

Church News

April 2025

Christ Church

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St Peter's Church

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

| Date | Time | Service | Venue |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Sunday 6 April | 9.30am | Matins* | St. Peter's |
| | 11.00am | Holy Communion | Christ Church |
| Sunday 13 April | 9.30am | Holy Communion* | St. Peter's |
| | 11.00am | All Age Worship with Communion | Christ Church |
| | 4.00pm | Senior Sunday | St. Peter's |
| Thursday 17 April Maundy Thursday | 11.00am | Chrism Eucharist | Leicester Cathedral |
| | 7.00pm | Passover Meal | Christ Church |
| Friday 18 April Good Friday | 10.00am | Family Worship | St. Peter's |
| | 12 Noon | CTiM Outdoor Worship | |
| | 2:00pm | An hour before the Cross | St. Peter's |
| Sunday 20 April | 9.30am | Holy Communion* | St. Peter's |
| | 11.00am | Holy Communion | Christ Church |
| Saturday 26 April | 4.00pm | Muddy Church | Vicarage Orchard |
| Sunday 27 April | 11.00am | Sunday Worship followed by APCM | Christ Church |
| | 6.00pm | Evensong* followed by APCM | St. Peter's |
| Sunday 4 May | 9.30am | Matins* | St. Peter's |
| | 11.00am | Holy Communion | 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 from
Monday 28th April to Friday 9th May Inclusive.**

One single day that changed the world

So many times in history events have taken place that have shaped the future. History labels these days as days that changed the world. Some of these include the assassination of Julius Caesar in 44BC bringing to an end his powerful rule; Columbus making landfall in the Americas in 1492; the Battle of Waterloo in 1815; the Apollo 11 moon landing in 1969 ending the quest of mankind to land on solid ground outside of earth, the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 uniting East and West Europe; and, of course the fall of the twin towers in 2011 changing so much of our modern world. There have been, and there will be, many more days that change the world.

Whilst it is true that these events have indeed changed the world, there is only one event that truly changed the course of the world for all eternity. That event is recorded for us in scripture and we celebrate these events this month. The death and resurrection of Jesus changed forever the course of eternity.

Since the fall in the garden of Eden when Adam and Eve rejected God, the direction of travel was not looking good. As St Paul reminds us in his letter to the Romans, the wages of sin is death. And ever since the fall, death had been introduced into the world.

The death and resurrection of Jesus changed everything.

God, in his great love for his creation, sent his one and only son, Jesus, to be our Saviour. "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3.16). Through his death on the cross, Jesus paid the penalty for our sin and the sin of all humans defeating death once and for all. By rising from the dead that first Easter morning, he proved that death had been defeated and opened the way for all who put their trust in him to rise to eternal life.

There have been many days that changed the world, but only one that changed eternity. Many people have chosen to believe in Jesus and invite him into their lives changing their eternal destiny. I did this when I was still in primary school. Others will have done this much later. But now that you know this, how will you respond.

With every blessing,

Colin Resch

Diary Dates

Tuesday 1 April

10:00am Starting Rite at Christ Church, week 4 of 5.

7:00pm Christ Church PCC

Wednesday 2 April

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

3:00pm The Gap at Christ Church (see page 11).

6:00pm Rooted at Christ Church (see page 14).

Thursday 3 April

7:00pm St. Peter's Church PCC

Friday 4 April

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

Monday 7 April

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

7:00pm Christ Church and St. Peter's Musical Fellowship at Christ Church.

Tuesday 8 April

10:00am Starting Rite at Christ Church, week 5 of 5.

Wednesday 9 April

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

3:00pm The Gap at Christ Church (see page 11).

7:00pm Fellowship Group at The Vicarage (see page 12).

Friday 11 April

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

Thursday 17 April - Maundy Thursday

11.00am Chrism Eucharist at Leicester Cathedral.

7.00pm Passover Meal at Christ Church (see page 6).

Friday 18 April - Good Friday

10.00am Family Worship at St. Peter's (see page 15).

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

12 Noon CTiM Open Air Service.

2.00pm An Hour before the Cross at St. Peter's (see page 14).

Friday 25 April

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

Saturday 26 April

4.00pm Muddy Church in the Vicarage Orchard.

Monday 28 April

9.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

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Dates for April (Continued)

Wednesday 30 April

8:00am School Prayers at Christ Church & St. Peter's CE School.
3:00pm The Gap at Christ Church (see page 11).

Dates for May 2025

Friday 2 May

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

Wednesday 7 May

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.

Friday 9 May

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

Preparation of New Church Electoral Rolls 2025

Under the Church of England rules, new Church Electoral Rolls will be prepared in every parish this year. Announcements of this were given in Church services on the 23rd February and 2nd March 2025.

Whether your name is entered on the present Electoral Roll or not; you will need to complete an application form by 6th April 2025, to be entered on the new Church Electoral Roll.

Application forms will be available at the back of Church, or Ask Colin Resch or a Churchwarden.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Passover Fellowship Meal

We will be celebrating our Passover Meal on Maundy Thursday (17th April) at Christ Church for members of our congregations at Christ Church & St Peter's Church.

Those who came last time found it to be a wonderful occasion. Based on a traditional Jewish Passover Meal, we journey back to the time of Jesus and see how he might have celebrated the last supper with his disciples. The main course of the meal is traditionally roasted lamb so not suitable for vegetarians (a vegetarian option will be available by prior request).

Thank you to those who have volunteered to assist with this event. We now have just enough help to ensure that the evening can go ahead but there is still room for one or two more offers of help, so please let Colin know if you are free and willing to assist with helping to prepare the room (2pm - 4pm), helping to prepare the food (2pm - 5pm), helping to serve the food (during the event), helping to clear up (after the event for about an hour or so).

We start at 7pm and enjoy a wonderful evening of fellowship and food together. To ensure that we prepare sufficient food, it is essential that you reserve a ticket by adding your name to the list in Church or by contacting Colin by phone or email (see back page). Wine forms a central part of the meal too, so please do not drive unless you have to (although we will have a non-alcoholic alternative available).

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

Compassion :

- Pray for children and families across the world facing extreme poverty.
- Pray for those in positions of power to have wisdom and to be peacemakers acting with compassion and justice.
- Pray for those who are seeking to serve those in need, especially those affected by recent overseas aid cuts. Grant them wisdom in stewarding resources for maximum impact.

Leprosy Mission :

- Pray for the team working in Odisha, Northern India.
- Pray that they will help people living with leprosy feel valued and not forgotten.
- Pray for an end to the stigma that holds back second and third generations in leprosy communities. Pray that they will have the same opportunities as others.
- Pray that they will have the funds to start community gardens enabling them to grow fruit and vegetables.
- Pray that family's health will improve with better and more regular food.

Our Own Churches :

- Pray for our ministry team; Colin, Mel, Edmund and Helen.
 - Pray for our Children & Family worker; Alison.
 - for all the families that she comes into contact with and the work in the primary school.
 - Pray for our Intergenerational Worker; Linda.
 - Pray for all those she comes into contact with.
 - Pray for our Youth Worker, Kat.
 - Pray for all the young people she comes into contact with and her work in
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Rawlins.

- Pray for Paul our parish administrator.
- Pray for our churchwardens; David Bird, David Owen, Helen Shaw and Angie Price and our assistant churchwardens; John, Peter and Veronica.
- Pray for both our church councils.
- Pray for the APCM's taking place this month.

Pray continually (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Liz Resch

Mission Co-ordinator at Christ Church.



Christ Church and St. Peter's Musical Fellowship

**FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH
EXCLUDING AUGUST AND JANUARY**

Starting 7pm—8.30pm Monday 7th April @ Christ Church

After a very long break in our Musical Fellowship evenings we are aiming to start up once more, only this time on a Monday and only once a month. I do hope all who used to come will be able to join us and we invite anyone and everyone who loves to sing to come along for an evening of songs of fellowship, songs to make us laugh, cry, remember past times, or fill us with joy and hope. just don't expect everyone to always be singing the same words to the same tune at the same time!

Linda



Children & Family Work News

Sunbeams

As we've continued to learn more about Jesus, we have enjoyed the story of Jesus walking on water, the children loved the water play and painting watery pictures as well as joining in with the story and singing. We also looked at tiny mustard seeds and heard the parable of the mustard seed, as well as creating tree collages with lentils. As we begin to approach Easter, the children enjoyed the story of Mary of Bethany pouring perfume on Jesus' feet and wiping it with her hair, the room smelled lovely after we'd sprayed our own perfume around! They also decorated plant pots and planted a bulb for their mummies for Mother's Day.



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

Eight of our mum's and babies have continued with us to experience Starting Rite. So far, we have enjoyed peek-a-boo games and mirror play whilst thinking about how we see God; practised some basic baby massage whilst thinking about how much we love our children and how much God loves us; and played in water and a dark tent with lights (not at the same time) as we thought about choices and baptism. It is, as always, an absolute joy to watch the baby's grow and develop as the weeks go by and to see some of these families come into church at other times too!

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Our March session was very wet! As is the ethos of Muddy Church, we carried on regardless but we were definitely all very soggy by 5pm!

We made musical shakers using sticks and beads, planted summer flowering bulbs which will attract butterflies and toasted marshmallows for s'mores. Lots of insects were found including a spider and a millipede – all returned to their homes when we'd enjoyed looking at them.

My favourite part though was the spontaneous child-led activity of jumping in puddles! We'd put a groundsheet down with activities before it started raining and this very quickly became full of puddles as the rain poured down, the children had great fun splashing in the puddles – a joy to watch and a lesson for all of us in their fun with the rain!

Sadly, we have no photos because it was just too wet to get our phones out!



We had a very busy Bible Buddies in March when we learned about baby Moses whilst the adults in Church heard about a different part of his life. We enjoyed pretending to be on the river and jumping on lily pads like frogs, hearing the story and creating pictures of Moses in his basket on the river.

The next Bible Buddies is during the 11am worship at Christ Church on 6th April.

Dates for April

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| Sunday 6 th | 11am Bible Buddies at Christ Church |
| Sunday 13 th | All Age Worship with Communion at Christ Church, 11am with Colin and Liz |
| Friday 18 th | Good Friday Family Worship, 10am at St. Peter's with Alison |
| Sunday 20 th | Easter Holy Communion, 11am at Christ Church |
| Saturday 26 th | Muddy Church, 4pm in the orchard at Christ Church |
| Mondays | Sunbeams, 9:30am at Christ Church (term-time only) |
| Wednesdays | The Gap, after school at Christ Church (term time only) |

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



THE GAP

After School Club

Every Wednesday during term time

We continue to see around 20 children most weeks, all seeming to be more settled and knowing what to expect. Kat and I take it in turns to lead the sessions and Colin, Liz, Dirne and our new recruit, Megan, help us out; so much so that we just could not do it without them. This half term we are looking at Friendship which will lead us into the Easter Story. Our themes are: building friendships, showing friendship, what a friend we have in Jesus, friends in Christ, getting ready for Easter and then finishing on the 9th April with our celebration and meal.

Everyone is welcome to come along and see what we do, having the Church full of children and their parents, most of whom are now joining in too, fills me with joy and thanks for God leading me to this place, once again.

During this half term we shall be replacing the Fun@4 banner which has been hanging in Church since July 2019 gradually getting shorter and shorter over time. The Gap's new banner, if not hanging already, will be displayed very soon.

Thank you,

Linda



INTER-GENERATIONAL WORK

I have spent some time this last month reading as much as I can find on Churches enriching themselves with an Inter-generational style of worship. I still have two books to go but already find myself filled with excitement and anticipation of what we, as a Church, might do. I say as a Church because to make it work we all have to want to make it work.

I do know that some of you are thinking that we already do a lot of intergenerational work, we have Sunbeams, The Gap, Visits to Rose Cottage, All Age services, work in schools, etc., etc., etc. But Inter-generational work is not so much having groups of different ages linked to one Church, it is about having all the different ages in the same place at the same time, learning, teaching, sharing with one another the love of God.

I am not for a minute suggesting that all our Sunday morning services or our fellowship groups, activities or children's work should either be for people of all ages or not at all; but I am hoping to see an increase in the times when we are surrounded by people both older or younger than ourselves, as I am sure they will have a lot to teach us too.

Please pray not just for help and guidance from God about what He wants us to do; but also help for those who are going to find any change we make difficult to understand or cope with.

Linda

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:
9th April 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.

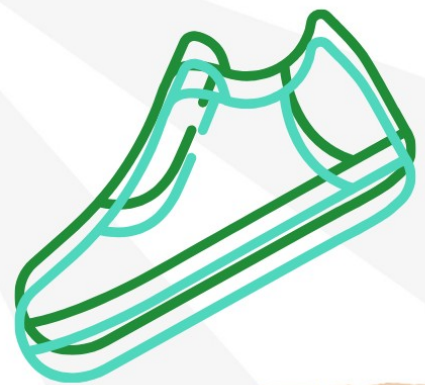
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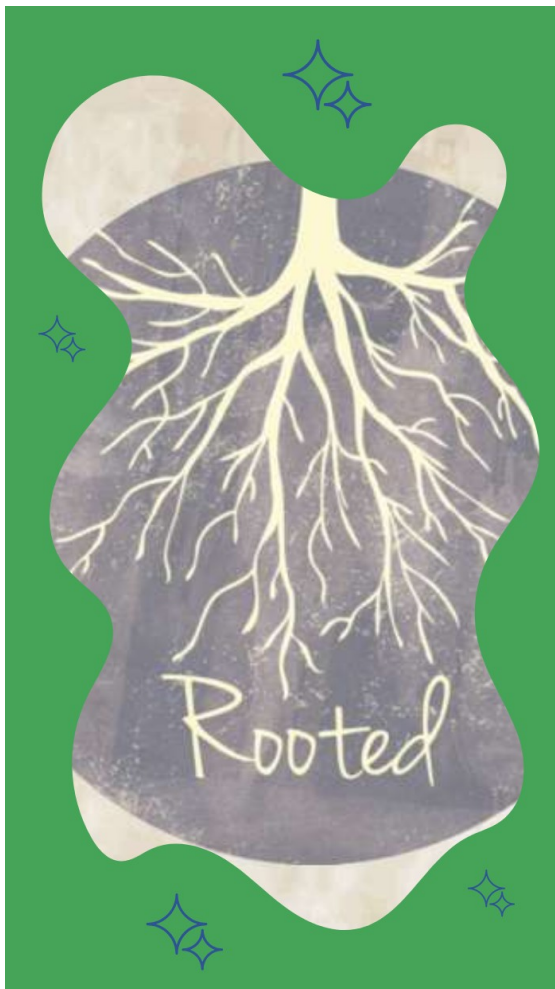


Christ Church Youth are going on a sponsored walk at Bradgate park to raise money for building a classroom in Uganda

Tuesday 22nd April

find the sponsor forms at the back of church





ROOTED EASTER SPECIAL

Wednesday 2nd April, 6-7:30pm
For those in school years 7-11



An Hour Before The Cross

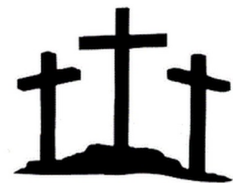
**Friday 18th April
at 2:00pm**

St Peter's Church

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

At St Peter's Church, Loughborough Road,
Mountsorrel

Friday 18th April 10am



Including story, prayer, singing, and amazing acting
by Assembly Squad.

Followed by refreshments with hot cross buns and
other sweet treats, and creating our Easter Garden
together.

All are welcome



R N I B

See differently

Royal National Institute for Blind People



Is the UK's leading sight loss charity. We have a collection box in both St Peter's Church and Christ Church for the collection of used postage stamps.

Please save your used stamps and pop them into either of the boxes. They will then be forwarded to the RNIB to help them continue their work supporting those people with sight loss.

Thank you



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



Senior Sunday
Welcomes
Friends, Old and New
At St. Peter's Church, Mountsorrel
Sunday 13th April



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

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. 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

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

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