Church News January 2024 **Christ Church** St Peter's Church **Market Place Rothley Road Mountsorrel** Mountsorrel **LE12 7JU LE12 7BA**

Services at Christ Church & St. Peter's Church

Date	Time	Service	Venue
Saturday 6 January Epiphany	7.00pm	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
Sunday 7 January	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
	6.00pm	Evensong	St. Peter's
	NB: No Fun@4 or Youth@4 This Month		
Sunday 14 January	9.30am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	All Age Worship	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Senior Sunday	St. Peter's
Saturday 20 January	4.00pm	Muddy Church	Vicarage Orchard
Sunday 21 January	10.30am	CTiM united service	Baptist Church
	6.00pm	Evensong*	St. Peter's
	NB: No service at Christ Church today		
Sunday 28 January Candlemas	9.30am	All Age Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Sunday Worship	Christ Church
Friday 2 February The Presentation	7.00pm	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
Sunday 4 February	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

1st - 5th incl. and 9th January

Happy New Year. Goodbye 2023.

As the old year passes and a new year begins, let me encourage you to find a few moments to pause and reflect on the year that has been and look forward with anticipation to the year that is unfolding before us.

The Daily Examen is a technique of prayerful reflection on the events of the day in order to detect God's presence and discern his direction for us; but it can work equally well when reflecting upon an entire year. The Examen is an ancient practice in the Church that can help us see God's hand at work in our whole experience. The method presented here is adapted from a technique described by St Ignatius Loyola in his Spiritual Exercises*. It's a habit that Jesuits, and many other Christians, practice to this day.

So, what to do?

- 1. Become aware of God's presence. Find somewhere you can sit quietly where you are unlikely to be disturbed. Ignore your phone and email for a while. Say a simple prayer inviting God to guide you by his Holy Spirit. St. Ignatius encouraged people to talk to Jesus like a friend. Sometimes a second 'empty chair' can help. Imagine Jesus sitting with you in your quiet place. Sit in the quiet and wait for a while. Become comfortable in, and with, the silence.
- 2. Review 2023 with gratitude. Think back over the last year, perhaps month by month, and give thanks for the times you have seen God at work.
- 3. Pay attention to your emotions. Think about why the different emotions come. Let your emotions guide your thoughts and prayers. Be thankful for your emotions.
- 4. Choose one or two highlights of your year and pray as God leads you.
- 5. Finally, look toward the coming year. Think about what 2024 has in store for you. Family gatherings, Church celebrations, significant events. Maybe you have feelings of doubt, apprehension or anticipation. Ask Jesus for help and understanding and hope for this coming year.

As you partake in this exercise, may you find God's love surrounding you and giving you hope for 2024. I'd love to hear from you if you found this helpful; or even if you didn't. Let me know how it goes for you.

With every blessing,

Colin Resch

^{*}www.ignatianspirituality.com/ignatian-prayer/the-spiritual-exercises/

Diary Dates

Friday 5 January

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

Saturday 6 January - EPIPHANY

7.00pm Holy Communion (BCP) at St. Peter's Church.

Monday 8 January

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

Tuesday 9 January

7.00pm Christ Church PCC Meeting.

Wednesday 10 January

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

2.00pm Christ Church and St. Peter's Book Group (see page 7).

6.00pm Youth Bible Study at St. Peter's Church.

7.00pm Fellowship Group at The Vicarage (see page 5).

Thursday 11 January

7.00pm St. Peter's Church PCC Meeting.

Friday 12 January

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

Monday 15 January

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

Wednesday 17 January

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

6.00pm Youth Bible Study at St. Peter's Church.

Friday 19 January

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

Saturday 20 January

4.00pm Muddy Church in the Vicarage Orchard.

Monday 22 January

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

Wednesday 24 January

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

6.00pm Youth Bible Study at St. Peter's Church.

7.00pm Fellowship Group at The Vicarage (see page 5).

Friday 26 January

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

Monday 29 January

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

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Diary Dates for January (cont'd)

Wednesday 31 January

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

6.00pm Youth Bible Study at St. Peter's Church.

Diary Dates for February

Friday 2 February

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

7.00pm Holy Communion (BCP) at St. Peter's Church.

Monday 5 February

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

Wednesday 7 February

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

6.00pm Youth Bible Study at St. Peter's Church.

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

7.30pm Deanery Synod.

Friday 9 February

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

FELLOWSHIP GROUP AT THE VICARAGE

Day by day, as they spent much time together at the temple, they broke bread at home. (Acts 2:46)

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

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

We will be meeting on Wednesdays 10th and 24th January 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.

Zoom ID: 858 3431 7001 Passcode: 643768

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:

For the World:

- Pray for peace to come where there is war and civil unrest, especially Ukraine and Gaza.
- Pray for equality for all.
- Pray for world leaders to work together.
- Pray for there to be a consensus on how to tackle climate change.
- Pray for those areas of the world dealing with a shortage of food.

For our churches:

- Pray for our church leaders; our vicar, Colin, our readers, Edmund and Helen, our associate minister Mel.
- Pray for our Children & Family Workers; Alison White & Linda Vesty.
- Pray for our youth Worker; Kat Jenkins.
- Pray for our Parish administrator; Paul Rowley, our church wardens; David Bird, David Owen, Helen Shaw & Angie Price and the members of our PCC's.
- Pray that every member of our churches grows closer to God in the coming year.
- Pray for the ongoing Minster Community conversations.
- Pray that we would engage with more people in our community.
- Pray for the different charities we support.

Pray for our community:

- Pray for those struggling to make ends meet.
- Pray for the Sorrel Food Project and all its volunteers .
- Pray for our primary school; teachers, support staff and pupils.

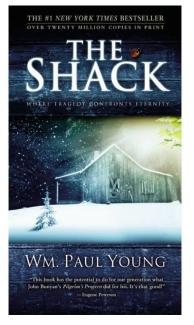
When the carols have been stilled, when the star-topped tree is taken down, When family and friends are gone home, when we are back to our schedules

The work of Christmas begins:

To welcome the refugee, to heal a broken planet,
To feed the hungry, to build bridges of trust, not walls of fear,
To share our gifts, to seek justice and peace for all people,
To bring Christ's light to the world.

Liz Resch
Mission Co-ordinator at Christ Church

Christ Church & St. Peter's Book Group



10th January at 2pm

In a world where religion seems to grow increasingly irrelevant *The Shack* wrestles with the timeless question, "Where is God in a world so filled with unspeakable pain?"

For more information about our book group, please talk to Liz at Christ Church or Denni at St. Peter's



Fifteen Minutes Every Day

Bible in a year: 365-day reading plan.



January's readings are below:

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalms & Proverbs
1	Genesis 1:1 - 2:17	Matthew 1:1-25	Psalm 1:1-6
2	Genesis 2:18 - 4:16	Matthew 2:1-18	Psalm 2:1-12
3	Genesis 4:17 - 6:22	Matthew 2:19 - 3:17	Psalm 3:1-8
4	Genesis 7:1 - 9:17	Matthew 4:1-22	Proverbs 1:1-7
5	Genesis 9:18 - 11:9	Matthew 4:23 - 20	Psalm 4:1-8
6	Genesis 11:10 - 13:18	Matthew 5:21-42	Psalm 5:1-12
7	Genesis 14:1 - 16:16	Matthew 5:43 - 6:24	Psalm 6:1-10
8	Genesis 17:1 - 18:33	Matthew 6:25 - 7:23	Proverbs 1:8-19
9	Genesis 19:1 -20:18	Matthew 7:24 - 8:22	Psalm 7:1-9
10	Genesis 21:1 - 23:20	Matthew 8:23 - 9:13	Psalm 7:10-17
11	Genesis 24:1-67	Matthew 9:14-38	Psalm 8:1-9
12	Genesis 25:1 - 26:35	Matthew 10:1-31	Proverbs 1:20-33
13	Genesis 27:1 - 28:22	Matthew 10:32 - 11:15	Psalm 9:1-6
14	Genesis 29:1 - 30:43	Matthew 11:16-30	Psalm 9:7-12
15	Genesis 31:1-55	Matthew 12:1-21	Psalm 9:13-20
16	Genesis 32:1 - 33:20	Matthew 12:22-45	Proverbs 2:1-11
17	Genesis 34:1 - 35:29	Matthew 12:46 - 13:17	Psalm 10:1-11
18	Genesis 36:1 - 37:36	Matthew 13:18-35	Psalm 10:12-18
19	Genesis 38:1 - 39:23	Matthew 13:36-58	Psalm 11:1-7
20	Genesis 40:1 - 41:40	Matthew 14:1-21	Proverbs 2:12-22
21	Genesis 41:41 - 42:38	Matthew 14:22 - 15:9	Psalm 12:1-8
22	Genesis 43:1 - 44:34	Matthew 15:10-39	Psalm 13:1-6
23	Genesis 45:1 - 47:12	Matthew 16:1-20	Psalm 14:1-7
24	Genesis 47:13 - 48:22	Matthew 16:21 - 17:13	Proverbs 3:1-10
25	Genesis 49:1 - 50:26	Matthew 17:14 - 18:9	Psalm 15:1-5
26	Job 1:1 - 3:26	Matthew 18:10-35	Psalm 16:1-11
27	Job 4:1 - 7:21	Matthew 19:1-15	Psalm 17:1-5
28	Job 8:1 - 10:22	Matthew 19:16-30	Proverbs 3:11-20
29	Job 11:1 - 14:22	Matthew 20:1-19	Psalm 17:6-12
30	Job 15:1 - 18:21	Matthew 20:20-34	Psalm 17:13-15
31	Job 19:1 - 21:34	Matthew 21:1-17	Psalm 18:1-6

https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/19038



Carols

16th December



The evening started with a beautiful sunset and then the dark started to take over. But we had torches, a fire, hot chocolate and crumpets cooking on the fire, a little cold weather was not going to stop us.

We listened to a (slightly odd) poem about Mary, Joseph, the baby Jesus, shepherds, angels and wise men and sang carols in-between each stanza.





There were only a few of us there, but I hope you enjoyed our time together as much as I did.

Our next Muddy Church is Saturday 20th January in the Orchard behind the Church.

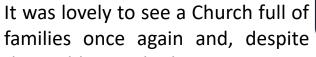
Finally we wish all our Muddy Church friends a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and successful 2024.







Christmas 2023



the cold, we had a great session; including

watching the village lights and fireworks and then our own Church Christmas lights being turned on.

The Twelve Revelations of Christmas went down a treat (thank you again to the Mountsorrel Church Fund for supplying it and the iPads needed). Crafts including wise men, handprints, angels and stained glass windows were all done, some being left to hang on our Fun@4 and Youth@4 Christmas tree. Turkey, stuffing and cranberry sauce, all in a roll, along with mince pies and custard were enjoyed in the much warmer Bower Room. No Fun@4 in January, we meet again Sunday 4th February 2024.

My sincere thanks to all staff and volunteers who help make Fun@4 such an important outreach for our Church and to the families who help make Fun@4 so much fun.

Linda



Shining a light in a dark world



Stained glass windows



A small musical interlude courtesy of Colin and Oakley

Christmas Tree & Crib Festival

Christ Church, Rothley Road, Mountsorrel

A big THANK YOU to all those who helped run the weekend, volunteered over the weekend, those of you who sat in the cold welcoming people into the Church, Paul R and my Colin for helping arrange tables and sort out the electrics; but special thanks to Caroline and Margaret with help from Sarah, our 'Kitchen Elves' for keeping us all fed and watered over the weekend.

Over the three days we had at least 250 people come into our Church to look at the trees and enjoy the cakes, mince pies and hot drinks on offer; including Councillor Margaret Smidowicz, Mayor of Charnwood, who I pressganged into judging the trees for me and who then chose Castle View Nursery's tree and our own Muddy Church tree as 'best in show'. The winning school tree was chosen by those who visited the Festival, a tree created by year 5 Eagles and Kestrels.

£564.61 was taken over the weekend and, once expenses have been paid, the money will be split between Christ Church and Alex's Wish. Once again many, many thanks to all who helped make it such a successful weekend.

Linda

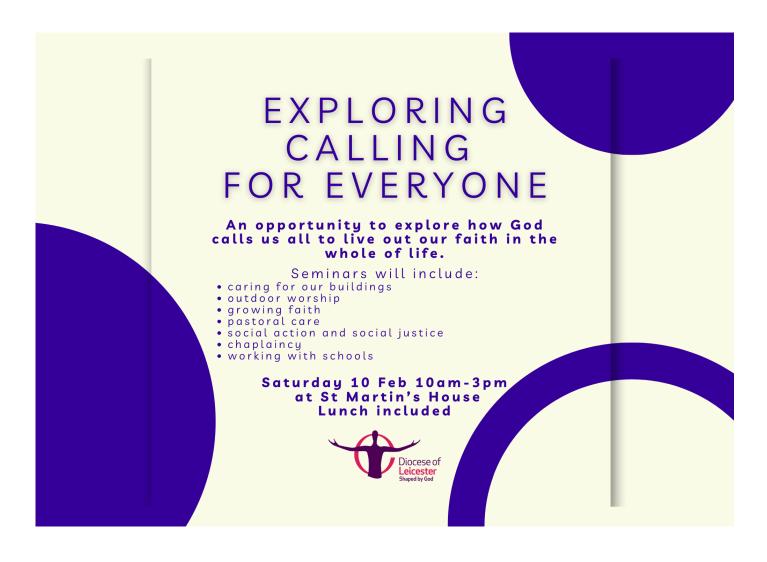




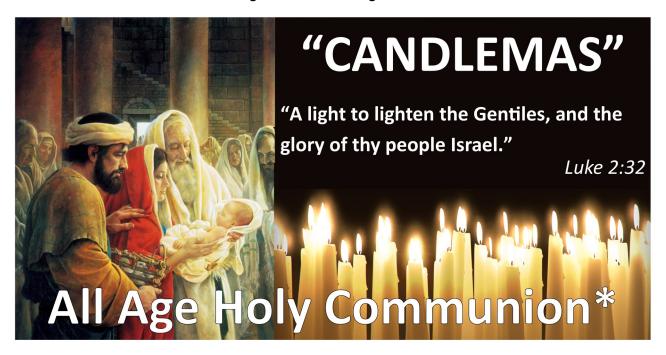








🕉 9.30am, Sun, 28th Jan. 🕉



All Welcome

(* Book of Common Prayer)







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:

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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 Monday 22nd January, but if items are ready, please send earlier)