

# Church News

February 2025



## **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 2 February CANDLEMAS	9.30am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Sunday Worship	Christ Church
Sunday 9 February	9.30am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	All Age Worship	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Senior Sunday	St. Peter's
Sunday 16 February	11.00am	Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Tea Time Church	St. Peter's
	6.00pm	Evensong*	St. Peter's
Saturday 22 February	4.00pm	Muddy Church	Christ Church
Sunday 23 February	9.30am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Sunday Worship	Christ Church
Sunday 2 March	9.30am	Matins*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
Wednesday 5 March Ash Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's

*\*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**

**Please Note:**

**NO Morning Prayer on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> and  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

# Peace in a Troubled World

After more than fifteen months of fighting, Israel and Gaza have entered into a ceasefire agreement. The missile launchers lay silent, but still ready for action. This is a tentative, yet highly positive, move towards peace. Gazans are returning to home only to discover that, for them, home no longer exists. Their peace is undone once again and their lives are thrown into turmoil by the sheer devastation they meet upon their arrival with almost complete destruction of all property and infrastructure. And yet, the ceasefire agreement still gives a level of peace they have not seen for over a year.

Elsewhere across the Middle East region, and further afield around the world, fighting and warfare continues and men, women and children cannot live in safety and in peace.

But turmoil and a lack of peace is not always caused by war. Each one of you reading this today, will have faced, and may be facing right now, times of chaos and disorder in your lives leading to a lack of peace.

So where, and how, do you find peace today in a troubled world? Maybe you take time out for a retreat or a holiday. Going away from the busy-ness of everyday life and work to find your little place of peace and quiet. If you've got young children, or difficulties in your marriage, this can be exceptionally difficult because families tend to holiday together.

Even when I can't get away, I find peace by reading the promises of God in the Bible. Just a few minutes sitting quietly each day with God, reflecting on his Word and centering yourself in his presence will help to bring you to that place of peace. Here are just a few of the promises found in the Bible. I hope you find them useful.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. *John 14.27*

When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet. *Proverbs 3.24*

For I hold you by your right hand. I, the Lord your God. And I say to you, 'Don't be afraid. I am here to help you.' *Isaiah 41.13*

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4.6-7*

Why not let me know what techniques you use to find peace? Drop me an email or have a word with me when you're next in Church. I'd love to hear from you.

With every blessing,

*Colin Resch*

# Diary Dates

## **Monday 3 February**

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

10.00am A Winter Warm Space at St. Peter's Church (see page 12).

## **Tuesday 4 February**

10:00am Beyond the Bump at Christ Church, week 2 of 5.

7:00pm: Joint PCC Meeting at St. Peter's Church.

## **Wednesday 5 February**

8:00am School Prayers at Christ Church & St. Peter's CE School.

3:00pm The Gap at Christ Church.

6:00pm Rooted at Christ Church.

7:00pm Fellowship Group at The Vicarage (see page 5).

## **Friday 7 February**

10:00am till 12 Noon: Coffee Morning at Christ Church.

## **Monday 10 February**

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

10.00am A Winter Warm Space at St. Peter's Church (see page 12).

## **Tuesday 11 February**

10:00am Beyond the Bump at Christ Church, week 3 of 5.

## **Wednesday 12 February**

8:00am School Prayers at Christ Church & St. Peter's CE School.

3:00pm The Gap at Christ Church.

7:30pm Deanery Synod at St. Edward's Church Hall,  
Castle Donnington. DE74 2LA.

## **Friday 14 February**

10:00am till 12 Noon: Coffee Morning at Christ Church.

## **Monday 17 February**

10.00am A Winter Warm Space at St. Peter's Church (see page 12).

## **Tuesday 18 February**

10:00am Beyond the Bump at Christ Church, week 4 of 5.

## **Wednesday 19 February**

7:00pm Fellowship Group at The Vicarage (see page 5).

## **Friday 21 February**

10:00am till 12 Noon: Coffee Morning at Christ Church.

## **Saturday 22 February**

4:00pm: Muddy Church at Christ Church (see page 10).

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## Dates for February (Continued)

### Monday 24 February

9:30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

10:00am A Winter Warm Space at St. Peter's Church (see page 12).

### Tuesday 25 February

10:00am Beyond the Bump at Christ Church, week 5 of 5.

### Wednesday 26 February

8:00am School Prayers at Christ Church & St. Peter's CE School.

**NO GAP at Christ Church this week.**

### Friday 28 February

10:00am till 12 Noon: Coffee Morning at Christ Church.

## Dates for March 2025

### Monday 3 March

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

### Tuesday 4 March

3:00pm Pancakes at Christ Church & St. Peter's CE School.

### Wednesday 5 March - Ash Wednesday

8:00am School Prayers at Christ Church & St. Peter's CE School.

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Peter's Church

3:00pm The Gap at Christ Church.

6:00pm Rooted at Christ Church.

### Friday 7 March

10:00am till 12 Noon: Coffee Morning at Christ Church.

2:15pm World Day of Prayer at the Methodist Church (see page 11).

## 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 on Wednesday's:  
5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> February in the evening at 7:00pm.

We would love you to join us.

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

### **Ukraine:**

- Pray for the people of Ukraine as their conflict with Russia enters its fourth year.
- Pray for all those who have lost loved ones due to the conflict.
- Pray for all those who have been injured.
- Pray for those who have lost their homes.
- Pray for those who have become refugees.
- Pray for those working to bring peace between Ukraine and Russia.

### **Open Doors:**

- Pray for the underground church in North Korea.
- Pray for Christians in North Korea who are in labour camps because of their faith.
- Pray for Open Doors plan to increase its radio broadcasts into North Korea.
- Pray for those who are disowned by their families when they become Christians.
- Pray for all Christians who have to hide their faith due to persecution.

### **Compassion:**

- Pray for an end to child marriage.
- Pray for the children sponsored through Compassion.
- Pray for the Charities and Aid Agencies trying to help them.
- Pray that all children will have access to shelter, food, clean water and education.
- Pray for children that have lost loved ones due to conflict and war.

### **Climate Change:**

- Pray for all those affected by the floods last month. *(Continued on next page)*

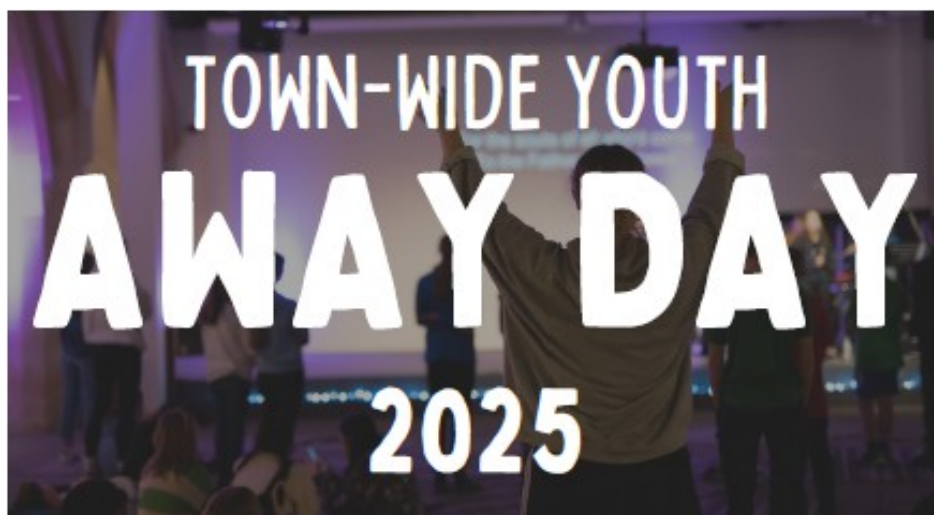
- Pray for all those who have lost everything due to the fires in Los Angeles.
- Pray for farmers throughout the world who are having to learn to deal with periods of prolonged rain and drought.
- Pray for animals, such as Polar Bears, who are losing their habitat due to warming temperatures.
- Pray Help world leaders to work together to combat the effects of climate change.

*Pray continually (1 Thessalonians 5:17)*

**Liz Resch**

*Mission Co-ordinator at Christ Church.*

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**SATURDAY 8 MARCH**

**9AM-9PM | SCHOOL YRS 7-13**

Emmanuel Church

LE11 3NW



Book here



info: [chris@soarproject.org.uk](mailto:chris@soarproject.org.uk)

# Children & Family Work News

## Sunbeams

As we'd just heard all about the birth of Jesus leading up to Christmas, we decided to continue this term learning about Jesus' life on earth.

We've heard about Mary and Joseph taking baby Jesus to the temple and meeting Simeon and Anna, then Jesus as an older boy remaining at the temple when Mary and Joseph were heading home and most recently, Jesus' baptism now He is fully grown up. Each week, we've noted some of the things that were said about or by Jesus all pointing to Him being someone different, someone special!

We've made candle pictures, temple biscuit creations and dove collages as well as enjoying all our usual toys, activities and of course singing.

Thank you to Helen Hodson who has donated us some more (much needed) worship ribbons which are perfect for dancing to our Sunbeams song!

All parents/carers with babies to pre-school children are welcome to come along to Sunbeams; 9.30 -11.30am on Mondays (during term time) at Christ Church.

## Baby Groups

Beyond the Bump has just started another set of sessions for new parents and their babies. We look forward to welcoming our families each week to provide information and support as well as facilitating friendships at the beginning of their parenting journey. There are a couple of spaces left if anyone would like to join us, Tuesdays at 10am – contact Alison to book a place.



Kat led our Teatime Church in January as we looked at Moses and the escape from Egypt. We all enjoyed joining in the story, finding the pictures of the various plagues as well as shouting 'let my people go' as Moses, and 'No!' as Pharaoh.

It was a fun service concluded as always with a lovely tea provided by St Peter's.





All Age at Christ Church in January focussed on the baptism of Jesus – we explored this story through our bible reading and through a short, animated video. Taking some words from the video, we thought about ‘living for God’ which led

us to remember that to live for God we need to live in the power of God, regularly asking the Holy Spirit for help – for the big things and the small things. We all joined in a confession activity where we took dirty coins and made them clean using a solution of salt and vinegar and then dipping them into the font, this served as a powerful reminder that when we say sorry we receive forgiveness and a fresh, clean, shiny start.

## Muddy Church

After taking a break in January, Muddy Church will be back on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 4pm. Join us for nature activities, fellowship around the fire, hot chocolate and crumpets, see page 10.



A reminder that on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month, Bible Buddies meets in the Bower Room during our 11am Worship at Christ Church. Bible Buddies is for children under 12 and is a great opportunity for children to explore the bible through story, games, and activities whilst parents can relax and enjoy the bible reading, sermon and prayers in church!

Our next Teatime Church is Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 4pm at St. Peter’s Church

## Dates for your diary...

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – pancake giveaway for pancake day outside school.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Café Church for Mother’s Day at Christ Church.

If you’d like to know more about any of our activities, please get in touch, contact details are on the back page of the newsletter.

*Alison White*  
*Children & Family Worker*



Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February @ 4pm  
Christ Church Orchard  
(Behind the Church)



## Thinking (about God) Day

As any good Scout or Guide knows, the 22<sup>nd</sup> February is Thinking Day, so being a retired Scouter and Guider I couldn't miss the opportunity to do some Scouty Stuff and linking it to God and the Church. Do come along and join in the fun, hot chocolate and s'mores - a true Scout and Guide tradition - and v Biscuits will be available. Wrap up warm, wear sensible shoes and bring something to sit on if possible.

And for those who can, please do wear your necker to show you are part of or have been part of either the Scouts or the Guides.

**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.**



# THE GAP

## After School Club

Every Wednesday during term time

Our theme for January has been the Ten Commandments with a mixture of games, crafts and of course Lego. At our meeting this week we had 20 children and 13 adults. Linda and Kat continue to run the sessions, usually taking a couple of weeks each and adding their own touch to each session. This month, February, we are looking at Friendship and the run up to Easter which will include the making of friendship bracelets, Easter Egg portraits and yet more Lego.

One of the crafts will be rock painting, everyone will decorate and write their Christian name on a rock. We will then ask both congregations to each take a rock home and pray for that person. You wont know who they are or how old they are, but God will, so please do pray for them.



## INTER-GENERATIONAL WORK

Warm Winter Space is continuing at St Peter's with a dedicated group of volunteers who meet each week to serve coffee, share a biscuit and chat with anyone who drops in.

Rose Cottage is being visited regularly, singing is a favourite along with games - quite often singing games, or bingo; but my favourite bit is talking to the residents, listening to them and sharing stories.

Mountsorrel Beavers visited in January, a report by the Beavers and some photos will be in next month's newsletter. The Scouts and Guides in the village are hoping to hold a Carol Concert at Christ Church, a service where the songs, readings and everything else is planned by them.

*Linda*



## **World Day of Prayer** **England, Wales & Northern Ireland**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025, 2:15pm at**  
**Mountsorrel Methodist Church**

The World Day of Prayer this year comes from the Cook Islands.

The theme is 'I Made You Wonderful'.

Come along and celebrate this wonderful Service bringing together everyone from all walks of life to celebrate, sing and pray together.



# St. Peter's Church

## A Winter Warm Space

### Every Monday 10am to 12pm

Five ladies joined us for our first Winter Warm Space and had soon settled down to a plate of biscuits, a warm drink and a good old natter. We are open to all of those who find Monday mornings difficult, or who just want some company.

If that is you, or you just fancy a change do come along and join us, at no cost to yourself.

Unfortunately we can not cater for toddlers, but there is Sunbeams at Christ Church at roughly the same time where you will be made more than welcome.



# 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](mailto:alison.white@mountsorrelchurch.org)  
or search for 'Sunbeams Mountsorrel' group on Facebook



## All welcome





# *Senior Sunday*

*Welcomes*

*Friends, Old and New*

*At St. Peter's Church, Mountsorrel*

*Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February*



*4.00pm - 5.30pm*



# Coffee Morning

Every Friday 10am—12noon

*Pop in and meet new friends*

*Everyone Welcome*



**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>

## **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, contact the Prayer Chain direct by completing the form on our website at:

[mountsorrelchurch.org/prayer](https://www.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](http://mountsorrelchurch.org/prayer). You can also telephone your prayer request to Colin Resch on 07878 029879.

If you would like a home/hospital visit for prayer and/or communion, please leave a message for Revd Colin Resch on 07878 029879 or send an email to [revcolinresch@mountsorrelchurch.org](mailto: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 07878 029879 or via email at:

[revcolinresch@mountsorrelchurch.org](mailto: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 Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February, but  
if items are ready, please send earlier)*