

Church News

October 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 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
Sunday 8 October	9.30am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	All Age Worship	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Senior Sunday	St. Peter's
Friday 13 October	7.00pm	Service of Prayer and Remembrance for Baby Loss Awareness	St. Peter's
Saturday 14 October	4.00pm	Muddy Church	Vicarage Orchard
Sunday 15 September	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
	6.00pm	Evensong*	St. Peter's
Sunday 22 October	9.30am	All Age Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	Christ Church
Sunday 29 October	10.30am	CTiM United Service	Christ Church
	6.00pm	Evensong*	St. Peter's
Wednesday 1 November All Saints' Day	7.00pm	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
Sunday 5 November	9.30am	Matins*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
	4.00pm	All Souls' Memorial Service	St. Peter's
	4.00pm	Fun@4	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Youth@4	Christ Church

** Service taken from the Book of Common Prayer*

What Makes a strong team?

If you are the sort of person who switches off at the first mention of football, please skip over the next paragraph. If you don't like mixed metaphors, this whole page will probably annoy you – please accept my apology now.

This year's football summer transfer window ran from 14 June to 1 September. While most of us were concerned with getting a few days holiday, players, lawyers, coaches, managers, boards were working hard to get the best deal possible. Some 750 players within the Championship and Premier Leagues transferred in this period at fees ranging anything from zero to an obscene £105m for Declan Rice moving from West Ham United to Arsenal.

You don't have to be a sports fan to know that a good player on the team makes all the difference to your chances of success. But a good team is more than just the individual players. A good team includes everyone from the players, coaches and managers to the back-room support staff and even the fans. But why, when I really don't care that much for football, am I talking about this now? Because I think, if I stretch the analogy, there are some parallels between a sports team and the Church of England. Here's just a couple:

- 1) The whole Church is only the whole Church when every member does their part. St Paul uses the analogy of a body in 1 Corinthians 12.12-27 *"The body is not made up of one part but of many... you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."*
- 2) We work together so that the strong support the weak. A good team will often see stronger members carrying others in their time of weakness. The Church of England does this through its parish, benefice, deanery and diocesan structures and the pooling of shared resources.

Our Church has now been invited to join local conversations with other churches in this area to see how we might work better together in structures that the Diocese of Leicester is calling Minster Communities. This is an exciting time for us and some of the suggested changes to how we work may lead to increased levels of concern and anxiety for some; but working together is a God idea. God lives in Trinity as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I would suggest that when we work together we form a stronger, better team. If you can, join the conversation, pray and watch this space for future developments

With every blessing ,

Colin Resch

Diary Dates

Monday 2 October

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

7.00pm Reflections on Climate Change at Christ Church (see page 6).

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 19).

Friday 6 October

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

Monday 9 October

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

7.00pm Reflections on Climate Change at Christ Church (see page 6).

Wednesday 11 October

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

7.00pm Fellowship Group at the Vicarage (see page 20).

Thursday 12 October

7.30pm Deanery Synod.

Friday 13 October

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

7.00pm Service of Prayer & Remembrance for Baby Loss at St. Peter's (see page 13)

Friday 20 October

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

Monday 23 October

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

7.00pm Reflections on Climate Change at Christ Church (see page 6).

Wednesday 25 October

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

7.00pm Fellowship Group at the Vicarage (see page 20).

Friday 27 October

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

Monday 30 October

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

7.00pm Reflections on Climate Change at Christ Church (see page 6).

Tuesday 31 October

3.00pm till 5.00pm Light Party at Christ Church (see page 10).

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Diary Dates for November

Wednesday 1 November

- 8.00am School Prayers at Christ Church & St. Peter's CE School.
10.00am Starting Rite at Christ Church, Week 1 of 5 (see page 12).
7.00pm Holy Communion for All Saints' at St. Peter's (see page 14).

Friday 3 November

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

Saturday 4 November

- 10.00am Craft Fair at Christ Church (see page 10).

Monday 6 November

- 9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

Tuesday 7 November

- 7.00pm Joint PCC meeting at St. Peter's.
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St. Peter's Church Flowers



Can you help?

We're looking for anybody who would like to join our small team who arrange, water & keep a check on the fresh flowers at St. Peter's

It would only mean a slot about once a month and we try & join together as a team for big occasions such as Christmas, Easter & Harvest Festival.

No experience required and reimbursement for flowers purchased!

If you want to know more please contact Sheila Scott on:

07779 728 238

Thank you

Morning Prayer

9am in Christ Church and online (via Zoom)

Monday - online only

Tuesday * Wednesday * Thursday* Friday

Meeting ID: 786 8201 8817, Passcode: 032244

Please Note:

NO Morning Prayer - 16th - 20th October Inclusive.



Reflections on Climate Change

Throughout October we will be exploring the relationship between worship and stewardship of creation by reflecting on tracks from the Doxecology Album.

7pm at Christ Church

**Monday 2nd, 9th, 23rd, and 30th
October**

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:

Climate Change:

is the leading cause of hunger in the world.

- Pray for farmers around the world who are dealing with the effects of climate change daily.
- Pray for those who have lost crops and livestock due to high temperatures, droughts and floods.
- Pray for all those affected by food insecurity.
- Pray for those who are struggling to afford the rising prices of staple foods.

**1.3 billion tons of food is wasted each year
which adds to global warming.**

- Pray that food manufacturers will find better ways of processing crops and reduce wastage.
- Pray that supermarkets will stop over stocking and will find ways to avoid wastage.
- Pray for initiatives like "Too Good to Go" and "Olio" to become more widely known and used.

Open Doors:

- Pray for the Christian Community in the city of Jaranwala, Pakistan, which was attacked by Muslims in August.
- Pray for those who lost their homes in the attack.
- Pray for the Christians who are in custody, that God will keep them safe, and that all legal proceedings will be conducted without religious bias.
- Pray for Christian families that were separated as they escaped to be reunited.
- Pray for church leadership as they engage with government and Islamic religious leaders.

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Church Missionary Society :

- Pray for safety and stamina for CMS people in mission in Ukraine as they continue to offer practical help and hope to so many people who are suffering by the Sea, the Afternoon Teas and the BBQ.
- Pray for all of the pioneer mission training students who are getting ready to start a new term with CMS this autumn, especially for new students.
- Give thanks that mission associates working in education are back in South Asia at the school they help to lead. Please pray for the ongoing recruitment of additional teachers.

Pray continually (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Liz Resch

Mission Co-ordinator at Christ Church.

Sunbeams news



Sunbeams is back after our summer break!

We are enjoying working our way through the story of creation and so far have thought about water and light.

We've had great fun with water play and watery collage pictures, the dark tent with sensory lights and finger painting the sunshine!



Story and singing time remains very popular as the children recognize 'The Wiggle Song' means it's story time, dance their way to the carpet and enjoy playing with the various props each story includes.

Sunbeams is for children under 5 years and their parents/carers, you will be made very welcome by this friendly group every Monday during term time, 9.30-11.30am at Christ Church.

Alison



In September we thought about autumn, noting the changes in creation at this time of year. We enjoyed painting autumn colours using paintbrushes we made from natural materials – sticks with tree foliage tied to them.

We had fun making hedgehogs from potatoes by pushing sticks into them as their spikes and then had some hedgehog races with them!



As we sat around the fire eating stick bread, we considered what the trees could teach us at this time of year with the quote 'the trees are about to show us how lovely it is to let things go'. We also heard from Ephesians that we should forgive one another as God has forgiven us through Christ; everyone had the opportunity to take a leaf and think about something they needed to let go before throwing it into the fire and watching it disappear.

All are welcome to Muddy Church, our next session is Saturday 14th October, 4pm in the orchard behind Christ Church.

Alison and Kat

R N I B

See differently

Used Stamps for the RNIB



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



CRAFT FAIR

Saturday 4th November

Christ Church

Rothley Road, Mountsorrel. LE12 7JU

Doors open at 10am

Refreshments available on the day

There will be a selection of stalls to include:

- Hand made cards
- Second hand Books
- Jams
- Royal British Legion - Poppies
- Greetings Cards
- Scarves
- Knitted toys
- Knitted and sewn items
- Canvas bags and other creations

All proceeds are for Christ Church Funds,
so please give this event your support.



Tuesday 31st October Christ Church 3-5pm

Join us at Christ Church for an afternoon of craft and party games.

Suitable for all ages, but children MUST be accompanied by an adult.

There will be a snack when you arrive and a party bag to take home.

To book your FREE place, please go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/light-party-tickets-719272612747>



Christmas Tree and Crib Festival



Fri. 8th and Sat. 9th December: 10am-6pm
Sunday 10th: 1pm-3pm



All Church Groups, Community Groups and local businesses should receive an email with all the details, but if you would like to jump the queue, go to our website: mountsorrelchurch.org to book your tree or crib in.



New This Year....



- Our Christmas Café will be selling hot drinks, non-alcoholic mulled wine, mince-pies and cookies.
- There will be a small gift stall selling ear-rings, small stockings for the children and Christmas cards.
- As well as trees we invite you to produce your own Nativity scene using a HOUSEHOLD object, such as the bird feeder above. This is aimed mainly at individuals rather than Groups or Clubs.
- Thursday evening at 7pm is our Grand Switching on of Lights followed by the Christmas Quiz. Tickets at £2 per person are limited and initially available only to those entering a tree or crib.



We look forward to seeing you there.



The Christmas Tree Elves.



Do you have a baby who is not yet on the move?
Would you like to meet other mum's/dad's who have babies of a similar age?
Join us for Starting Rite at Christ Church, Mountsorrel



Dates for sessions

Wednesday 1st November
Wednesday 8th November
Wednesday 15th November
Wednesday 22th November
Wednesday 29th November

Each session begins at 10am and we are usually finished by 11.30am.

The sessions are baby-centred and include lots of fun activities – singing, storytelling, bathing, baby-touch, and multi-sensory play.

It's also a really great opportunity to build friendships with other mum's or dad's at a similar parenting stage.

There's lots of opportunity to chat and talk about topics like sleeping, weaning & eating, going back to work and how you are feeling.

We also gently wonder about some of life's big questions, each session has a theme;

Peek-a-boo! - We use different material to hide our faces while singing peek-a-boo songs to our babies. This session talks about how we can know God.

How Much Love! - We do lots of baby-touch. This session talks about God's love for us.

Splash! We splash around in water and look at lights inside a tent. Here we talk about baptism.

Bubble-talk! - We blow bubbles to our babies and roll beach balls around to each other as we wonder about prayer.

Story time! We retell 3 bible stories; we get to play with pebbles, sand, material and toy sheep. This is about reading the bible

You'll also be provided with refreshments through the morning!

If you'd like to book onto this course, please contact Alison on 07305 664009 or email at:

alison.white@mountsorrelchurch.org

**There will be a Second Hand Book Stall at
The Craft Fair on Saturday 4th November
With a 50% split of the proceeds being given to
Christ Church and CMT.**

Your donation of any good quality Second Hand Books you can spare will be greatly appreciated. If willing to do so, please let me have them by Sunday 29th October. A collection box will be available at the back of both Christ Church and St. Peter's Church.

Many Thanks - Veronica



St Peter's Church Mountsorrel

A service of remembering for Baby Loss Awareness week

Friday 13th October 7pm at St Peter's Church



You are warmly invited to join us for this short service of remembering and reflection during which you will be able to light a candle and remember your loss.

This service is for families who have experienced the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth or death either recently or in the past and all family members are welcome.



Refreshments will be served after the service so you are welcome to stay and meet with other families who have also experienced the loss of a baby and church staff will be available if you need someone to listen.

**The Church will be open throughout the day up to the Service
for Prayer.**

All Souls' Service

Please join us for this inspirational service
honouring the memory of those we miss.

Sunday 5th November 2023

4.00pm

St. Peter's Church

Market Place, Mountsorrel LE12 7BA

- Readings, Hymns, Prayers, Silence
- Free to the Community
- All Welcome
- Refreshments to follow

For more information call:

0116 429 9946

Email: revcolinresch@mountsorrelchurch.org
<https://mountsorrelchurch.org>



Christ Church/St. Peter's Church, Mountsorrel



All Saints' Day

Wednesday 1st November, 7.00pm

St. Peter's Church, Mountsorrel.

Holy Communion



Followed by a 'Bring & Share' Supper

All Welcome



Saturday 14th October @ 4pm Christ Church Orchard (Behind the Church)

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

Genesis 2:15

Join us as we help our garden friends prepare for the winter.
We shall build a hedgehog house and look after the birds too, making some fat feeders.
Over the year we have found many bugs in the Orchard so we shall be making them their very own bug hotel.
There will be hot chocolate and S'mores and a hedgehog craft as well as making a mini bug hotel to take home.

EVERYBODY, young or not so young, is **WELCOME** to join us for an hour of fun in the great outside.
Remember we **DO NOT** cancel for rain, so don't forget your wellies.



**Sunday 1st October
4pm @ Christ Church**



Genesis 41:1-32

Pharaoh's Dreams

Our annual BBQ to mark the start of the school year was held on a lovely sunny afternoon. Parachute games, garden games and the Mrs Wright who lived on Left Lane game. It was lovely to see some new families join us and we look forward to seeing them again on the 1st October, when our theme is 'Pharaoh's Dream'. Tea will be Baked Potatoes and fillings and jam sponge and custard.



Many thanks to Colin and Mel for feeding us all and to Peter who, after many years, has finally hung up his Fun@4 hat.

Youth Update

The new school year is well under way and our groups are now back after the summer break.

- **Youth@4** this month will be looking at world famine and our response to this growing crisis. Please pray for those around the world who have little or no food to eat.
- **Rawlins Year 7 Club** has restarted again and we hope to be starting a Christian Union after school group very soon. Please pray for the school, staff and students at the start of this new year and especially that students will enjoy attending the groups that we provide.
- **Rooted Bible Study Group**. Following conversations with some of our youth, we have begun a small introductory Bible study group to help them open their Bibles and explore the big questions of faith. Please pray for those attending and that they will gain a better understanding of the Christian faith and that they will feel closer to God.



For more information about our group, talk to Linda, Mel or Kat.

Musical Fellowship

There is **NO** Musical Fellowship in October, due to half term and holidays.

We meet again on Wednesday 15th November and then on 20th December for a Christmas Special.

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!

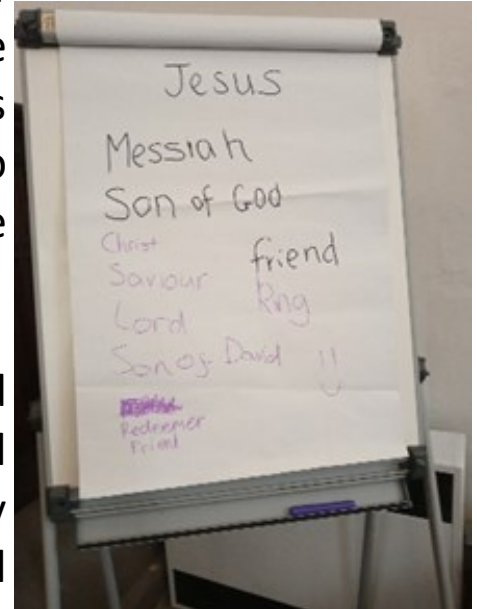




St. Peter's All Age Holy Communion



In August, we heard Matthew's account of Jesus changing Simon's name to Peter – the Greek of Peter meaning Rock. This comes immediately after Jesus asks Peter; 'who do you say I am?' and Peter's response; 'you are the Messiah'.



We thought about nicknames and wondered if Jesus changed our names what he would call us. We listed some of the many, many names Jesus is known by and reminded ourselves that He is the Messiah, Son of God, all powerful but also our best friend.



For our prayers, we thought about Peter, the rock on which the church was built and we prayed for the church using pebbles before using them to build a cairn to symbolize the firm foundation on which the church is built .

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

Alison

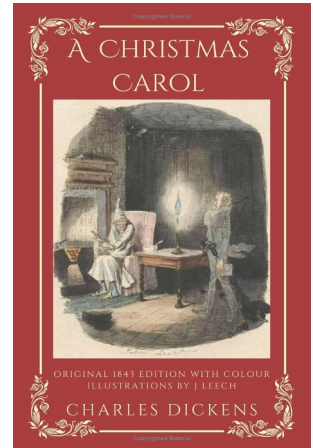


Once we have finished 'The Villa in Italy' we are having a short break for holidays and half term. We start back on 25th October and will be reading 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens.

We will meet every other week and finish with a Christmas Special on the 20th Dec.

To join in, please read the first chapter before we get together on the 25th.

Just what can we learn about our own faith through reading this classic Christmas Story?



For more information speak to Liz Resch



For those of you that had a go at our Summer 23 fun fact quiz, here are the answers

I wonder how many you got right?

- 1 – Over the week, how many pots of coffee were served? **38**
- 2 – How many grams of popcorn were eaten on Thursday? **1250g**
- 3 – How many fish did Oakley, our fisherman catch? **65**
- 4 – How many nerf bullets did we find after packing up the event? **3**
- 5 – How many snakes escaped into the vicarage? **0**
- 6 – How many different earrings did Linda wear? **4** – **Summer23, Mountsorrel-by-the-sea, Quiz Master and see you at summer24**
- 7 – How many families attended over the week? **126**
- 8 – How many volunteer hours were given over the week? **230.5**
- 9 – How many hours did the staff team put into organising the week? **Too many to count**

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 will be meeting on Wednesdays 11th and 25th October and will continue to follow 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 23rd October, but
if items are ready, please send earlier)*