

Church News

February 2024

Christ Church

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St Peter's Church

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

Date	Time	Service	Venue
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
Sunday 11 February	9.30am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	All Age Worship	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Senior Sunday	St. Peter's
Wednesday 14 February Ash Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion* with Ashing	St. Peter's
Saturday 17 February	4.00pm	Muddy Church	Vicarage Orchard
Sunday 18 February	11.00am	Holy Communion with Prayers for healing	Christ Church
	6.00pm	Evensong*	St. Peter's
Sunday 25 February	9.30am	All Age Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Sunday Worship	Christ Church
Sunday 3 March	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

NOTE: NO Morning Prayer

From 19th Feb & 26th to 29th Feb inclusive.

One piece at a time.

Many of you will be aware that I am quite a fan of jigsaws – at least there are certain types of jigsaws that I enjoy. I quite enjoy the WASGIJ series of puzzles where what you see on the box, is not quite the same as what you will see in the finished picture. I also enjoy puzzles where the finished puzzle creates a beautiful picture. It is such a joy to see the picture come into being one piece at a time .

I use jigsaw puzzles as a means to relaxation. While I am trying to fit the pieces together, I can lay aside the concerns, and stresses of the day. One of my favourite gifts was a portable jigsaw board which allows me to pack up the puzzle part way through and continue it on another occasion. This came about after finding a jigsaw in a holiday cottage I once stayed in, and then realising part way through that I might not finish it in time before I had to go home. The level of stress I experienced undid any of the gain – it was certainly not a relaxing experience. For the same reasons, I am not a fan of ridiculously difficult puzzles either such as the picture of baked beans I was once given – I mean, what is the point!?.

As we journey together in our Bible Readings (see Fifteen Minutes a Day), we gradually experience more of God’s salvation plan. Slowly, bit by bit, piece by piece, we make connections between the Old Testament and the New, between the promises of God made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and the coming of Jesus as a Saviour for the world. When we re-read our Bibles in this way, we can take the connections made in one year and join them with the connections we make in previous years; and slowly, sometimes very slowly, gradually, bit by bit, piece by piece the entire story of God’s love for us is revealed until we can finally step back and take a look at the finished picture.

In one sense, we will never see the finished picture until we have finished our journey through this life; but then, as we look back, we will see the most beautiful picture of God’s love reflected in every one of the trials and tribulations, the joys and celebrations of our life. What an amazing picture that will be .

So “..do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. ... But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matthew 6.25, 33)

With every blessing,

Colin Resch

Diary Dates

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.

Tuesday 6 February

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

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 5).

7.30pm Deanery Synod

Friday 9 February

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

Monday 12 February

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

Tuesday 13 February

3.00pm Handing out Pancakes outside Christ Church.

Wednesday 14 February - Ash Wednesday

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

10.30am Holy Communion with Ashing at St. Peter's Church (see page 14).

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

Friday 16 February

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

Saturday 17 February

4.00pm Muddy Church in the Vicarage Orchard.

Monday 19 February

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

Tuesday 20 February

7.00pm Joint PCC Meeting at Christ Church.

Wednesday 21 February

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

Friday 23 February

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

Monday 26 February

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

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Wednesday 28 February

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

Diary Dates for March

Friday 1 March

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

2.15pm World Day of Prayer at St. Peter's Church (see page 13).

Monday 4 March

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

Wednesday 6 March

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

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

Friday 8 March

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 Wednesday 7th February 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:

During Lent:

- Pray for a different member of your family each day.
- Pray for a different friend each day.
- Pray with others.
- Pray for a different country on the Open Doors world watch list each day.
- Pray for opportunities to talk about Jesus.

Open Doors:

- Pray for the ongoing violence in Israel and Gaza.
- Pray for all those caught up in this conflict.
- Pray for Christians in Gaza, the West Bank and Israel.
- Pray for all those who have lost loved ones, homes and livelihoods due to this conflict.
- Pray that all hostages will be released.
- Pray for those leaders who are working to bring peace to the area.

World Vision:

- Pray for children throughout the world facing hunger because of climate change.
- Pray for children caught up in conflict and war.
- Pray for children that have been displaced because of conflict and war.
- Pray for children that have lost loved ones due to conflict and war.

Leprosy Mission:

- Pray for the Leprosy Mission hospital in Muzaffarpur, India. It is the only leprosy specialist hospital for hundreds of miles.

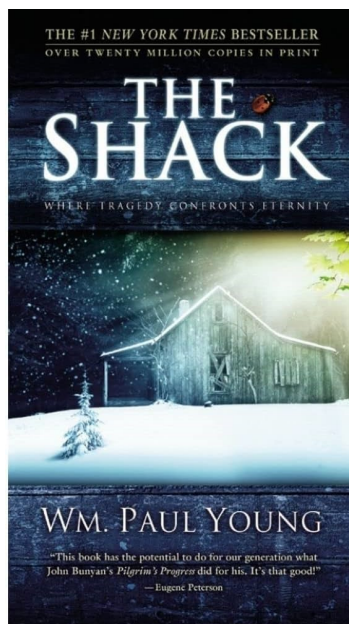
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- Pray for all those who have to travel long distances to attend the hospital as they cannot get treatment anywhere else.
- Pray for protection for the hospital as it increasingly floods during the monsoon.
- Pray for God to sustain all that work at the hospital in different roles.
- Pray that the hospital will get the improvement works to its facilities that it needs.

Liz Resch

Mission Co-ordinator at Christ Church

Christ Church & St. Peter's Book Group



**6th February 2pm
At Mel's**

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.



February's readings are below:

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalms & Proverbs
1	Job 22:1 - 24:25	Matthew 21:18-32	Proverbs 3:21-35
2	Job 25:1 - 29:25	Matthew 21:33 - 22:14	Psalms 18:7-15
3	Job 30:1 - 32:22	Matthew 22:15-46	Psalms 18:16-24
4	Job 33:1 - 34:37	Matthew 23:1-39	Psalms 18:25-36
5	Job 35:1 - 37:24	Matthew 24:1-31	Proverbs 4:1-9
6	Job 38:1 - 40:2	Matthew 24:32 - 25:13	Psalms 18:37-42
7	Job 40:3 - 42:17	Matthew 25:14-46	Psalms 18:43-50
8	Exodus 1:1 - 3:22	Matthew 26:1-30	Psalms 19:1-6
9	Exodus 4:1 - 6:12	Matthew 26:31-46	Proverbs 4:10-19
10	Exodus 6:13 - 8:32	Matthew 26:47-68	Psalms 19:7-14
11	Exodus 9:1 - 10:29	Matthew 26:69 - 27:10	Psalms 20:1-9
12	Exodus 11:1 - 12:51	Matthew 27:11-44	Psalms 21:1-7
13	Exodus 13:1 - 14:31	Matthew 27:45-66	Proverbs 4:20-27
14	Exodus 15:1 - 16:36	Matthew 28:1-20	Psalms 21:8-13
15	Exodus 17:1 - 18:27	Mark 1:1-28	Psalms 22:1-11
16	Exodus 19:1 - 20:26	Mark 1:29 - 2:17	Psalms 22:12-21
17	Exodus 21 - 22:31	Mark 2:18 - 3:30	Proverbs 5:1-14
18	Exodus 23:1 - 24:18	Mark 3:31 - 4:29	Psalms 22:22-31
19	Exodus 25:1 - 26:37	Mark 4:30 - 5:20	Psalms 23:1-6
20	Exodus 27:1 - 28:43	Mark 5:21 - 6:6	Psalms 24:1-10
21	Exodus 29:1 - 30:38	Mark 6:7-29	Proverbs 5:15-23
22	Exodus 31:1 - 33:6	Mark 6:30-56	Psalms 25:1-7
23	Exodus 33:7 - 34:35	Mark 7:1-30	Psalms 25:8-15
24	Exodus 35:1 - 36:38	Mark 7:31 - 8:13	Psalms 25:16-22
25	Exodus 37:1 - 38:31	Mark 8:14 - 9:1	Proverbs 6:1-11
26	Exodus 39:1 - 40:38	Mark 9:2-32	Psalms 26:1-12
27	Leviticus 1:1 - 3:17	Mark 9:33 - 10:12	Psalms 27:1-6
28	Leviticus 4:1 - 5:13	Mark 10:13-31	Psalms 27:7-14
29	Leviticus 5:14 - 7:10	Mark 10:32-52	Proverbs 6:12-19

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

A look back at Christmas...

At the beginning of February, we celebrate Candlemas, a time in the church when we take a last look at Christmas and the infant Jesus before turning towards the cross and looking forward to Lent and Easter.

So I thought it would be good to take a last look at Christmas and some of the children and family activities we enjoyed which didn't make it into the January newsletter!

Way back at the end of November, we had fun at St Peter's all age holy communion on Stir-Up Sunday, we actually made a Christmas pudding during the service which we then passed around and stirred as part of our prayers; we asked God to stir up the wills of those in authority in the world, the wills of our churches and communities and the wills of our hearts, that we might bring forth the fruit of good works.



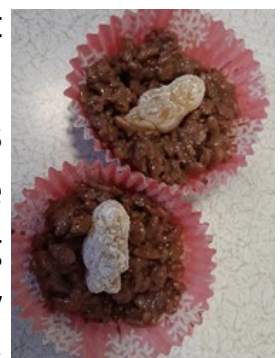
On into December and we had Christ Church & St Peter's primary school visit Christ Church over the course of a day to see the Christmas trees and cribs at the festival. Each group enjoyed looking around the trees and then a Collective Worship in church where we explored how a Christmas cracker can help us remember the real meaning of Christmas and enjoyed singing Christmas songs.



Year 6 led a beautiful service of carols at St Peter's church, beginning in candle light and including readings and prayers as well as some beautiful singing.



Sunbeams spent December sessions at St Peter's church where we thoroughly enjoyed the underfloor heating! We had a fun Christmas session just before Christmas where we made Jesus in the manger cupcakes, enjoyed playing with the farm complete with stable and nativity characters and decorating their own Christmas



tree! We had fun with the story of the journey to Bethlehem and enjoyed singing lots of Christmas songs together.

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Our all age worship at Christ Church in December was our Crib Service, we didn't dress up but we did sing the story of Christmas to the tune of the 12 days of Christmas as we brought the figures of the nativity to the stable. If you weren't there imagine; 'at the 6th hour of Christmas, the world in darkness lay; angels are singing, peace on earth, donkey standing by, Mary and Joe, in a lowly stable, our Saviour Jesus was born!' There was lots of laughter and brilliant singing accompanied by the wonderful playing of Edmund as we made our way through the song and story.

Finally, we had our wonderful Nativity Service at St Peter's on the morning of Christmas Eve. Some of the Young Assembly Squad (school lunchtime club) came along with their families and did a brilliant job of narrating the story for us. Younger children enjoyed dressing up and joining in at the appropriate points of the story, helped by Sarah who took on the parts of the donkey, an angel and the star to help the little children get to the right



place at the right time! As people arrived, they were invited to write about person or situation they wanted God to bless onto a star and hang it on a Christmas tree which we then brought forward for our prayers. Our carols were led brilliantly by John on the piano and we all enjoyed the chaos and

cuteness of the whole service and of course mince pies and Christmas goodies after the service with our coffee!

Now we've looked back, it's time to turn towards the cross; Ash Wednesday and Lent are just around the corner and our All Age Worship at Christ Church on 11th February will focus on Lent as we enter a new season within our churches.

Christingle 2023

Once again the Church was full of excited children and weary parents, or was it excited parents and weary children?
Possibly a mixture of both!

This year we made our own Christingles, including one made from two children wearing the same orange t-shirt and red ribbon.



We listened to Matt 5:14-16 and then thought about, how easy it is to pick and choose when we shine and when we don't. Jesus told us to let our lights shine so that others seeing our good works, would glorify our Father in heaven.

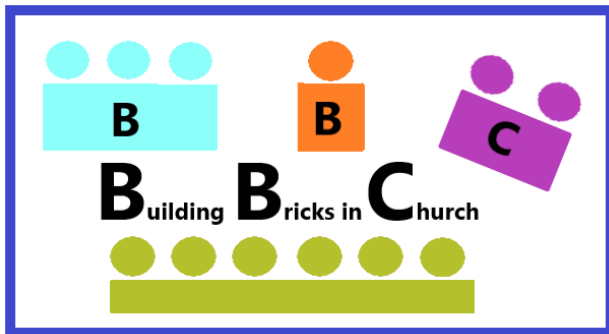
We also handed out Children's Society candle collection boxes, which we asked people to return at our Epiphany service .

The total raised was: £122.13

Welcome to a new year of Fun@4. For those who don't know and a reminder for those who do; we meet on the first Sunday of each month (EXCEPT January and August) at 4pm in Christ Church.

For the first two terms of this year we are going to try something a little different!

We shall be holding Fun@4 Sessions, just as we have been doing, but we shall also be adding in a few different Family Church ideas including:



February 4th and April 7th

&



June 2nd



March 3rd and May 5th



All sessions will be linked to a Bible passage and a hot meal will still be available. Youth@4 will continue as they were, but might join in one or two sessions with us. At the end of term we will send out an email asking for your thoughts on what we have done, what you have liked and what not so much. All sessions will be for all members of the family with the option to sit out and watch should you wish to.

BBC is a session where we watch a Lego YouTube parable and then build objects and items related to the film.

SC is not as horrid as it sounds, the session is again based on a bible reading but team games, individual games, running, jumping, throwing games will be included.

Any thoughts before, during or after the sessions will be much appreciated. We aim to have Fun@4 but at the same time, rejoice in God's love for us all.

Linda



Just 4 Ladies Proposed Meetings for 2024

Unfortunately, last year the number of ladies attending dwindled and because of this in October 2023 all those who have previously attended a Just4Ladies event were contacted by email asking them how they would like the group to proceed.

Based on the responses received I am proposing the following events in 2024:

- Tuesday 5th March – Bible Study
- Tuesday 25th June – Social either a meal out or bring & share.
- Tuesday 1st October – Talk by a charity
- Monday 9th December – Carols amongst the Trees.

I am happy to receive any other suggestions of what you would like to do together along with topics for the Bible Study to be on and if you would prefer a meal out or a bring and share.

Liz Resch



World Day of Prayer England, Wales & Northern Ireland Friday 1st March 2024, 2.15pm at St. Peter's Church, Mountsorrel

The service as usual has been prepared by an ecumenical group of Christian women but everyone is welcome to attend.

This year the women of Palestine have set the Meeting. Please come and join in much needed prayers and sing their chosen hymns and hear about their lives.

As we participate in this service, we are part of a great wave of prayer in native languages joining in with over 146 countries and islands around the world.

You will be assured of a warm welcome



St Peter's Church Mountsorrel

Holy Communion with Ashing

**14th February
10:30am**

**All
Welcome**



St. Peter's Church Flowers



Can you help?



We're still hoping that someone will feel able to come & help or 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 call or text Sheila Scott on:

07779 728 238

Thank you



Church mice have invaded Rawlins!

A group of church mice have made their way over to Quorn to have lunch with the year 7s.

Did you know that the proverbial church mouse was a phrase used to describe somebody who was poor? This was because church mice would find it difficult to find food, as traditionally, churches wouldn't have had food lying around for them to nibble on. So those struggling to scrape together enough money to buy food were described as "being as poor as a church mouse".

Given the amount of churches that run food banks, community/fellowship meals and, of course coffee mornings, I'm not sure that church mice could be described as poor anymore. But unfortunately, there are still people that struggle with the day to day living expenses in our community. Our year 7's have spent January reflecting on this and looking at the emotional impact of poverty.

There will also be a Youth Town Wide Meet-up on Wednesday 20th March, 7pm @ Emmanuel Church Loughborough. This is an opportunity to explore Easter and what it means to us with other Young Christians from across Loughborough.

If you are interested in attending please speak to Kat for more details.

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

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>



WHERE IS JESUS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT?

If you have ever wondered where Jesus fits into the Old Testament why not follow the Bible Society's Lent Journey which traces God's salvation plan in the form of Jesus through the Hebrew Scriptures.

There Journey will take you from Genesis, through Exodus, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Kings, Psalms and The Prophets finishing with Jesus final week.

It takes the form of a daily email that you can sign up for here:

<https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/resources/collections/easter-resources/the-awesome-easter-surprise-resources/>



EXPLORING CALLING FOR EVERYONE

An opportunity to explore how God calls us all to live out our faith in the whole of life.

Seminars will include:

- caring for our buildings
- outdoor worship
- growing faith
- pastoral care
- social action and social justice
- chaplaincy
- working with schools

**Saturday 10 Feb 10am-3pm
at St Martin's House
Lunch included**





Sunbeams



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



Mondays 9.30-11.30am
Christ Church, Mountsorrel

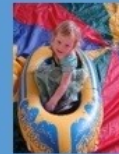
Play, Refreshments, Bible story, Craft,
Singing & Prayer.



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 Sunday 11th February, but
if items are ready, please send earlier)*