



Church News

September 2023

Christ Church

Rothley Road
Mountsorrel
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St Peter's Church

Market Place
Mountsorrel
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Services at Christ Church & St. Peter's Church

Date	Time	Service	Venue
Sunday 3 September	NO Morning Services at Christ Church or St. Peter's		
	10.30am	CTiM United Service	Methodist Church
	4.00pm	Fun@4	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Youth@4	Christ Church
Sunday 10 September	9.30am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	All Age Worship	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Senior Sunday	St. Peter's
Saturday 16 September	4.00pm	Muddy Church	Vicarage Orchard
Sunday 17 September	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
	6.00pm	Harvest Evensong*	St. Peter's
Sunday 24 September	9.30am	All Age Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	Christ Church
Sunday 1 October	9.30am	Matins*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Fun@4	Christ Church
	4.00pm	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

CH __ CH – What's missing ?

The English language is a complicated thing. Seeing first-hand the experience of Ukrainian refugees trying to learn the language has brought this home to me. Words that sound the same have different spellings and meanings; and other words that have identical spelling have alternative definitions, and sometimes pronunciation, depending on the context. I am sure that most, if not all, languages have similar anomalies as these .

One English word that is difficult to define is the word 'Church'. Its meaning varies according to the context in which it is used, and even then it may not always be clear what is meant by the speaker.

Church can simply mean a building for Christian worship – the Church is at the other end of the village. Church can also be defined as an occupation or ministry of the ordained clergy – What made you join the Church? (For some reason I can't explain in a few short words, it's not a phrase that I am comfortable with.) The word Church can also be used to define the global collective of all Christian believers – We are part of the Church.

The word Church(es) appears 114 times in the New Testament and with very few exceptions, the Greek word (the New Testament was originally written in Greek) used is ekklesia which is also sometimes translated as assembly or congregation. It is also closely related to the words which mean broken off, alienate, exclude. Which brings me, perhaps, to a greater understanding of how I would use the word Church.

Church is a community of Christian believers who gather together to worship the living God. We are 'called apart' to live according to a different standard, following the commands of Jesus, who calls us to be holy. In some parts of the world, this 'calling apart' is more of a 'thrusting away' as Christians face persecution by their families and communities. For most of us in the UK, it is a separating ourselves from the temptations of the world to live as God calls us to. St Peter puts it like this: *"You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."* (1 Peter 2.9).

I wonder if you would like to be part of this amazing body of people. Why not join us as we worship God together .

With every blessing ,

Colin Resch

Diary Dates

Friday 1 September

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

Monday 4 September

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

Tuesday 5 September

7.00pm St. Peter's PCC Meeting.

Wednesday 6 September

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

10.00am Beyond the Bump at Christ Church, week 1 of 5 (see page 15).

2.00pm Book Club at St. Peter's Church (see page 5).

7.00pm Music Fellowship at Christ Church (see page 14).

Thursday 7 September

7.00pm Christ Church PCC Meeting.

Friday 8 September

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

Saturday 9 September

Ride n Stride Event at Both Churches (see page 14).

Monday 11 September

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

Tuesday 12 September

7.30pm Just4Ladies at Christ Church (see page 7).

Wednesday 13 September

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

10.00am Beyond the Bump at Christ Church, week 2 of 5 (see page 15).

7.00pm Fellowship Group at the Vicarage (see page 16).

Friday 15 September

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

Monday 18 September

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

Wednesday 20 September

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

10.00am Beyond the Bump at Christ Church, week 3 of 5 (see page 15).

Friday 22 September

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

Saturday 23 September

12 Noon Wedding at St. Peter's.

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Monday 25 September

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

Wednesday 27 September

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

10.00am Beyond the Bump at Christ Church, week 4 of 5 (see page 15).

7.00pm Fellowship Group at the Vicarage (see page 16).

Friday 29 September

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

Dates for October 2023

Monday 2 October

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

Wednesday 4 October

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

10.00am Beyond the Bump at Christ Church, week 5 of 5 (see page 15).

7.00pm Musical Fellowship at Christ Church.

Friday 6 October

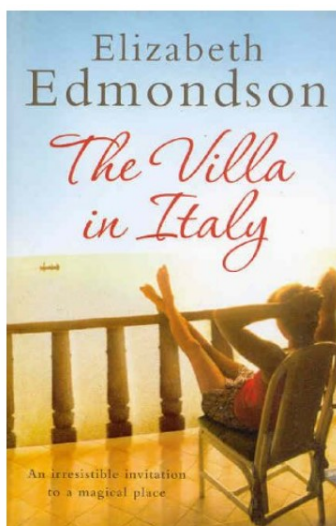
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CHRIST CHURCH AND ST. PETER'S BOOK GROUP



**Wednesday 30th August 2pm
At St. Peter's**



Join us as we start our new book,
The Villa in Italy.

Our first meeting will be at
St. Peter's at 2pm.

Meetings to follow will be
arranged then.

**For more information about our Group,
please talk to:
Mel, Linda, Liz or Angie.**

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 all those areas of the world that have been affected by climate disasters; thinking especially of the Heatwaves in Europe and Asia, Wildfires in Canada, Hawaii and parts of Europe.
- Pray for the provision of clean water, food, clothing and shelter for those who have lost everything.
- Pray for those who have lost their homes and livelihoods, pray that communities can be rebuilt.
- Pray for the emergency services dealing with the disasters.
- Pray for wisdom for the leaders in these areas as they respond to these disasters.

Open Doors:

- Pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are unable to worship openly because of where they live.
- Pray for Christians in Afghanistan, which has been added to the World Watch List.
- Pray that God will grant courage to those fighting against religious discrimination in Brunei.
- Thank God for the several Christian radio and TV outlets in Lebanon that are broadcasting the Word of God daily to the wider Arab world.

Summer 23:

- Thank God for the good weather during the week, especially for Mountsorrel by the Sea, the Afternoon Teas and the BBQ.
- Thank God for all the new people that came to the different events.
- Thank God for all the good conversations that took place.
- Thank God for all the volunteers who made the week possible.
- Pray that contacts made will continue to develop.

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- Pray that some of those who attended will come along to messy church, muddy church or Sunday morning services .

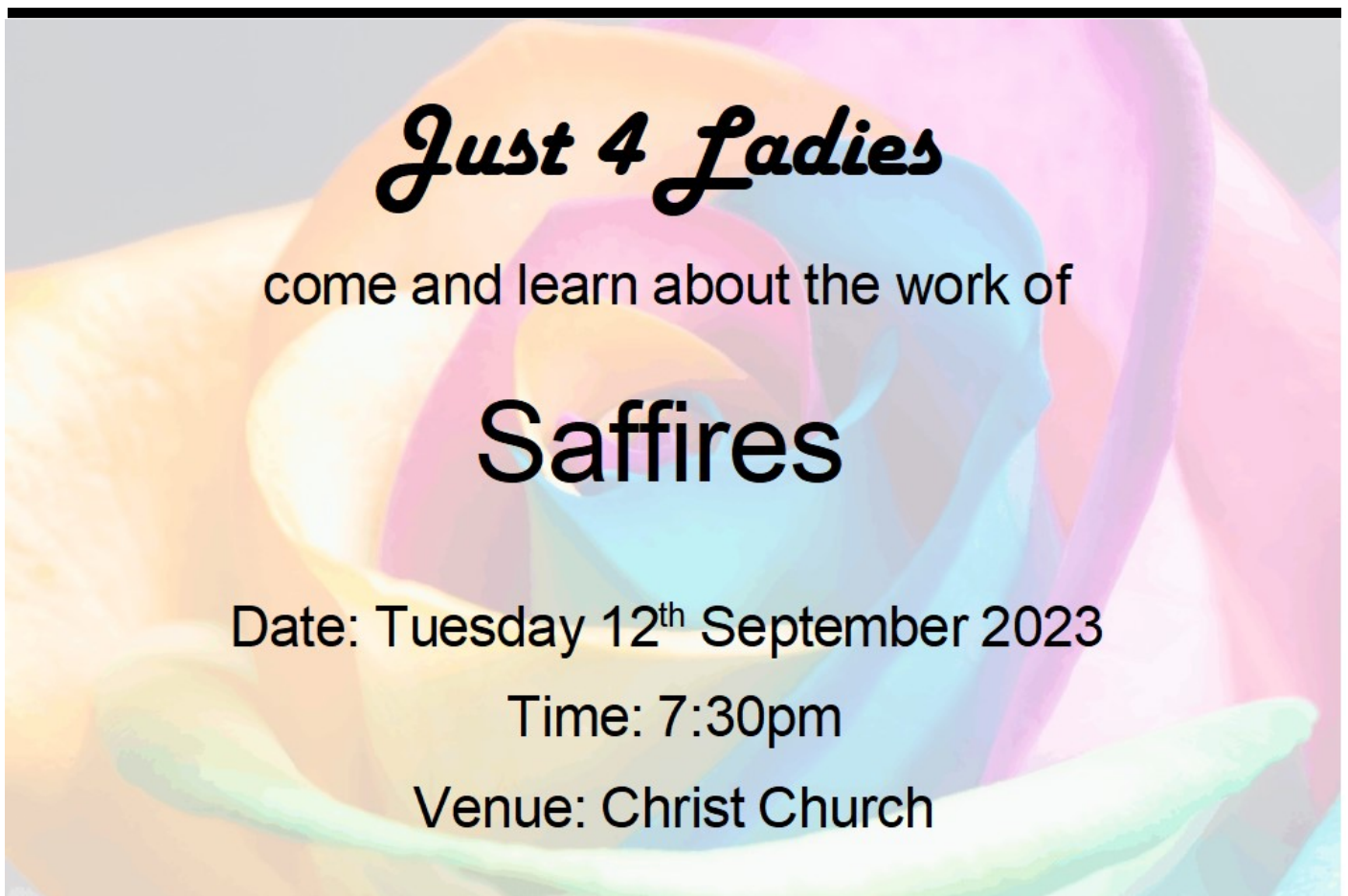
Mountsorrel:

- Pray for our Primary school at the start of this new academic year .
- Pray for all those who will be starting or returning to University this month.
- Pray for the Mountsorrel Community Food Project and all who volunteer there.

Pray continually (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Liz Resch

Mission Co-ordinator at Christ Church.



Becky, from Saffires, is coming to talk to us. Saffires is a Christian charity based in Leicester, which supports women who work in or are affected by prostitution. As some of you will be aware Mel Rowley has been volunteering with them as part of her training to become an Associate Minister.

Please come along and learn about the work they do.

Liz Resch

R N I B

Used Stamps for the RNIB

See differently



As you may have noticed a collection box has appeared in both St Peter's Church and Christ Church for the Royal Institute for the Blind.

Please save your used stamps and pop them into either of the boxes. They will then be forwarded to the RNIB to help them continue their work supporting those with sight loss.

Liz Resch



**All Age Service Sunday Worship
10th September 2023 @ 11am**

Oh Jesus I Have Promised

Join us for a very special All Age Service.

Only one song this month, prayers, activities all about God's promises to us and ours to Him. Just how easy are they to keep?

Linda

And of course, tea and coffee will be served throughout the service.

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



August was a Muddy Church Special as part of our Summer '23 activities

We gathered together and enjoyed bug hunting, blackberry picking, flower printing, making insect watering stations and playing hide 'n' seek. The wormy compost, potion making and mud kitchen were also very popular with the little ones.



Everyone appreciated the crumpets cooked over the fire and we all had a go at toasting marshmallows.

The highlight was definitely a special visit from Fudge & Co animal encounters with Dan the animal man! Dan brought a snake, a skink lizard, giant millipede, tortoise, a very cuddly skunk, rats, a tenrec, hissing cockroaches and a tarantula! Lots of children and grown ups were very brave and had a go at holding some of the less cuddly creatures!



We enjoyed a brilliant sing song around the fire after the animals had gone with lots of animal and campfire songs.

Everyone was encouraged to wonder about the enormous variety of animals and creatures in God's creation.



All are welcome to Muddy Church, our next session is Saturday 16th September, 4pm in the orchard behind Christ Church.

Alison



Fun@4

Messy Church Fun@4 is back!

Sunday 3rd September 4pm at Christ Church.

BBQ

Meat and vegetarian options available.

If possible please bring your own chairs or picnic blanket to sit on



Our Annual Fun@4 BBQ is held at our first Fun@4 of the new school year, come sun or rain. If you are a regular at Fun@4, we hope to meet up with you again. If you have been to one of the activities during our Activity Week or would just like to find out more about what we do at Fun@4, do come along to say hello.

You will also be able to say thank you to Peter Hodson who will no longer be coming to Fun@4.

Linda

Thank you to everyone who filled in our short survey, it certainly gave us something to think about at our team meeting over the summer. Taking everything into consideration we have come up with a few ideas that will be tried over the next few months. Your feelings about these changes will be gratefully received, before making them permanent.

New Fun@4 Format

- 4.00** Families arrive and are ticked on the register. The stickers and cards will be on a separate table to be filled in as and when the children are ready.
As we are waiting for everyone to arrive we will sit in the celebration area, there will be songs on the screen, a mixture of old and new to join in with.
The theme for the session is introduced, the bible story read and the crafts introduced along with what you might wish to talk about whilst doing them.
- 4.20** Crafts: As before, but there will be more scope for the children to do what they wish and not have to follow the sample shown. The instructions on the table will relate more to the story than what they are making.
- 5.00** Everyone to help clear the tables by simply putting everything into the boxes provided.
We will then go to the screen again for prayers, songs, reflection on the story and craft, and to celebrate birthdays.
- 5.15** Grace and then tea.
- 6.00** As we finish we would ask you to put your crockery on the trolley provided to help with the clearing up.
- Each month we will put on Facebook the meals we are planning, we do hope that they will suit all of you, but please bring something for you and your family if not.
 - The attendance cards and stickers have been moved to limit the amount of time spent waiting to get into the Church.
 - For Health and Safety, NO-ONE is to enter the kitchen for any reason during Fun@4. Flasks of hot water for tea and coffee, squash and paper towels will be on a table in Church should they be needed.

We look forward to seeing you in September.



St. Peter's



All Age Holy Communion

In July our focus was the parable of the weeds from Matthew's gospel.

We enjoyed a 'weed or not a weed' quiz, thought about whether weeds are always a bad thing and discovered that some weeds have good qualities and can be used for good things.

The main message we took from the parable is that it is not our job to judge but rather we should grow where we are planted, focus our lives on God and trust Him.



We experienced a sensory prayer activity using ears of wheat as we prayed for our world, other people and ourselves, we then collected in our wheat and added it to a vase of weeds.

**All are welcome at St Peter's on the
4th Sunday of the month at 9.30am.**

Alison



What a great Summer 23 we had last month, 18 events over 7 days, it certainly was a busy week!

Over the week Kat was busy collecting some stats, and thought it might be fun to turn them into a challenge for you. Can you guess the stats? Prizes will be awarded to the closest answers received by the end of the month.

- 1 – Over the week, how many pots of coffee were served?
- 2 – How many grams of popcorn were eaten on Thursday?
- 3 – How many fish did Oakley, our fisherman catch?
- 4 – How many nerf bullets did we find after packing up the event?
- 5 – How many snakes escaped into the vicarage?
- 6 – How many different earrings did Linda wear? (bonus points if you can tell me what each said)
- 7 – How many families attended over the week?
- 8 – How many volunteer hours were given over the week?
- 9 – How many hours did the staff team put into organising the week?

Young Away Day

Emmanuel Church in Loughborough is hosting a youth away day in October that is open to those in school years 7-13. There will be lots of things to do including inflatables, games and some faith workshops as well as a chance to meet up with other young people from across the area. It looks like it will be a great day. if you would like to attend, there are full and part day tickets available from:

[emmanuelloughborough.churchsuite.com/events zpfn8ixx](https://emmanuelloughborough.churchsuite.com/events/zpfn8ixx)



Kat

SATURDAY 7 OCT
9AM-9PM

£15
(per person)

TOWN-WIDE YOUTH
AWAY DAY
2023

@**EMMANUEL**
CHURCH

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SATURDAY
09 **SEPT**
2023

Please can you help us?

Christ Church and St. Peter's Church need volunteers to help support this event, we need people throughout the day to:

Welcome, Record and to provide some liquid refreshment.

If you can or wish to help support this event, please enter your name and the time slots you will be available on the form at the back of Church.

If you need more information, please ask:

Peter Hodson - Christ Church

David Bird or David Owen - St. Peter's Church

Thank you



For more information about our group, talk to Linda, Mel or Kat who will be happy to invite you along.

Musical Fellowship

**Wednesday 6th September,
7pm at Christ Church**

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

We are a small group who love to sing. Songs of fellowship, songs to make you laugh, cry, remember past times. Songs to fill us with joy and hope. Do come along and join in, just don't expect everyone to always be singing the same words to the same tune at the same time!



Beyond the Bump



A post-natal support café for parents of babies up to 1 year



Come and meet other parents at a similar stage of parenting.

Drinks and refreshments provided with the opportunity to find more information and discuss topics such as

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



Baby mats and toys provided so little ones can play whilst you chat and enjoy a drink.

Dates of next sessions

Wednesday 6th September

Wednesday 13th September

Wednesday 20th September

Wednesday 27th September

Wednesday 4th October



**Each session starts at 10am until around 11.30am
At Christ Church, Rothley Road, Mountsorrel, LE12 7JU**

**Contact Alison White to register your place for these free sessions;
07305 664009 or alison.white@mountsorrelchurch.org**

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.

Fellowship Group at the Vicarage meets every other Wednesday at 7pm in person and online.

We are starting back after the summer on Wednesdays 30th August, 13th and 27th September and will be following the Romans Course from the Bible Society .

We would love you to join us.

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

Zoom ID: 858 3431 7001 Passcode: 643768



Sunbeams

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

Mondays 9.30-11.30am
Christ Church, Mountsorrel

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

Contact alison.white@mountsorrelchurch.org
or search for 'Sunbeams Mountsorrel' group on Facebook

All welcome



Senior Sunday

Welcomes

Friends, Old and New

At St. Peter's Church, Mountsorrel

2nd Sunday of the Month

4.00pm - 5.30pm



Coffee Morning

Every Friday 10am—12noon

Pop in and meet new friends

Everyone Welcome



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:

mountsorrelchurch.org



Christ Church/St. Peter's Church, Mountsorrel

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*(Copy date for the next newsletter is Monday 18th September, but
if items are ready, please send earlier)*