actual details.

And so, the rite is renewed afresh for our generation. The new king will have his say, the Archbishop of Canterbury his; other officials will add their two penn'orth. Of course the media will want a say too. Out of it all will arise a ceremony that will be unique to our king and our generation.

St Paul, writing to the Roman Church, reminds us that all earthly authorities – yes even the bad ones (this is more trickier to explain and may require an entire theological tome to be written) – have been established by God. Here's how he put it:

*“Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.” Romans 13.1-2*

When the Israelites settled in the promised land, they asked Samuel the prophet to appoint a king to rule over them. This request was distressing to Samuel, because in asking for a king, they were rejecting God as their King: *“But when they said, ‘Give us a king to lead us,’ this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the Lord. And the Lord told him: ‘Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king.’” 1 Samuel 8.6-7*

So, King Charles III will be crowned king on 6th May, but let us not, in celebrating with him, reject the Lord our God as King of kings and Lord of Lords. Let us follow the advice of Jesus and *“render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.” Matthew 22.21*

With every blessing,

*Colin Resch*

# Prayer Ministry Training

Where: St John the Baptist Church, Leicester

When: Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May; 9:30am till 1pm.

For anyone who is interested in learning the skills of prayer ministry. If you are interested in attending, please speak to Colin.

## Morning Prayer

9am in Christ Church and online (via Zoom)

**Monday - online only**

**Tuesday \* Wednesday \* Thursday\* Friday**

**Meeting ID: 786 8201 8817**

**Passcode: 032244**

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**NO Morning Prayer on Mondays  
1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May**

# Diary Dates

## **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.

## **Friday 5 May**

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

## **Monday 8 May**

9.30am The Big Help Out at Christ Church (see page 20).

## **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 7).

## **Friday 12 May**

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

## **Monday 15 May**

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

## **Wednesday 17 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 Musical Fellowship Group at Christ Church (see page 16).

## **Thursday 18 May - Ascension Day**

7.00pm Holy Communion at St. Peter's Church (see page 19).

8.30pm Compline at St. Peter's Church (see page 2)

## **Friday 19 May**

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

8.30pm Compline at St. Peter's Church (see page 2)

## **Saturday 20 May**

3.00pm Mel Rowley's Licencing Service at St. Margaret's Church (see page 7).

4.00pm Muddy Church at the Vicarage Orchard.

8.30pm Compline at St. Peter's Church (see page 2)

## **Sunday 21 May**

8.30pm Compline at St. Peter's Church (see page 2)

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## Dates for May (cont'd)

### **Monday 22 May**

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

8.30pm Compline at St. Peter's Church (see page 2)

### **Tuesday 23 May**

7.00pm PCC meeting at Christ Church.

8.30pm Compline at St. Peter's Church (see page 2)

### **Wednesday 24 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 7).

8.30pm Compline at St. Peter's Church (see page 2)

### **Thursday 25 May**

8.30pm Compline at St. Peter's Church (see page 2)

### **Friday 26 May**

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

8.30pm Compline at St. Peter's Church (see page 2)

### **Saturday 27 May**

8.30pm Compline at St. Peter's Church (see page 2)

### **Tuesday 30 May**

7.00pm PCC meeting at St. Peter's Church.

## Dates for June 2023

### **Friday 2 June**

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

### **Monday 5 June**

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

### **Wednesday 7 June**

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 7).

### **Friday 9 June**

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

# 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)*

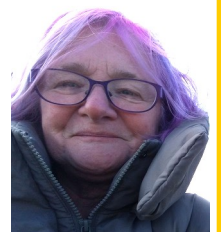
Meeting in a small group to worship, study and pray together allows for more interaction and deeper study than is possible during a Sunday morning service.

The Fellowship Group will be meeting at The Vicarage and online on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 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.



After 3 years of studying to become an Associate Minister, I am going to be licenced under Reader's Canon on Saturday May 20th at St. Margaret's Church in Leicester at 3pm and I would love to see you there

There will be refreshments there after the service and I am also having refreshments back at Christ Church after the service, around 5pm.

If you are unable to get into Leicester, please come and join me in Mountsorrel.

You have all been with me and supported me on this journey so this my way of saying thank you.

**Mel Rowley**



## **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:

### **Tearfund:**

- Pray for farmers in Rwanda where the rains have washed crops away that they will be able to recover from the loss and still provide for their families.
- Pray for peace in Burkina Faso, Mali, Chad and Niger. Violence is rising due to the shortage of resources such as food.
- Pray for those in Ethiopia, Uganda & Kenya who are continue to face severe hunger.
- Pray for resources to reach those who are starving.
- Pray for harvests to be successful.

### **Church Missionary Society:**

- Pray for Simon & Sarah (friends of Colin & Liz) who have left parish ministry and recently moved to Gulu in Uganda as CMS Mission Partners.
- Pray for Sarah as she takes on the role of principal of the local Theological College.
- Pray for Simon as he works with the local diocese.
- Pray for the work being undertaken in the local prison in Gulu.

### **Mountsorrel:**

- Pray for the local elections taking place on 4th May, that the right candidates will be elected to our Parish, Borough & County councils.
- Pray for our local primary school as it prepares for SATS this month.
- Pray for Key Stage 1 children taking their SATS this month.
- Pray for Year 6 pupils taking their SATS 9th to 12th May.
- Pray for all those taking GCSE and A Level exams, which start this month.
- Pray for the work of the Sorrel Food Bank and Your Store.

*Pray continually (1 Thessalonians 5:17)*

**Liz Resch**

Mission Co-ordinator at Christ Church.



**Do you know Mountsorrel well?**

**Are you interested in helping local people who are in need?**

**Have you got useful skills and experience?**

Mountsorrel United Charities and the Mountsorrel Community Support Fund are looking for up to four local people to join our friendly board of charity trustees. You must be familiar with and have an interest in the village, either through living here or through your work.



You will be asked to attend 8 evening meetings per year.

We welcome applications from anyone who meets our person specification, however, the following are currently under-represented on our board:

- People with financial skills and experience
- People with legal knowledge and experience
- People with professional experience of property sale, lease or purchase

For further information and an application pack please contact the Clerk:

**[kate@mountsorrelcsf.org.uk](mailto:kate@mountsorrelcsf.org.uk) / Tel: 07410 386483**

**The deadline for applications is 26<sup>th</sup> May. We look forward to hearing from you!**



**Monday  
8th May**



Fun@4



# Sunday 7th May 4pm @ Christ Church



**Celebrating the Coronation of  
His Majesty The King  
And Her Majesty The Queen Consort.**



**Red White or Blue clothes - optional**



Slowly, but surely, Linda, Alison and Kat have been filling the Church with 'home made' banners. Fun@4—Walk With Jesus. Sunbeams—Helping Hands and Youth Group—F.R.O.G. The latest banner follows our All Age Service in March where we explored what it means to be part of a Church Family. Over the past few weeks we have asked anyone who joins us for any of our group activities in Church to add their name, or their family, to one of the squares. I am very aware that we won't have caught everyone, so right at the bottom in the middle is a square with lots of fingerprints, but very few names. If you would like to add your name to the square we would love to help you.



**PLEASE DO NOT ADD YOUR NAME BEFORE TALKING TO ONE OF US  
as we don't want the ink leaking through to the wall behind.**

**Thank you.**



## 2 Weeks, 2 Bishops

Firstly, Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April Bishop Martyn's Lent Pilgrimage passed through the Mountsorrel parishes some of us were able to walk with him as he journeyed through. We met him on the Parish Boundary (Betty Henser's Lane - by the Chinese takeaway) and accompanied him to St Peter's Church where he stopped to pray, after which he then walked to Christ Church for refreshments and afterwards he led a short service of Evening Prayer.

This was Bishop Martyn's first visit to the Mountsorrel Churches, and we understand that we made him feel most welcome.







Whilst he was at Christ Church, he acknowledged Edmund Stacey's 59 years faithful service as organist.



Secondly, on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Christ Church Welcomed Bishop Saju as he led their Easter Day service along with Baptisms and Confirmations.









April saw us celebrating not only Easter but also the baptism of 5 of our Muddy Church regulars. We listened to the parable of the Vineyard Workers and realised that God doesn't love us any less or any more for finding our faith later in life. He loves all of us just the same.



The crafts included looking for things that were the same colours as those in the rainbow, reminding us of God's promise to us all. We also planted some different flower and vegetable seeds so we can watch them grow at different rates into different colours and shapes, all of them, like us, precious to God.



## Sunbeams news

Sunbeams enjoyed a special Easter session with lots of crafts and Easter themed play just before the Easter break. They enjoyed making Easter nest cakes, an egg trail, planting sunflower seeds, decorating egg pictures and more! Of course, they all went home with a chocolate egg!



This term we are enjoying hearing some of the stories Jesus told when teaching; The Lost Sheep was lots of fun as we helped the farmer count his sheep and then, realising one had wandered away, helped him to find it and bring it home.

Parents/carers with babies and pre-school children are welcome at Sunbeams, 9.30-11.30am on Mondays during term-time.

Alison





## All Age Holy Communion at St Peter's Church



In April we explored the Gospel reading that tells of the two friends who met with Jesus on the road to Emmaus.

We had fun discovering a picture by revealing it a little at a time and thought about times when we can't always see the bigger picture in life. We reminded ourselves that Jesus also walks with us, doesn't mind our questions and loves to be invited into our lives.

For our prayers, we wrote or drew on leaves and hung them on our living prayer tree which reminds us we have a living Saviour.

Please feel free to add your prayers to the prayer tree which has been left in the church with leaves to write on.

**All Age Holy Communion is on the fourth Sunday of each month, 9.30am at St Peter's Church, all are most welcome.**

Alison



## Musical Fellowship

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May @ 7pm**  
at Christ Church

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



# YOUTH WORK

Faith expressing itself through love is an expression found in Galatians 5:6, where Paul tells us that it is the only thing that counts when we choose to live by the direction and power of the Spirit. The way in which we live our lives is an act of worship in itself; serving, encouraging, giving generously and showing mercy are all ways in which we can offer our lives to God, and express our faith.

The Message version of Romans 12:1-2 sums this up really nicely

*"So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you."*

The idea of offering our everyday activities as part of worship is the motivation for our mid week youth group, where we hope to demonstrate our faith in action to the young people in our community who may have no other contact with the church or to God. We want them to see church as not just a safe place, but as a place full of love for all of God's people. With this in mind, we are looking for volunteers to support us as we come alongside our young people. Please do prayerfully reflect on whether you could offer a few hours a month to serve, encourage and show the Love of Jesus to our youth.

**Please pray for:**

- **All of our youth that are sitting exams.**
- **The difficulties that some of our young people are struggling with currently.**
- **That our team will grow and that the right people will volunteer.**
- **Give thanks that we are connecting with more young people.**

**Kat Jenkins**

Youth Worker



## Good Friday Family Worship



We gathered once again this year to explore the events of Good Friday in a family friendly way at St Peter's Church. It was wonderful to welcome several families into church for this special day.

We listened to the story of Good Friday from the Jesus Storybook Bible as we added items mentioned in the story to our cross.

We thought about some of the mess in our world and scribbled onto a world map to represent the mess before reminding ourselves what Jesus did on Good Friday and covering the world with a cross.

Our prayers included praying for the world and placing stickers on the world map as a sign of our prayers. Finally, we made our Easter garden which remained outside St Peter's for a couple of weeks until unfortunately being flooded by the rain we've had! Everyone enjoyed time together with refreshments and hot cross buns after the service.



As a children & family worker, I am passionate about having something accessible for families with children to mark Good Friday so we'll be back next year!

Alison



We are proud to support The Big Help Out – a unique initiative which forms a part of the King's Coronation. Starting on **Monday 8th May**, it's a chance for everybody to experience volunteering in their local area.

Thousands of organisations – from the biggest to the smallest and most local – have been registering opportunities at [thebighelpout.org.uk](http://thebighelpout.org.uk) where the app will link you up with what's happening near you, or in a category of volunteering that interests you most.

Organisations with volunteering opportunities, or who would like to take part in the day should visit [thebighelpout.org.uk](http://thebighelpout.org.uk) to find out how to take part, register opportunities, and show their support.





While they beheld, he was taken up; and  
a cloud received him out of their sight.  
(Acts 1.9)

# St Peter's Church

## Ascension Day

Thursday

18<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Holy Communion (BCP)

7:00pm

Followed by bring & share supper.



# 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.



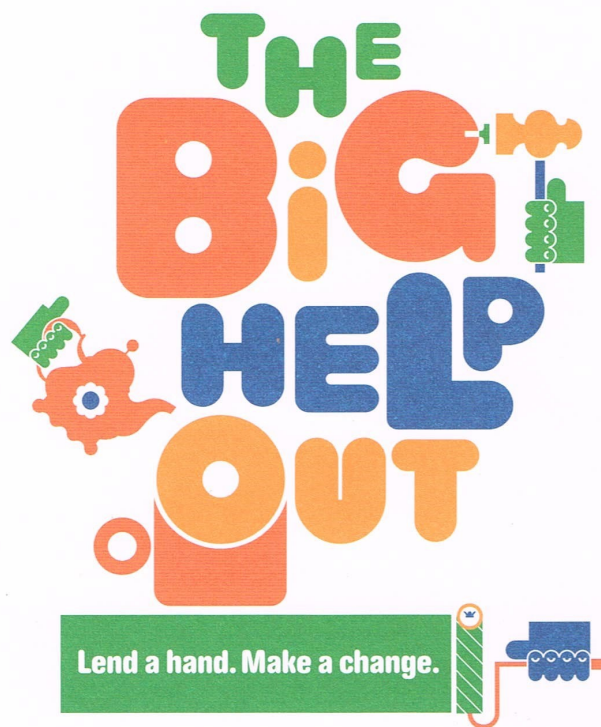
Contact [alison.white@mountsorrelchurch.org](mailto:alison.white@mountsorrelchurch.org)  
or search for 'Sunbeams Mountsorrel' group on Facebook




**All welcome**




# Can You Lend Us a Hand?



[thebighelpout.org.uk](https://thebighelpout.org.uk)

[#TheBigHelpOut](https://twitter.com/TheBigHelpOut)

Where:

Christ Church  
Mountsorrel

When:

Mon 8 May 2023  
9:30am

Contact:

[peterghodson@gmail.com](mailto:peterghodson@gmail.com)





# *Senior Sunday*

*Welcomes*

*Friends, Old and New*

*At St. Peter's Church, Mountsorrel*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month*

*4.00pm - 5.30pm*



# *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](https://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](https://mountsorrelchurch.org/prayer) or via Liz Resch on 0116 429 9946 or via email at [lizresch64@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May, but  
if items are ready, please send earlier)*