

Church News



March 2024

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
Friday 1 March	2.15pm	World Day of Prayer	St. Peter's
Sunday 3 March	9.30am	Matins*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Fun@4 and Youth@4	Christ Church
Sunday 10 March	9.30am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	All Age Worship	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Senior Sunday	St. Peter's
Saturday 16 March	4.00pm	Muddy Church	Vicarage Orchard
Sunday 17 March	11.00am	Holy Communion with Prayers for healing	Christ Church
	6.00pm	Evensong*	St. Peter's
Sunday 24 March Palm Sunday	9.45am	Palm Sunday Procession	Christ Church
	10.00am	Palm Sunday Worship	St Peter's
Thursday 28 March Maundy Thursday	7.00pm	Holy Communion* with Foot Washing	St. Peter's
Friday 29 March Good Friday	10.00am	Family Celebration	St. Peter's
	2.00pm	An Hour before the Cross	
Sunday 31 March Easter Day	9.30am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
Sunday 7 April	9.30am	Matins*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Morning Worship	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



All through this Lenten period, The Church of England has been offering reflections delivered direct to your email, through an app on your mobile or in printed form.

Under the heading, Watch and Pray, we have been invited to seek God in both familiar and unfamiliar places each day of Lent: in darkness and in quiet; in movement and migration; in the healing and transforming work of the Spirit; in the weeping of Holy Week and in the joy of Easter morning.

However we journey through Lent — whether we use devotional resources, or not — we are always brought to the place of the cross of Good Friday. We cannot get to Easter morning without first confronting the cross. It is at the cross that we are forced to confront the consequences of sin, the sacrifice of Christ and the reality of death.

When we give consideration to the cross, we cannot do so without first facing up to our sin. However hard we try to live as God intended, we fail. We forget to love God with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength; we fail to love others in the same way we love ourselves. This failing, the Bible calls sin. The cross is a direct result of your sin and mine.

And yet we know that God's love for us is so great that he sent Jesus to be our Saviour. We read in Philippians chapter two that Jesus *'did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!'* It is the sacrifice of Christ on the cross that opens the door to our forgiveness.

And yet, we also need to face up to the reality of death. We cannot consider the cross without realising that it was the place of death for Jesus Christ. It should have been us, but Christ took our place becoming the redeeming sacrifice for our sins. As he dies, Jesus declares, 'It is finished!' and so it was.

But death did not have the final word. As we will hear again on Easter morning, Christ conquered death so that *'those who believe in [Jesus], even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in [him] will never die.'*

We cannot get to Easter morning without first confronting the cross, but when we do, we discover a greater love for our Saviour that brings hope for us and all people. And that is truly good news worth sharing.

With every blessing,

Colin Resch

Diary Dates

Friday 1 March

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

2.15pm World Day of Prayer at St. Peters (see page 16).

Monday 4 March

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

Tuesday 5 March

7.00pm Just4Ladies Bible Study at The Vicarage (see page 17).

Wednesday 6 March

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

10.00am CTiM Lent Course at The Baptist Church (see page 17).

2.00pm Book Club meets (see page 7).

7.00pm CTiM Lent Course in The Bower Room, Christ Church (see page 17).

Friday 8 March

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

Monday 11 March

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

Wednesday 13 March

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

10.00am CTiM Lent Course at The Baptist Church (see page 17).

7.00pm CTiM Lent Course in The Bower Room, Christ Church (see page 17).

Thursday 14 March

7.00pm Joint PCC Meeting at Christ Church.

Friday 15 March

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

Saturday 16 March

4.00pm Muddy Church in the Vicarage Orchard.

Monday 18 March

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

Wednesday 20 March

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

10.00am CTiM Lent Course at The Baptist Church (see page 17).

2.00pm Book Club meets (see page 7).

7.00pm CTiM Lent Course in The Bower Room, Christ Church (see page 17).

Thursday 21 March

7.00pm St. Peters PCC Meeting.

Friday 22 March

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

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Diary Dates for March (Continued)

Thursday 28 March - Maundy Thursday

7.00pm Holy Communion (BCP) with foot washing at St Peters (see page 16).

Friday 29 March - Good Friday

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

10:00am Family Celebration at St. Peter's (see page 15).

12 noon CTiM open air service at Castle Hill Memorial.

2:00pm A Hour before the Cross at St. Peter's (see page 18).

Diary Dates for April

Friday 5 April

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



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

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.

Ukraine – Russia conflict:

This conflict has now been going for two years.

- Pray for peace.
- Pray for those who are living in Ukraine in difficult circumstances.
- Pray for those who have fled Ukraine and are living as refugees.
- Pray for the children caught up in the conflict.
- Pray for all those who have lost loved ones.
- Pray for those living with physical and mental injuries caused by the conflict.
- Pray for the churches in Ukraine who are offering help and hope.
- Pray for the charities working in Ukraine such as Tearfund and World Vision.

Minster Communities:

- Pray for the ongoing Minster Communities conversations.
- Pray for our parish representatives.
- Pray for our church councils.

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Mountsorrel:

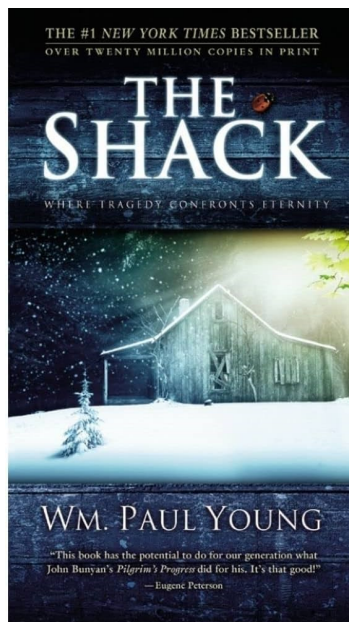
- Pray for our Parish Councillors
- Pray for our Borough and County Councillors
- Pray for our MP's
- Pray for our local Primary school and all its staff.
- Pray for the other churches in the village.
- Pray for local business in the village.
- Pray for the charities working in the village.

Pray continually (1Thessalonians 5:17)

Liz Resch

Mission Co-ordinator at Christ Church

Christ Church & St. Peter's Book Group



6th March 2pm
20th March 2pm

Venue to be confirmed

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.



March's readings are below:

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalms & Proverbs
1	Leviticus 7:11 - 8:36	Mark 11:1-27	Psalms 28:1-9
2	Leviticus 9:1 - 10:20	Mark 11:28 - 12:12	Psalms 29:1-11
3	Leviticus 11:1 - 12:8	Mark 12:13-27	Psalms 30:1-7
4	Leviticus 13:1-59	Mark 12:28-44	Proverbs 6:20-29
5	Leviticus 14:1-57	Mark 13:1-31	Psalms 30:8-12
6	Leviticus 15:1 - 16:34	Mark 13:32 - 14:16	Psalms 31:1-8
7	Leviticus 17:1 - 18:30	Mark 14:17-42	Psalms 31:9-18
8	Leviticus 19:1 - 20:27	Mark 14:43-72	Proverbs 6:30-35
9	Leviticus 21:1 - 22:33	Mark 15:1-32	Psalms 31:19-24
10	Leviticus 23:1 - 24:23	Mark 15:33-47	Psalms 32:1-11
11	Leviticus 25:1 - 26:13	Mark 16:1-20	Psalms 33:1-11
12	Leviticus 26:14 - 27:34	Luke 1:1-25	Proverbs 7:1-5
13	Numbers 1:1 - 2:9	Luke 1:26-38	Psalms 33:12-22
14	Numbers 2:10 - 3:51	Luke 1:39-56	Psalms 34:1-10
15	Numbers 4:1 - 5:10	Luke 1:57-80	Psalms 34:11-22
16	Numbers 5:11 - 6:27	Luke 2:1-20	Proverbs 7:6-20
17	Numbers 7:1-65	Luke 2:21-40	Psalms 35:1-10
18	Numbers 7:66 - 9:14	Luke 2:41-52	Psalms 35:11-18
19	Numbers 9:15 - 11:3	Luke 3:1-22	Psalms 35:19-28
20	Numbers 11:4 - 13:25	Luke 3:23 - 4:13	Proverbs 7:21-27
21	Numbers 13:26 - 14:45	Luke 4:14-37	Psalms 36:1-12
22	Numbers 15:1 - 16:35	Luke 4:38 - 5:16	Psalms 37:1-9
23	Numbers 16:36 - 18:32	Luke 5:17-32	Psalms 37:10-20
24	Numbers 19:1 - 21:3	Luke 5:33 - 6:11	Proverbs 8:1-11
25	Numbers 21:4 - 22:20	Luke 6:12-36	Psalms 37:21-31
26	Numbers 22:21 - 23:26	Luke 6:37 - 7:10	Psalms 37:32-40
27	Numbers 23:27 - 25:18	Luke 7:11-35	Psalms 38:1-11
28	Numbers 26:1 - 27:11	Luke 7:36-50	Proverbs 8:12-21
29	Numbers 27:12 - 29:11	Luke 8:1-18	Psalms 38:12-22
30	Numbers 29:12 - 31:24	Luke 8:19-39	Psalms 39:1-13
31	Numbers 31:25 - 32:42	Luke 8:40 - 9:9	Psalms 40:1-8

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



At the end of January, 4 of our youth headed off to Loughborough Town Hall to see Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat. Rather than tell you how much we all enjoyed it, I thought I would ask them to review the performance for us:



Logan rated Joseph 4.5 stars because he loved the songs, costumes and comedy. His favourite song from the musical was 'Joseph's Coat'. The one thing he didn't like was the blinding and very flashy lights at the end of the show.

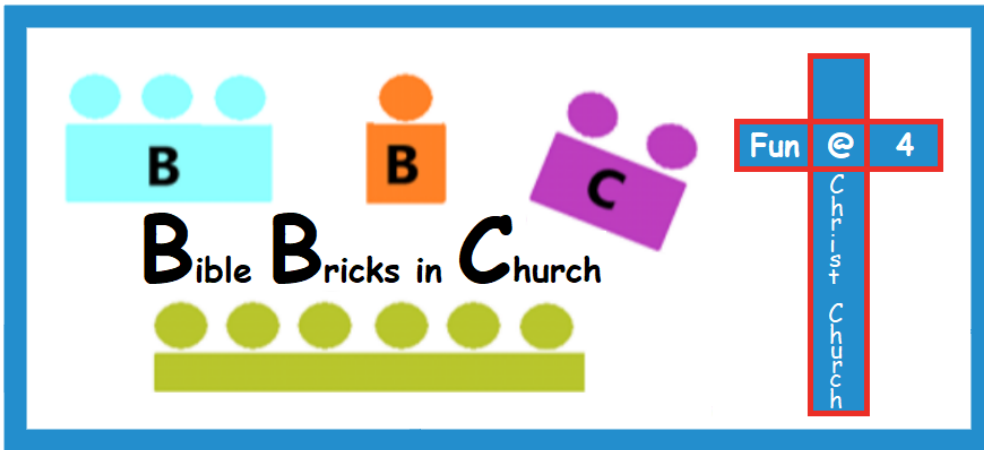


Sarah rated a 5 out of 5 because she loved the songs, dances, acting and the story. Her favourite song was 'Close Every Door' and, like Logan she didn't like all the lights at the end.

If you haven't seen the show before, and even if you have, I think our youth would highly recommend you go and see it. It's a great story of one man's walk with God.

Take care,

Kat Jenkins



Our first month of the new year at Fun@4 was a great success. Bible Bricks in Church went down really well and some of the models made were so clever. We looked at the story of

David and Goliath and then made something that was huge, then only taking away the bricks they had used the children had to change it to something very small. All items had to be recognizable and when we did the next challenge of making something you are frightened of, the simple duplo crocodile with a black brick on its back was a monster in the dark. The different sized bricks meant that all the children could work with something suitable for their age. Next month we are doing another Augmented Reality session and then another B.B.C. session in May.

Sunday 3rd March

Using the QR codes on the wall, will you be able to work out which of Jesus' parable we are looking at. Can you put the pictures in the right order and then watch the AR presentation to see if you were right. There will be a couple of crafts and a game to play with a friend followed by Mac'n'Cheese with garlic bread and homemade cookies to finish with.



**Christ Church
Mountsorrel**

**All Age Service Sunday Worship
Sunday 10th March 2024
@ 11-00 am**

Mothering Sunday

Join us as we thank God for not just our mothers who physically gave birth to us, but also to those who have mothered us spiritually and helped us to learn about God and grow in faith.

Do a jigsaw puzzle, make a paper aeroplane, hear about three mothers from the Bible, watch the children have a game of darts, (Risk Assessment has been done!) Listen to a poem, a bible reading and a song all about mothers. And, if we have any time left, we will see if anyone would like to share a story or two about their mum.

There will also be a small gift for all the ladies in Church.

Saturday 16th March 4pm

Christ Church Orchard



**Join us for an hour of nature play,
chatting around the fire, toasted
marshmallows and hot chocolate.**

All ages are welcome to join us for an hour outdoors in creation; explore the area and the nature within it – measure a worm, find some bugs, identify the leaves, have a go at tying knots, build a shelter, play in the mud kitchen or simply enjoy chatting around the fire.

To find out more about our All Age Activities,
contact either Alison or Linda:

alison.white@mountsorrelchurch.org

linda.vesty@mountsorrelchurch.org



Muddy Church!



What is it?
Who is it for?
What do we do?



Muddy Church is an opportunity to spend time outdoors in God's wonderful creation!

It is for everyone, adults and children alike and you can choose to do whatever you enjoy whilst at Muddy Church.

We can use this time to seek God in creation and wonder about all the amazing things we see; from watching tiny bugs scurrying around to thinking about the trees - how long they have stood there, how they renew their leaves each year, the systems they use to take in water, all the while remembering that this is all part of God's creation, His design for earth.

We can take our shoes off, feel the ground underneath our feet and wonder why did God make grass? And why spikey thistles!

We can watch the clouds making shapes in the sky, count the birds, wander around the area or simply sit and chat about our lives around the fire in fellowship with one another. As we chat, we can wonder about the question for the session on our new chalk board or we can ask our own questions like – if wasps have no use on earth, why did God make them?

We can imagine we are somewhere else – wondering what it was like to be different people in the bible; a shepherd watching sheep, the disciples as the risen Jesus cooked breakfast on the beach, Peter warming himself by the fire denying he knew Jesus, Moses at the burning bush – how might we have felt in these different situations?

We can sometimes hear a story or sing around the fire and we can definitely always cook something over the fire even if it's just toasting a marshmallow!

We can go bug hunting, play hide 'n' seek, build shelters, measure a worm, play in the mud kitchen, mix natural potions, create something from natural materials, join in a nature activity or just explore the area.

Spending time outdoors is proven to be brilliant for our mental health and for me, it definitely has an impact on my spiritual well-being; there is something about just being in creation that brings me close to God and reminds me just who He is.

So, if you've not been along to a Muddy Church yet, please do come along and use the time as you choose to, with no pressure to join in anything specific apart from being outdoors. Hopefully warmer weather is on its way, bring a chair if you'd rather not sit on a log and join us for friendship in God's creation.

Alison

Sunbeams news

Sunbeams started the year with the theme of weather, although we didn't quite manage to align our weather focus each week with the weather outside!

We have enjoyed the stories of Noah's Ark (rain), Paul being shipwrecked (wind), and even heard from Proverbs 31 as we thought about snow and cold weather! We've now moved on to themes around the time of year, so we've just had pancake and valentines day and are looking forward to thinking about spring, lambs and David the shepherd boy, Mothering Sunday, and Easter.

We've had fun with water play, sand, and even had a tray of salt with trucks and diggers when we were thinking about snow and cold!



We had a go at blow painting and marble painting – the latter of which was a lot more successful although just as messy!



The children loved the exploratory play we set up for pancake day week, this included real lemons and flour but thankfully pretend eggs.

We've also had a visit from Edmund who showed the children the church organ, played it for them and then helped them to have a go themselves, I think we all preferred Edmunds playing but it was wonderful for the children to be able

to explore and have a go on the organ which is usually out of bounds to them.

Sunbeams is on Monday's 9.30-11.30am during term-time, parents/carers with babies to pre-school children are all welcome to join us.

Alison

You are invited to join us for our
Good Friday Family Worship

At St Peter's Church, Loughborough Road,
Mountsorrel

Friday 29th March 10am



Including story, prayer activity, singing, and creating
our Easter Garden together.

Followed by refreshments with hot cross buns

All are welcome





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

**Maundy Thursday
28th March 2024**

**Holy Communion (BCP)
7:00pm**

Just 4 Ladies

come along and learn about

The Women of Holy Week

Date: Tuesday 5th March 2024

Time: 7:00pm

Venue: The Vicarage or Online

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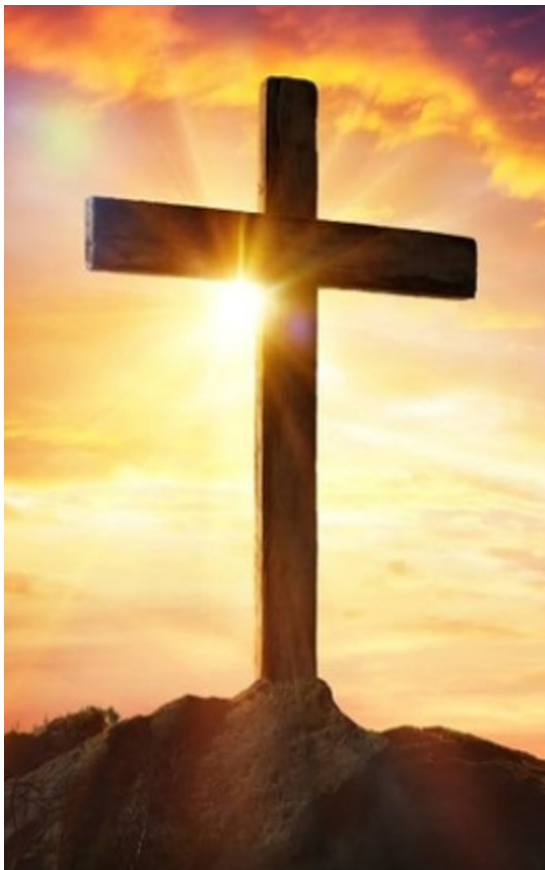
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Reflections towards the Cross CTiM Lent Course

10:00am at the Baptist Church
or
7:00pm at Christ Church

Wednesday 21st February to Wednesday 20th March



An Hour Before The Cross

Friday 29th March
at 2:00pm

St Peter's Church

mountsorrel
baptist church

Reachout
at the
MMC
VENUE

Saturday
16th March 2024
7:00pm

Tickets :£10.00
Student
concession £8.00

JLS star JB Gill
joins us in
conversation
(Subject to professional
engagements)



Introducing **echo**
– an 8 piece soul/motown band with a voice
for change!



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EXTENDING CHRIST'S HEART TO OTHERS

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

Thursday 11th April

Thursday 18th April

Thursday 25th April

Thursday 2nd May

Thursday 9th May



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

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.

Their 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/>

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>



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>



Christ Church/St. Peter's Church, Mountsorrel

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*(Copy date for the next newsletter is Sunday 24th March, but
if items are ready, please send earlier)*