

Church News

A wooden cross is the central focus, with white ribbons draped around it. In the foreground, there are three white lilies with green leaves. The background is a soft, pink and purple sky.

April 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
Sunday 7 April	9.30am	Matins*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Fun@4 and Youth@4	Christ Church
Sunday 14 April	9.30am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	All Age Worship	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Senior Sunday	St. Peter's
Saturday 20 April	4.00pm	Muddy Church	Vicarage Orchard
Sunday 21 April	11.00am	Holy Communion with Prayers for healing	Christ Church
	6.00pm	Evensong* Followed by APCM	St. Peter's
Sunday 28 April	9.30am	All Age Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Word & Worship Followed by APCM	Christ Church
Sunday 5 May	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 1st - 15th April inclusive.**

Alleluia! Jesus Lives.

Greetings to you in the name of the risen Lord Jesus Christ. As we enter into this season of Easter, we rejoice again in the truth that Jesus is alive. We celebrate the good news that death could not defeat the Son of the Living God.

Recent information based on the 2021 Census information taken from the Office for National Statistics tells us that 6589 people live within the Mountsorrel Church parish boundaries, and 43.6% of you open declared yourselves to be a Christian. This is good news for me because it means that my usual Sunday attendance in Church should be (give or take) about 2,877 people including 640 children and teenagers. If you've been to Church recently, you will not be surprised to know that we don't usually have a congregation that large. Maybe that's just as well, because we can only seat about one hundred and twenty in each of our Church buildings. But I would love to know what it is that keeps you away.

Further research undertaken by the *Talking Jesus* project reveals that over 43% of the general population believe that the resurrection of Jesus from the dead was a real event that actually took place. I wonder if you would count yourself in that number. Dead people don't usually come back to life, so let me ask you a question: If you truly believe that Jesus rose from the dead (and, statistically, more than two hundred of you do), why would you not want to acknowledge that by being part of our Church? Again, I would be really interested in your thoughts.

I have been a Christian for about as long as I can remember and I know the positive difference that having a living faith can make so I am passionate about sharing my faith experience with others. If, like me, you are happy to talk about your faith with others, most of your neighbours are on your side and willing to listen.

I long for people to come into a vibrant, living faith with the risen Lord Jesus. He rose that first Easter morning, and he still lives today calling men, women and children to give their lives to him. I wonder if you have responded to his call. If not, what is stopping you from doing so today?

With every blessing,

Colin Resch

Diary Dates

Friday 5 April

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

Sunday 7 April

4.00pm Youth@4 Escape Room at Christ Church (see page 10).

Monday 8 April

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

Wednesday 10 April

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

Friday 12 April

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

Monday 15 April

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

Tuesday 16 April

7.00pm Christ Church PCC in the Bower Room.

Wednesday 17 April

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

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

Thursday 18 April

7.00pm Musical Fellowship at Christ Church (see page 7).

Friday 19 April

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

Saturday 20 April

4.00pm Muddy Church in the Vicarage Orchard.

Monday 22 April

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

Wednesday 24 April

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

Friday 26 April

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

Monday 29 April

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

Diary Dates for May

Wednesday 1 May

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

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

Friday 3 May

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



Just 4 Ladies — Meal out in June

Thank you to the Ladies who joined me for a bible study last month.

In June we are proposing to go out for a meal to the Waterside Inn.

The date I had proposed is Tuesday 25th June but going out on the Friday instead has also been suggested. Therefore I would be grateful if you would let me know if you would like to join us and which date is your preferred one.

- a. Tuesday 25th June
- b. Friday 28th June
- c. Either date is fine.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Liz Resch

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.

The Fellowship Group will be meeting at The Vicarage and online on Wednesday 17th April and Wednesday 1st May, in the evening at 7:00pm.

We would love you to join us, in person or online using:

Zoom ID: 858 3431 7001 Passcode: 643768

If you would like more information, please speak to Liz or Colin Resch.

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:

Tearfund:

Burundi -

- Thank God for the help Tearfund has been able to give to those affected by the flooding in January.
- Pray for those who lost their homes and livelihoods due to the floods.
- Pray for those who are still being affected as climate change causes heavy rains and floods to continue to cause disaster across the country.

Israel-Gaza –

- 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.

Church Mission Society:

- Pray for the people of Ethiopia, where there are increasingly serious concerns about famine in the north of the country.
- Pray against the ongoing fighting and tension across much of Ethiopia.
- Pray for an end to the continuing conflict in South Sudan and for the church to play a positive role in peace-making.

Our Own Churches:

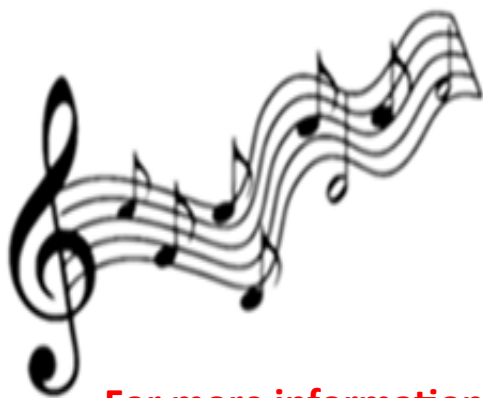
- Pray for our ministry team; Colin, Mel, Edmund and Helen.

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- Pray for our Children & Family workers; Alison and Linda.
- Pray for all the families that they come into contact with and the work in the primary school.
- Pray for our Youth Worker, Kat
- Pray for all the young people she comes into contact with and her work in Rawlins.
- Pray for Paul our parish administrator.
- Pray for our churchwardens; David Bird, David Owen, Helen Shaw and Angie Price.
- Pray for both our church councils.
- Pray for the APCM's taking place this month.
- Pray for the continuing Minster Community conversations.

Pray continually (1Thessalonians 5:17)

Liz Resch
Mission Co-ordinator at Christ Church



Musical Fellowship

Having taken an extra long break over the winter we start up again on **THURSDAY** 18th April in Christ Church at 7pm. Due to other commitments we shall meet on Thursdays for this coming school term. All are welcome whether you can play a guitar and sing or not so please do join us if you can.

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

Provisional dates for 2024: 18th April, 16th May, 13th June & 18th July t.b.c.

We then move back to a Wednesday, starting in September:

18th September, 16th October, 13th November and a Christmas Special on 18th December.

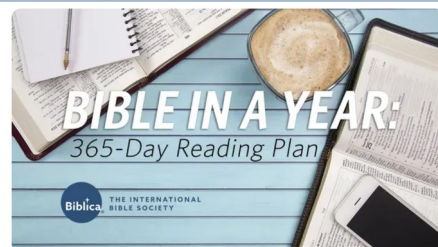
We are a small group who love to sing. Songs of fellowship, songs to make you laugh, cry, remember past times. Songs to fill us with joy and hope.

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!



Fifteen Minutes Every Day

Bible in a year: 365-day reading plan.



April's readings are below:

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalms & Proverbs
1	Numbers 33:1 - 34:29	Luke 9:10-27	Proverbs 8:22-31
2	Numbers 35:1 - 36:12	Luke 9:28-56	Psalms 40:9-17
3	Deuteronomy 1:1 - 2:23	Luke 9:57 - 10:24	Psalms 41:1-6
4	Deuteronomy 2:24 - 4:14	Luke 10:25 - 11:4	Psalms 41:7-13
5	Deuteronomy 4:15 - 5:33	Luke 11:5-32	Proverbs 8:32-36
6	Deuteronomy 6:1 - 8:20	Luke 11:33-54	Psalms 42:1-6
7	Deuteronomy 9:1 - 10:29	Luke 12:1-34	Psalms 42:7-11
8	Deuteronomy 11:1 - 12:32	Luke 12:35-59	Psalms 43:1-5
9	Deuteronomy 13:1 - 14:29	Luke 13:1-30	Proverbs 9:1-12
10	Deuteronomy 15:1 - 16:20	Luke 13:31 - 14:14	Psalms 44:1-12
11	Deuteronomy 16:21 - 18:22	Luke 14:15-35	Psalms 44:13-26
12	Deuteronomy 19:1 - 20:20	Luke 15:1-32	Psalms 45:1-9
13	Deuteronomy 21:1 - 22:30	Luke 16:1-18	Proverbs 9:13-18
14	Deuteronomy 23:1 - 25:19	Luke 16:19 - 17:10	Psalms 45:10-17
15	Deuteronomy 26:1 - 28:14	Luke 17:11-37	Psalms 46:1-11
16	Deuteronomy 28:15-68	Luke 18:1-30	Psalms 47:1-9
17	Deuteronomy 29:1 - 30:10	Luke 18:31 - 19:10	Proverbs 10:1-10
18	Deuteronomy 30:11 - 31:29	Luke 19:11-44	Psalms 48:1-8
19	Deuteronomy 31:30 - 32:52	Luke 19:45 - 20:26	Psalms 48:9-14
20	Deuteronomy 33:1 - 34:12	Luke 20:27 - 21:4	Psalms 49:1-20
21	Joshua 1:1 - 2:24	Luke 21:5-38	Proverbs 10:11-20
22	Joshua 3:1 - 5:12	Luke 22:1-38	Psalms 50:1-15
23	Joshua 5:13 - 7:26	Luke 22:39-62	Psalms 50:16-23
24	Joshua 8:1 - 9:15	Luke 22:63 - 23:25	Psalms 51:1-9
25	Joshua 9:16 - 10:43	Luke 23:26-56	Proverbs 10:21-30
26	Joshua 11:1 - 12:24	Luke 24:1-35	Psalms 51:10-19
27	Joshua 13:1 - 14:15	Luke 24:36-53	Psalms 52:1-9
28	Joshua 15:1 - 16:63	John 1:1-28	Psalms 53:1-6
29	Joshua 17:1 - 18:28	John 1:29-51	Proverbs 10:31 - 11:8
30	Joshua 19:1 - 21:19	John 2:1-25	Psalms 54:1-7

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

The Promise of the Empty Tomb

The promise of the empty tomb
Rips the rug from under your feet,
And says hold on tight
We're going for a ride
Into the deep unknown
The promise of the empty tomb
Says the story doesn't end the way
You think it will.
Yes, your future is set in stone,
But I carved it and it's beautiful
The promise of the empty tomb
Says you are worth so much more
Than you think you are
You are to die for
And I did
The promise of the empty tomb
Drives nails through darkness
And says trust me
I have a plan
And it is good
The promise of the empty tomb
Rolls back the stone
Dances on death
And says why are you crying,
Don't you know me?



ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS

St, Peter's Church - Sunday 21st April 2024

The meeting will follow the 6.00pm Evensong service.

Christ Church - Sunday 28th April 2024

The meeting will follow the 11.00am Morning service.

At these meeting parishioners will appoint churchwardens and elect three members of each Church to serve on the respective Parochial Church Council (PCC). At each individual meeting we will also receive the Annual Report and answer any questions you may have about the life of our churches here in Mountsorrel. Nomination forms are available at the back of each church prior to the meetings and completed forms can be left in church or given to Revd. Colin Resch before the meeting commences.

We encourage you to attend these meetings at the Church you regularly attend.



The poster features a purple background with a maze pattern. At the top center are two keys, one with a 'G' and one with an 'H'. To the left is a circular icon of a feather, and to the right is a circular icon of a chalice. Below the keys is a dotted line with an arrow pointing up. The text 'EASTER ESCAPE ROOM' is written in large, stylized, metallic letters. The 'E' in 'ESCAPE' has a keyhole cutout. The 'O' in 'ROOM' has a keyhole cutout. The background has a glowing purple and blue geometric pattern.

**Sunday 7th April
4pm**

**Get your tickets on
Eventbrite
Or scan the QR code**





Saturday 20th April @ 4pm
Christ Church Orchard
(Behind the Church)

Philippians 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Whilst the children are doing an Easter Trail—yes it is still Easter for another few weeks - we have a question that we would like you to think about and discuss around the fire whilst drinking hot chocolate.

If you had the chance to ask God one question, what would it be?

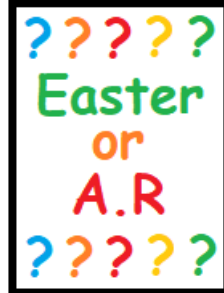
There is, of course, no pressure on asking or answering a question, sometimes just sitting and listening will answer a question you didn't even realise you had.

There will also be a blackboard to write your own questions down, should you wish to.

EVERYBODY, young or not so young is WELCOME to join us for a hour of fun, reflection and cooking on an open fire, all in the great outdoors.



Sunday 7th April @ 4pm



Fun@4 last month was spent looking at Luke 10:25-37— although we didn't know that when we started. There were a number of QR codes around the Church and the families had to look at the pictures and then try to work out which parable they were portraying. There was then a short film to watch on our phones about The Good Samaritan. A game was played - a bit like snakes and ladders - and there was a lot of fun to be had putting bandages and slings on each other. Many thanks to Liz and Sarah for our tea.

This is just a suggestion for our new Fun@4 logo. Now we are no longer just Messy Church but BBiC and Sweaty Church as well as our A.R sessions, we thought we should change it. I am sure there will be someone who can design something much better, so do put your picture on the Facebook page or email your ideas to me at:



Linda.Vesty@mountsorrelchurch.org

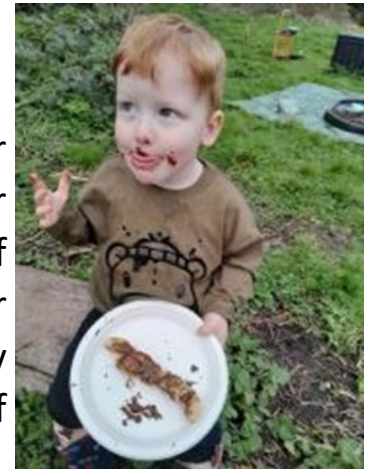
We shall still be in the season of Easter for April's Fun@4 so we shall either be doing crafts reminding us of the Easter Story or another AR.

Do join us if you can.



Muddy Church

We are all grateful for the slightly warmer weather, glimpses of sunshine and lighter evenings at Muddy Church! All signs of



spring, which we were thinking about in March.



As well as enjoying binoculars for exploring and our usual equipment for bug hunting, we had a go at soap carving with spoons with some pretty impressive results! Soap carving is a first step to learning to whittle wood so hopefully we've practised some great skills ready for this! We also planted sunflower seeds and mixed up dough to make stick bread which was cooked over the fire before being smothered in jam or chocolate spread and eaten! We had an interesting experiment with wrapping the bread dough around marshmallows before cooking – this seemed to be going well until the

marshmallows suddenly started melting and oozing through the bread dough; although Lucas, who led this experiment still ate it! For the children, Muddy Church is very much geared to having this sort of freedom to try out ideas they have, so it was the perfect place for such an experiment and we all had fun with it!

All are welcome to Muddy Church, our next session is Saturday 20th April, 4pm in the orchard behind Christ Church.

Alison



Palm Sunday Celebration



Thankfully, it was a sunny morning as around 30 of us sang as we processed from Christ Church to St Peter's to join those already there on Palm Sunday.

After a confession with actions, some of our Assembly Squad children from the primary school led us through the story of Jesus being greeted on arrival at Jerusalem whilst other children (and grown-ups) helped by acting the story. By the end of the story, the whole congregation were cheering for Jesus!



We enjoyed hymns and songs and a prayer activity where we wrote on a speech bubble what we would like to say to Jesus today, and then pegged these onto our palm garland at the front of church.

The children were all fantastic and really enjoyed being part of our procession and service – a huge well done to all of them.

We had a wonderful morning and even made it onto the Mountsorrel Good Neighbours Facebook page – thank you to Liz Blackshaw for this! We're hoping to create more opportunities for children to be involved in leading us through storytelling and drama, so watch this space.



Alison

Young Assembly Squad



We continue to visit Christ Church & St Peter's Primary School every Monday lunchtime to work with the children to put together and lead assemblies each term. This term they have planned and led two assemblies.

The first was all about light and allowing our own light to shine from within us. One of the children made lightbulb headbands for us all to wear and we had fairy lights, candles and torches among other lights to set the scene. We focused on Jesus' words from Luke's gospel; 'No one lights a lamp and covers it with a bowl or puts it under a bed. Instead, it is put on the lampstand, so that people will see the light as they come in'. The children read these words and acted them out and then challenged everyone to think about how they can shine their own lights into the world. We then showed everyone what a Christingle is explaining each part of the Christingle before lighting one and all singing together.

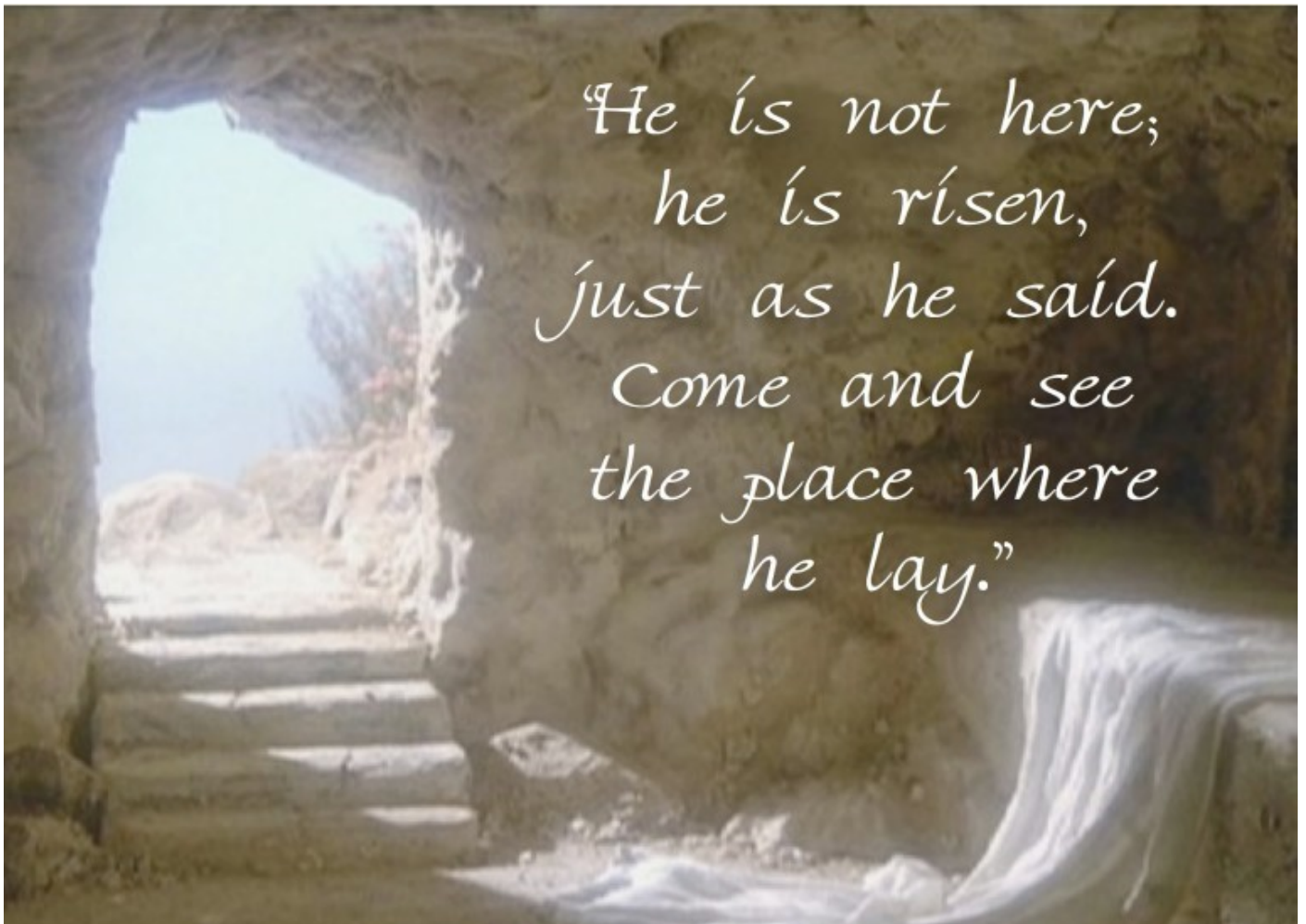
Our second assembly was all about peace and we thought about how we can all work for peace in our communities even when we can't control whether there is peace in the world.

The children began by mixing up the bible verse 'Happy are those who work for peace; God will call them His children', and everyone had to work out the right order for the words to make sense. They then told and acted out the story of the two donkeys who were tied together and had to learn how to work together to get to their food.

Finally, the children acted out some scenarios where they were starting to argue and everyone had to come up with a better and more peaceful solution for each scenario.

As always, the children leading the assemblies were brilliant and we look forward to our final assembly of this school year later on next term.

Alison



*“He is not here;
he is risen,
just as he said.
Come and see
the place where
he lay.”*

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 Fish, Tinned Fruit & Vegetables, biscuits & snacks.



**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 21st April, but
if items are ready, please send earlier)*