

Church News

November 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
Wednesday 1 November	7.00pm	All Saints' 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
Sunday 12 November	9.30am	Holy Communion* with Act of Remembrance	St. Peter's
	11.00am	All Age Worship & Remembrance Service	Christ Church
	3.00pm	RBL Remembrance Service	St. Peter's
	4.00pm	Senior Sunday	St. Peter's
Saturday 18 November	4.00pm	Muddy Church	Vicarage Orchard
Sunday 19 November	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
	6.00pm	Evensong*	St. Peter's
Sunday 26 November	9.30am	All Age Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	Christ Church
Sunday 3 December	9.30am	Advent Carols*	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

NO Morning Prayer - 13th - 24th November Inclusive.

Time to Pause

I always find that November is good for taking time to pause. A time to look back and a time to look forward. It is, for me, a time of transition.

November begins with All Saints' Day on the 1st and All Souls' Day on the 2nd of the month. Days set aside in the Christian calendar to give thanks for those Christian saints who do not have their own special day of remembrance; and for those believers who have gone before us - not necessarily recognised as saints, but nevertheless have left a good example for us to follow .



Remembrance Sunday on the second Sunday of November allows us to remember and give thanks for those we may have never known, yet who gave their lives fighting for the freedoms of others. In our remembrance Sunday services we commit ourselves "to strive for all that makes for peace, to heal the wounds of war and to work for a just future for all humanity". Yet, as I write this missiles are flying over Israel, a ground offensive is underway on the streets of Gaza, lives are being lost in Ukraine and Russia. McCrae's poem 'In Flanders Fields', whilst beautifully poetic, encourages the fight to pass on to the next generation. When will we ever learn?

Yet even as we look back in remembrance, at the same time, the Church calendar encourages us to look to the future as we begin to countdown the Sundays before Advent. The month of November, this season of remembrance, and indeed the Church's year, culminates in the celebration of 'Christ the King' when we remember that in the kingdom of heaven there can only be one King and that King is Jesus Christ. In the collect set for that Sunday, we pray that our Eternal Father may keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at the feet of Jesus Christ who ascended to the throne of heaven to rule over all things as Lord and King .

The second psalm begins by questioning warfare: *"Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord..."* and concludes by placing God on his throne: *"Serve the Lord with fear... blessed are all who take refuge in him"*.

So, before the chaos and rush of December comes upon us, why don't you, with me, take some extra time this month to pause. Read Psalm 2. Look back in remembrance; reflect on what has been; give thanks. Then look to the future with a renewed hope for all that God has in store for you as you serve him faithfully as a disciple of Christ.

God Bless,

Colin Resch

Diary Dates

Wednesday 1 November

- 8.00am School Prayers at Christ Church & St. Peter's CE School.
- 10.00am Starting Rite at Christ Church (1/5). See page 13.
- 7.00pm All Saints' Communion at St. Peter's Church (see page 15)

Friday 3 November

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

Saturday 4 November

- 10.00am till 4pm: Craft Fair at Christ Church. (see page 11).

Sunday 5 November

- 4.00pm All Souls' Service at St. Peter's Church. (see page 15).

Monday 6 November

- 9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

Tuesday 7 November

- 7.00pm Joint PCC Meeting at St. Peter's.

Wednesday 8 November

- 8.00am School Prayers at Christ Church & St. Peter's CE School.
- 10.00am Starting Rite at Christ Church (2/5). See page 13.
- 2.00pm Book Club (see page 8).
- 7.00pm Fellowship Group at The Vicarage (see page 7).

Friday 10 November

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

Monday 13 November

- 9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

Wednesday 15 November

- 8.00am School Prayers at Christ Church & St. Peter's CE School.
- 10.00am Starting Rite at Christ Church (3/5). See page 13.
- 7.00pm Music Fellowship Group at Christ Church (see page 8).

Friday 17 November

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

Monday 20 November

- 9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

Wednesday 22 November

- 8.00am School Prayers at Christ Church & St. Peter's CE School.
- 10.00am Starting Rite at Christ Church (4/5). See page 13.
- 2.00pm Book Club (see page 8).

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Diary Dates for November (cont'd)

Friday 24 November

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

Monday 27 November

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

Wednesday 29 November

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

10.00am Starting Rite at Christ Church (5/5). See page 13.

7.00pm Fellowship Group at The Vicarage (see page 7).

Diary Dates for December

Friday 1 December

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

Monday 4 December

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

Wednesday 6 December

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

2.00pm Book Club (see page 8).

7.00pm Fellowship Group at The Vicarage (see page 7).

Thursday 7 December

7.00pm Christmas Quiz at Christ Church (see page 14).

(Please note: the Quiz will start as soon as possible)

Friday 8 December

10am till 4pm: Christmas Tree & Crib Festival at Christ Church (see page 14)

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

Saturday 9 December

10am till 4pm: Christmas Tree & Crib Festival at Christ Church (see page 14)

11.00am till 12 Noon: CTiM Carols on the Green.

Sunday 10 December

1pm till 3.30pm: Christmas Tree & Crib Festival at Christ Church (see page 14)

Monday 11 December

NO SUNBEAMS TODAY

7.00pm Carols amongst the Christmas Trees at Christ Church.

Prayer Ideas

At St Peter's and Christ Church we support and pray for a number of different Christian Charities that work in this country and abroad to improve the lives of others and show them God's love and compassion.

Please find some prayer pointers to help us to pray for global issues and the Charities we support and their work throughout the world:

War/Conflict:

- As we lead up to Armistice Day & Remembrance Sunday we remember the 32 countries where there is currently conflict and its costs; physical, emotional and economic.
- Pray for all who are living with physical and emotional wounds due to conflict.
- Pray for all those who are mourning the loss of a loved one.
- Pray for those who have lost their homes, livelihoods and their communities.
- Pray for those who have had to flee their own countries and are now refugees.
- Pray for those who are working to bring peace to the countries affected.
- Pray for all the aid agencies who are working in difficult and dangerous situations.
- Pray for the members of our own armed services and the roles they play across the world in different conflict zones.

CMS:

- At Christ Church we are supporting Sarah & Simon who are Mission partners with CMS working in Gulu, Uganda. Sarah is the Principal of the Theological College there and Simon is working with the local Diocese.
- Pray for the ongoing work to apply to the National Council of Higher Education to register the Theological College .
- Pray for the 60 Lay Reader students that they currently have at the college.
- Pray that Simon is able to raise the funds to run the "Rooted in Jesus" conference in January 2024. They are expecting between three and five

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thousand delegates to attend.

- Pray that Sarah & Simon will quickly learn the local language, Acholi.

Tearfund:

- Are asking for prayers concerning the worlds urgent rubbish problem; 2 billion people do not have a safe way to dispose of rubbish'
- Pray for the 150 governments meeting to develop the first Internationally Agreement on Plastic Pollution.
- Pray for the provision of nourishing food and clean water .
- Pray for the 20 million people around the world who earn a living through collecting, sorting and selling materials for recycling or reuse.
- Thank God for the many people worldwide who are using their ingenuity to turn waste plastic into useful items.

Pray continually (1Thessalonians 5:17)

Liz Resch

Mission Co-ordinator 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.

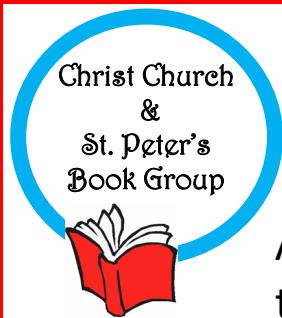
Fellowship Group at the Vicarage meets every other Wednesday at 7pm in person and online.

We will be meeting on Wednesdays 8th and 29th November and Wednesday 6th December where we 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.

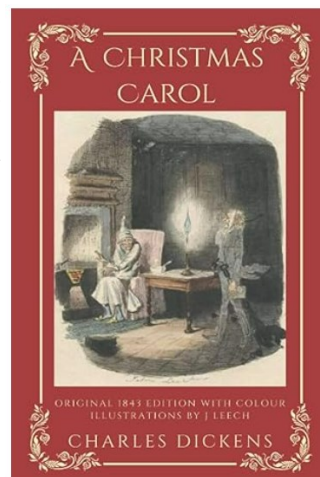
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We continue *A Christmas Carol* on Wednesday 8th and Wednesday 22nd November. @ 2pm.

A venue has not yet been arranged, but this will be put on the Church Facebook page in plenty of time.

For more information, please contact any one of us: Mel, Liz, Linda, Denni or Angie



Stave 4 and 5 will be discussed on the 6th and 20th December.



Musical Fellowship

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

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

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!



Sunbeams news



Sunbeams have concluded their creation theme. Week by week, we weaved a wonderful story of God imagining and creating and life coming to be.

As always we've had lots of fun with themed activities alongside favourite toys and messy or sensory play including sand, water, rice and lots of messy painting!



At the end of each part of our story, God danced and sang around everything He had created and each week, we too have danced with ribbons and sang.

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.



Young Assembly Squad

The Young Assembly Squad are meeting again as a weekly lunchtime club at Christchurch & St Peter's Primary School; years 4 and 5 are most keen to be involved and have just led a great assembly about God's protection.

They began with a quiz they devised themselves in which they read out things their pets needed and the assembly had to guess what their pet was – this was enjoyed by all the children.

Next they talked about Jesus being the Good Shepherd and showed how a shepherd protected his sheep in the sheep pen by lying across the open gap and finally used the Jesus Storybook Bible to tell how Jesus had said the birds and the flowers do not worry because God looks after them.

They taught the younger children a song which everyone joined in with and enjoyed singing a school favourite with the older children.

We're all looking forward to planning our next one which is all about singing!



Our next Muddy Church is:
Saturday 18th November @ 4pm
Christ Church Orchard (Behind the Church)



An amazing time was had by all at October's Muddy Church. Working together we built a hedgehog house, ladybug hides and bug hotels. We then enjoyed some hot chocolate, s'mores and songs by the fire.

Corrine



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.



Bangers & Mash for tea!



Sunday 5th November
4pm @ Christ Church

Esther 2:21

The Gunpowder plot
and the Bible



Everyone is welcome!





Fun@4

Everyone is welcome to join us on the first Sunday of the month (no Fun@4 in Jan and Aug) so why not come along in November to see what we get up to.

In October we looked at part of the story of Joseph from the Old Testament. With our new format; we first heard the story of Joseph interpreting Pharaoh's dreams and subsequently becoming very important in Egypt. We thought about how God looks after us even when times are tough and also that God speaks to us. We sang, danced and played instruments to the harvest samba and had lots of fun doing activities based on our Bible reading. Crafts included making Corn dollies and edible fruit trees and a not so edible snake in the ground and building pyramids with Lego. We sang happy birthday to Oakley and Poppy and then we joined together again to sing and pray before we enjoyed a lovely meal sitting and eating together.



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.



St. Peter's All Age Holy Communion



In September, we heard the parable of the workers in the vineyard, we thought about the world's view of fairness and gave out chocolates in a very unfair way!

Then we looked at God's way and His outrageous generosity.

Everyone received a medal with their reward from God starting with those who have been Christians the longest – of course once everyone had a medal, we discovered we all received the same reward – Salvation!



We ate grapes as we prayed for situations, places and people where God's love and grace is needed and we also thanked God for the people in our lives who have shown us God's love and grace.

Finally, there were chocolates for everyone after the service!

All are welcome to join us on the 4th Sunday of the month at 9.30am at St Peter's Church

On Friday 13th October a few of us met at St. Peter's Church to hold a short service to remember both babies lost in pregnancy and those that had lived for such a short time. We wrote names on hearts, we lit candles, we listened to music; all the time surrounded by those who understood because they had been through it too.



Baby Loss Awareness Week

Thank you Alison for putting together such a meaningful and reflective service.



**Do you have a baby who is not yet on the move?
Would you like to meet other mums/dads 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 22nd 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 birth stories, 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.

Storytime! 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 hot drinks 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

Christmas Tree & Crib Festival

Christ Church, Rothley Road, Mountsorrel

December 8th-11th

Friday 8th & Saturday 9th - 10am to 6pm

Sunday 10th - 1pm to 3pm Monday 11th - Open for schools only

If you are able to help welcome and talk to people as they visit our Church please add your name to our list of volunteers which can be found at the back of the Church. We especially need help on Friday but any time over the weekend, that you can spare, will be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks The Christmas Tree Elves

To reserve a place for your tree, please go to our website for the online form.

Replies should be with us no later than Friday 17th November

Trees can be set up on either:

Wednesday 6th December in the evening 6pm-8pm

or

Thursday 7th December 9.30am-4pm

Please collect your tree on Tuesday 12th December 1pm-8pm

Our festival will be launched with a Christmas Quiz on Thursday 7th December, starting at 7pm, which will include our official Christmas Tree Lights switch-on. Tickets for this will be £2 per person - payable on the night - and will include non-alcoholic mulled wine and nibbles. There is only a limited number of places so please book your tickets as soon as possible by going to:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-tree-festival-quiz-night-tickets-742143781027?>

On Monday 10th December in Christ Church @ 7pm we will be holding a carol amongst the trees service. Join us as we hear readings and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

We look forward to seeing you there.

The Christmas Tree Elves

All Saints' Day

Wednesday 1st November, 7.00pm

St. Peter's Church, Mountsorrel.

Holy Communion



Followed by a 'Bring & Share' Supper

All Welcome

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
www.mountsorrelchurch.org



Christ Church/St. Peter's Church, Mountsorrel



The Soar Valley Community Food Project have asked us to advertise the 'Reverse Advent Calendar'. This is where you put a food item each day, from the calendar below into a bag to donate to the food bank to be given out at Christmas as a package. The bag can be for a single person, a couple or a family. If you are able to commit to doing this, please let them know by contacting them, call or text: 07395 956 777.

If you do not feel able to do this but would like to donate an item or two to help a family struggling this Christmas donations can be left in the collection boxes in Church as normal.



Please deliver parcels to Mountsorrel Baptist Church, Leicester Road, LE12 7AJ by Monday 18th December. We are open Mondays 9am - 12pm and Tuesdays 10am - 12pm.

Thank you for your continued support to our local community



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



Coffee Morning

Every Friday 10am—12noon

Pop in and meet new friends

Everyone Welcome



Senior Sunday

Welcomes

Friends, Old and New

At St. Peter's Church, Mountsorrel

2nd Sunday of the Month

4.00pm - 5.30pm



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.



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>



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*(Copy date for the next newsletter is Monday 20th November, but
if items are ready, please send earlier)*