

Church News

A detailed stained glass illustration of St. Peter, the Apostle. He is depicted from the chest up, facing slightly to the right. He has a long, curly white beard and hair, and a golden halo around his head. He is wearing a blue tunic with a green cloak draped over his shoulders. A gold collar with a zigzag pattern is visible at his neck. In his left hand, he holds a large, ornate golden key with a cross on its head. In his right hand, he holds a book with a golden cover featuring a religious scene. The background consists of geometric patterns in shades of blue, white, and red.

June 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 4 June	9.30am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Fun@4 and Youth@4	Christ Church
Sunday 11 June	9.30am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	All Age Worship	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Senior Sunday	St. Peter's
Saturday 17 June	4.00pm	Muddy Church	Vicarage Orchard
Sunday 18 June Father's Day	11.00am	Café Church	Christ Church
	6.30pm	Evensong*	St. Peter's
Sunday 25 June	9.30am	All Age Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Morning Prayer and Baptism	Christ Church
Thursday 29 June Patronal Festival	7.00pm	Holy Communion* Followed by Bring & Share supper	St. Peter's
Sunday 2 July	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

NO Morning Prayer from 19th - 23rd June Inclusive.

Jesus Is Lord

While in a Church service recently I sang a hymn: 'Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it.' It's a hymn I have been singing for almost fifty years and the words are very easy to sing. But I found myself wondering how easy it is to put into practice the words, 'Jesus is Lord'.

On the one hand, it is easy to accept that Jesus is Lord over creation. The Christian faith believes that he was there at the beginning of the world and it was he who spoke creation into being, so why shouldn't he be Lord. A straight forward easy to accept fundamental belief of the Christian Church.

On the other hand, and this is where it gets a bit more difficult, if Jesus is Lord of all creation, have I allowed him to be Lord of me. Let me explain....

For me to declare that Jesus is Lord, I need to allow him to be Lord over every aspect of my life. So...

- Jesus is Lord of my work – easy for me, I'm a priest in the Church of England. My work is all about Jesus and yes, He can be Lord of my work.
- Jesus is Lord of my conversations – Do I always speak in a way that is pleasing to God. Do I swear inappropriately? Is it ever appropriate to use bad language?
- Jesus is Lord of my relationships – do I honour Him in the way I handle my relationships with my friends and my family, with Church members and parishioners.
- Jesus is Lord of my television watching – do the things I watch on television please him or is my evening watching causing him upset – best stay clear of almost everything on Channel 4 after about 9pm.
- Jesus is Lord of my mobile and my Social Media accounts – This has been the hardest for me recently. How easy it is to waste time – maybe even several hours a week – watching stupid and pointless 'stuff' on a small screen when I could be reading a book instead. But...
- Jesus is Lord of my reading – is my reading edifying. Does it build me up or drag me down?

I am learning to put into practice every day the words of that hymn. Jesus is Lord. In everything I do, I need to ask myself, "Is Jesus Lord of me right now?" Maybe you would like to practice this too? If we get it right, we can truly join in the refrain of the hymn:

'Praise him with hallelujahs, for Jesus is Lord.'

With every blessing,

Colin Resch

Diary Dates

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.

10.00am Book Club (NEW) at St. Peter's Church (see page 10).

7.00pm Fellowship Group at The Vicarage and Online (see page 10).

Friday 9 June

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

Monday 12 June

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

Wednesday 14 June

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

10.00am Book Club (NEW) at St. Peter's Church (see page 10).

7.30pm Archdeacons Visitation, Holy Trinity, Ashby (see page 5).

Friday 16 June

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

Monday 19 June

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

Tuesday 20 June

7.30pm Deanery Synod.

Wednesday 21 June

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

10.00am Book Club (NEW) at St. Peter's Church (see page 10).

Friday 23 June

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

Monday 26 June

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

Wednesday 28 June

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

10.00am Book Club (NEW) at St. Peter's Church (see page 10).

Thursday 29 June - St. Peter's Day

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

Friday 30 June

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

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Dates for July 2023

Saturday 1 July

10.00am till 2.00pm: Christ Church & St. Peter's School Fete.

Monday 3 July

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

Tuesday 4 July

7.00pm Joint PCC meeting at in the Bower Room at Christ Church.

Wednesday 5 July

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

10.00am Book Club (NEW) at St. Peter's Church (see page 10).

7.00pm Fellowship Group at The Vicarage and Online (see page 10).

Friday 7 July

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

Our Churchwardens, Angie Price & Helen Shaw (Christ Church) and David Bird and David Owen (St. Peter's) will be officially appointed at the Archdeacons Visitation at Holy Trinity, Ashby-de-la-Zouch on Wed 14th June at 7.30pm.

It would be good if some of us could attend this service to give support to our Churchwardens, please be at Holy Trinity by 7.00pm

Father's Day Café Church

Sunday 18th June 11am

At Christ Church

Happy Families

Join us as we think about dad's, families and the family we all belong to.



Coffee/tea & bacon rolls
Activities for the children





Mel Rowley's Licensing Service Saturday 30th May 2023 at St. Margaret's Church, Leicester

On a lovely sunny afternoon, we, along with members of each of our Churches plus family and friends of Mel attended St. Margaret's Church in Leicester for her Licensing as an Associate Minister. The Church was so full that extra seats had to be provided and even Bishop Saju remarked on the numbers. Mel in all her robes was presented to the Bishop by Liz Rawlings, Discipleship and Vocations Enabler, then along with 8 others was duly Licensed and presented with a Bible and her Certificate.



Mel Rowley with Bishop Saju



After the Service the Bishop led the new ministers out through the congregation to symbolise taking their ministry out into the world.

Wine & nibbles were provided and we all congregated outside the Church to offer our congratulations. It was also good to see Darren and Wendy again and to hear how they were getting on.

Then it was back to Christ Church for a sumptuous buffet and a moving speech by Mel on her Christian journey to date.

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At St. Peter's Evensong the following day we were honoured when Mel preached her "first official sermon" taken from 1 Peter 4. 7-11.

During the Service Edmund welcomed Mel as an Associate Minister to the Benefice.



After the service we enjoyed another celebration with cake & wine.

David Bird.
Churchwarden.

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:

World Vision:

- Pray for the six million people in South Sudan who are facing extreme hunger.
- Pray for World Vision workers who are helping families' access food, clean water and healthcare.
- Pray for the children of Syria who have lived with more than 10 years of war, some have known nothing but war.
- Thank God for the World Vision workers providing psychological support, heating, food and water.

Compassion:

- Pray for all those in Peru who have been affected by Cyclone Yaku and the political unrest in the country.
- Pray for safety and the physical, emotional and spiritual health of all the children in Peru who are sponsored through compassion, and their families.
- Pray for the relief effects in northern Peru as the government and non-profit organisations aid communities in rebuilding their lives.
- Pray for Compassions church partners who are working in the areas of political unrest.
- Pray for their protection on the roads and for practical challenges like accessing shops and banks.

Church pastoral Aid Society:

- Pray for the School Ventures happening this month.
- Pray for all the preparations being undertaken for the ventures and Falcon Camps which will be taking place this summer.
- Pray for the Leadership Courses they are running.

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Leprosy Mission :

- Pray for all the healthcare professionals who put their lives on the line to serve others, especially those in dangerous environments.
- Pray for all those suffering with leprosy and struggling to survive.
- Many of the countries that the mission works in are torn apart by conflict, pray protection over their workers.

Pray continually (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Liz Resch

Mission Co-ordinator at Christ Church.

MOUNTSORREL EDUCATIONAL FUND TRUSTEE NEEDED

The Mountsorrel Educational Fund is part of the Mountsorrel United Charities and awards grants to young people up to the age of 25 living in the village to assist them in pursuing their education.

We are looking for someone who:

- Is empathetic, caring and considerate, respectful and non-judgemental
- Has experience of education or finance.
- Can commit to attending and participating in two meetings a year.

Mountsorrel Educational Fund Trustee role description:

Trustees need to be willing and able to:

- Attend two meetings a year, usually in May & October.
- Read and digest grant application information
- Understand basic financial information
- Challenge policy and procedure in a tactful manner
- Bring their skills, knowledge and experience as local residents to the table
- Maintain confidentiality
- Respect the views of others around the table
- Confirm they are not excluded from acting as a charity trustee

To apply, you should email your CV and covering letter to the Chair, Sandra Utteridge at sandra.utteridge@ntlworld.com.

Closing date for applications is Friday 30th June 2023

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's 7th June and 5th July 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

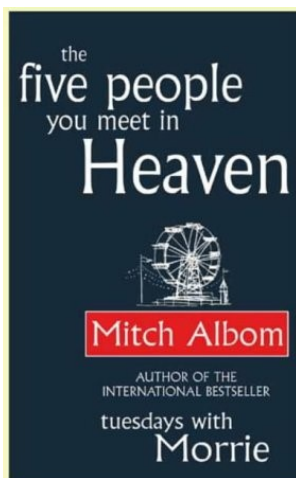
If you would like more information, please speak to Liz or Colin Resch.

NEW

CHRIST CHURCH AND ST. PETER'S BOOK GROUP

NEW

There is a new book group meeting in the Antill Vestry at St Peter's Church beginning on Wednesday 7th June at 10:00 am for 6 weeks. The book we have chosen is an easy read but thought provoking.



We have 6 copies of the book to give away to the first 6 people who would like to join us!

For further information contact either Linda Vesty or Mel Rowley



St. Peter's Church

Coronation Celebrations



On May 8th at 2pm, we celebrated the coronation, the Church bells were rung, music was played afterwards, refreshments were available and we enjoyed Fish & Chips.





Last year, we organised our first ever Summer Activities week offering free activities to the community. We gave away well over a thousand tickets to children, young people and adults. The activities included, to name just a few, film mornings, a quiz, cream tea and a under 5's soft play session. There was even a pub walk – which we did on the only day of the week that had lots of rain. We can organise the events, but the weather is under God's control. Many of our events were made especially suitable for the whole family to join in together and nearly two hundred attended our Mountsorrel-by-the-sea day.

This year, we are well into planning for Summer 23 and will have over two thousand tickets to give away free of charge to a whole variety of different events and activities taking place from 14-20 August. The pub walk will be back as will Mountsorrel-by-the-sea. Some of the other events being planned include a family barbecue, curry night, under 5's soft play, youth events, music for a summer's evening, children's cinema, quiz night, afternoon tea and, new for this year, Chips & Bingo. Each event will have limited tickets available and we recommend booking early to avoid disappointment.

Full information and details of how to book the free tickets is available on our website: mountsorrelchurch.org/summer23

Each of these events will require a willing team of helpers to make sure the events are safe for our guests and to help ensure our guests have a great time. Can you offer to help with one or more of the events? Could you give up your entire week to be free to help as required? There are volunteer sign up lists in our Churches and it would be good if you could add your name to support us.

Thank you.



In May, we thought about homes – from a king's palace to our own homes and heard that Jesus said there is room for all of us in His Father's house. We had great fun making small bug houses and hope that lots of



bugs will move into the kingdom we have created over the next month!



We also had our first go at creating our own dens and shelters using tarpaulin and paracord between some of the mature trees – I'm sure you'll agree from the pictures that everyone did a great job!

We enjoyed toasting crumpets and marshmallows over the fire and lots of fun was had hiding in the long grass!



All are welcome to Muddy Church, our next session is Saturday 17th June, 4pm in the orchard behind Christ Church.



Sunday 4th June @4pm @ Christ Church

Do join us if you can

Sunbeams news

Sunbeams have had lots of breaks this term with 3 bank holidays in May! However, we have continued to have lots of fun and look forward to the next half-term without any bank holidays!

We've enjoyed some of the stories Jesus told. The Wise & Foolish Builders meant we enjoyed activities like sand Play and building with blocks and the Parable of the Sower, of course, included playing at planting seeds, creating pictures using lentils and playing with our farm!

After half-term, we are looking forward to lots of stories about miracles Jesus did and people He healed.



Sunbeams is a wonderful time of fellowship on a Monday morning and it is a real privilege to serve the parents, grandparents, child-minders and children of our community in this way.



We do need some more volunteers for serving refreshments (coffee/tea & biscuits).

If you are willing to help, please let Alison know; if you're wondering what it's like to serve coffee on a Monday morning, have a chat with Denni or Angie. If we could find two people to help, it would mean that you would serve just one Monday a month on a rota.

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

Alison



Fun@4



It was lovely to see a number of families join us for our Fun@4 Coronation celebration party.

We did lots of different crafts all connected to the Coronation and ultimately to God. The Orb, The Crown, the Bible, the Cosmati Pavement and of course the Oil, all symbolizing the link between the Church and the Crown and showing that the coronation is a Church Service, not just a pageant.

A tea fit for a king followed including sandwiches, sausage rolls, chicken pieces (and veggie options too of course) cakes, and scones, jam and cream.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the afternoon such a success, but especially to Mel our chief cook and bottle washer.

All Age Worship at Christ Church

In May, we prepared for Thy Kingdom Come by focusing on Prayer. Using the teaspoon (tsp) method of prayer – thank you, sorry and please we experienced different prayer activities as we moved through our service.



We heard a little about what Jesus said about prayer and thought about what we could learn from His example and teaching when we pray. We thought of lots of things we were thankful for and created a display of thanks, used stones to say our sorrys and then asked God for help for our community and people we know.



We wrote or drew our prayers on houses and people and then stuck them onto a roughly drawn map of Mountsorrel. We also thought about who we were going to pray for during Thy Kingdom Come and each took a prayer card home to help us pray for them.

Alison

RETREAT ON HOLY ISLAND OF LINDISFARNE

Monday 10th to Friday 14th July 2023

Leader Rev'd Steve Delaforce



One double room is still available for a Retreat on Holy Island. There will be optional talks on Prayer and Fasting and plenty of free time. A boat trip is planned around Farne Island Nature Reserve and also The Pilgrims Walk across the sands from the



mainland to the island (2 ½ miles). The retreat itself is free; self-catering accommodation cost is £88.33 per person for a couple, or £106.00 for single occupancy. If you are interested or would like to find out more please contact:

Steve on 07786702893 or steve.delaforce@gmail.com

YOUTH WORK

You may have noticed that our prayer board has changed recently, from prayers for Ukraine to Prayers for peace around the world. The Year 7 pupils at Rawlins Academy have helped put this together during Lunch club.

Please do go and have a look, and offer your own prayers for peace and an end to conflict across all nations.



The Wednesday mid-week group will now not be running. Hopefully we can start something up in the near future, once we have sufficient volunteers in place.

If you are interested in volunteering, please speak to Colin or Kat.

Kat Jenkins
Youth Worker



Scripture Union

**All Age Worship at Christ Church
Sunday June 11th at 11am**

Did you know that a staggering 95% of under-18s don't go to church?

With so many children and young people not in church, we need to step out and reveal Jesus to them where they are and in ways they can relate to. Whilst they may not be in church, lots of them are showing an interest and openness to faith and just need the opportunity to discover Jesus for themselves.

Janine Parkinson, Mission Enabler for the Central Team, will be coming to take our All Age Worship service and tell us about their work and inspire us to share God's love here in Mountsorrel.

There will be an opportunity to give towards the work of Scripture Union during the service



Musical Fellowship

Wednesday 28th June @ 7pm
at Christ Church

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





St Peter's Church

Patronal Festival Thursday - 29th June

Holy Communion (BCP)

7:00pm

And I say also unto thee,
That thou art Peter, and upon
this rock I will build my
church; and the gates of hell
shall not prevail against it.
Matthew 16:18

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
or search for 'Sunbeams Mountsorrel' group on Facebook

All welcome



LOOKING EAST WITH WESTERN EYES

Saturday 22nd July 2023 9:30 am to 4:30 pm

St Josephs' Tea Room, Oaks Rd, Coalville, LE67 5UP



Join us for a Quiet Day looking at Eastern Christian Orthodox Spirituality. There will be four short talks: Daily Prayer, The Jesus Prayer, Fasting, & Praying with Scripture, together with an opportunity to pray in the Orthodox Way.

The cost of the day will be between £6 and £12 per person, depending upon numbers. Tea & Coffee provided. Purchase food at St Joseph's or bring your own packed lunch. We will also visit Mount St Bernard Abbey Shop & Grounds. If interested, please contact Steve on 07786702893 or steve.delaforce@gmail.com

Led by rev'd steve delaforce

Senior Sunday

Welcomes

Friends, Old and New

At St. Peter's Church, Mountsorrel

2nd 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.

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 very 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 Thursday 22nd June, but
if items are ready, please send earlier)*