

Church News

May 2025



THY KINGDOM COME

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
Sunday 4 May	9.30am	Matins*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
Sunday 11 May	9.30am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	All Age Worship	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Senior Sunday	St. Peter's
Sunday 18 May	11.00am	Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing	Christ Church
	6.00pm	Evensong*	St. Peter's
Saturday 24 May	4.00pm	Muddy Church	Vicarage Orchard
Sunday 25 May	9.30am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Word and Worship	Christ Church
Thursday 29 May Ascension Day	7.00pm	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
Sunday 1 June	9.30am	Matins*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church

**Service taken from the Book of Common Prayer*

A service of Compline will also take place at 8.30pm at St. Peter's Church from Thursday 29th May to Saturday 7th June Inclusive

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
Thursday 1st May to Friday 9th May Inclusive.**

Well done, good and faithful servant!

On Easter Monday, the world heard the news that Pope Francis had died and gone to be with the Lord. Over the following days, many spoke of a man who, in his leadership of the Roman Catholic Church, had been both radical in his compassion and conservative in his doctrine. His leadership style was like a breath of fresh air.



As a leader in God's Church, I set to reflecting on what makes a good Church leader. Many have written books, news/magazine articles, blogs and podcasts on this topic and, if I am honest with you, don't seem to offer much that distinguishes the Christian leader from any other secular leader. The main thrust being that a good leader needs some or all of the following qualities: Leading by example, humility, integrity, love, compassion.

According to web searches, the good Church leader needs 'to be preaching and teaching the Word of God, providing pastoral care and counselling, leading the Church in worship services, overseeing the spiritual growth of the congregation, providing leadership and direction for the Church.'

These attributes and qualities all go to make a good leader and will certainly help the Church to find focus for her mission. But there is something missing from these and, I believe, it was evident in the life of Pope Francis. The one thing that is missing is that the good Church leader needs, first and foremost, to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Jesus leads us in this by example: *"Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed."* (Mark 1.35)

Pope Francis' first act as Pope was to ask the people to pray over him. He bowed his head before the thousands gathered in St Peter's square as they prayed silently for him. At the heart of the Good Church leader is the heart of Christ. Only by making Christ the centre of our lives, will any of us be able to lead His Church.

I still have so much to learn about Church leadership. From time to time, I find myself relying on my own strength instead of depending on the Lord. But, day by day, I want to become more like my Saviour who sought the blessing of His Father for everything he did. Thankfully, I don't need to lead the Roman Catholic Church; I don't even need to lead the Church of England; but I do need to be Church leader here in Mountsorrel and so I ask for your prayers, that I may lead with humility and integrity, wisdom, love and compassion; but most of all, that I may remain, first and foremost, an obedient disciple of Jesus Christ.

With every blessing,

Colin Resch

Diary Dates

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.

Monday 12 May

9:30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

Wednesday 14 May

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

3:00pm The Gap at Christ Church.

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

Friday 16 May

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

Monday 19 May

9:30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

7:00pm Christ Church and St. Peter's Musical Fellowship at Christ Church
(see page 7).

Wednesday 21 May

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

3:00pm The Gap at Christ Church.

Friday 23 May

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

Saturday 24 May

4:00pm Muddy Church in the Vicarage Orchard.

Wednesday 28 May

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

Thursday 29 May

7:00pm Holy Communion at St. Peter's Church (see page 15).

8:30pm Compline at St. Peter's Church.

Friday 30 May

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

8:30pm Compline at St. Peter's Church.

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Saturday 31 May

8:30pm Compline at St. Peter's Church.

Dates for June 2025**Monday 2 June**

9:30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

8:30pm Compline at St. Peter's Church.

Tuesday 3 June

8:30pm Compline at St. Peter's Church.

Wednesday 4 June

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.

8:30pm Compline at St. Peter's Church.

Thursday 5 June

8:30pm Compline at St. Peter's Church.

Friday 6 June

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

8:30pm Compline at St. Peter's Church.

Saturday 7 June

8:30pm Compline at St. Peter's 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.

The Fellowship Group will be meeting at The Vicarage on Wednesday:
14th and 28th May 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

Tearfund :

- Pray for the continuing conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) where thousands of people have fled their homes to escape the violence.
- Pray for families who have been separated in the chaos and for parents who do not know where their children are.
- Pray for peace and stability across the DRC and the wider region.
- Pray for safety, peace of mind, comfort and rest for all our staff and partners working there.
- Pray for South Sudan where the humanitarian crisis persists due to a combination of armed clashes, intercommunal violence, food insecurity, climate change challenges and cuts in humanitarian aid.
- Pray for unity and reconciliation for the leadership of the country and for the South Sudanese people.

Church Mission Society:

- Pray for Muslims and Muslim-background believers in Jesus in the Middle East and North Africa.
- Pray for the team at Jigsaw Kids' Ministries in the Philippines as they work to develop the charity's crisis response processes.
- Pray for Bolivia, where a lack of foreign currency has led to an inability to pay for imported fuel and in turn caused a fuel shortage.
- Pray for those affected by the heavy rains in northern Argentina.
- Pray for people in challenging contexts across the Middle East who desperately need access to healthcare.

Mountsorrel :

- Pray for the County Council elections taking place on 1st May.
- Pray for our local primary school as it prepares for SATS this month .

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- Pray for Year 2 pupils taking their SATS this month.
- Pray for Year 6 pupils taking their SATS 12th to 15th May.
- Pray for all those taking GCSE and A Level exams, which start this month.
- Pray for our Youth Worker, Kat.
- Pray for the work of the Sorrel Food Bank and Your Store.

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, JANUARY
and
BANK HOLIDAYS**

7pm—8.30pm Monday 19th May @ Christ Church

No Musical Fellowship on the 5th May,
we will meet up on the 19th May instead.
As usual everyone is invited to come along.

Linda

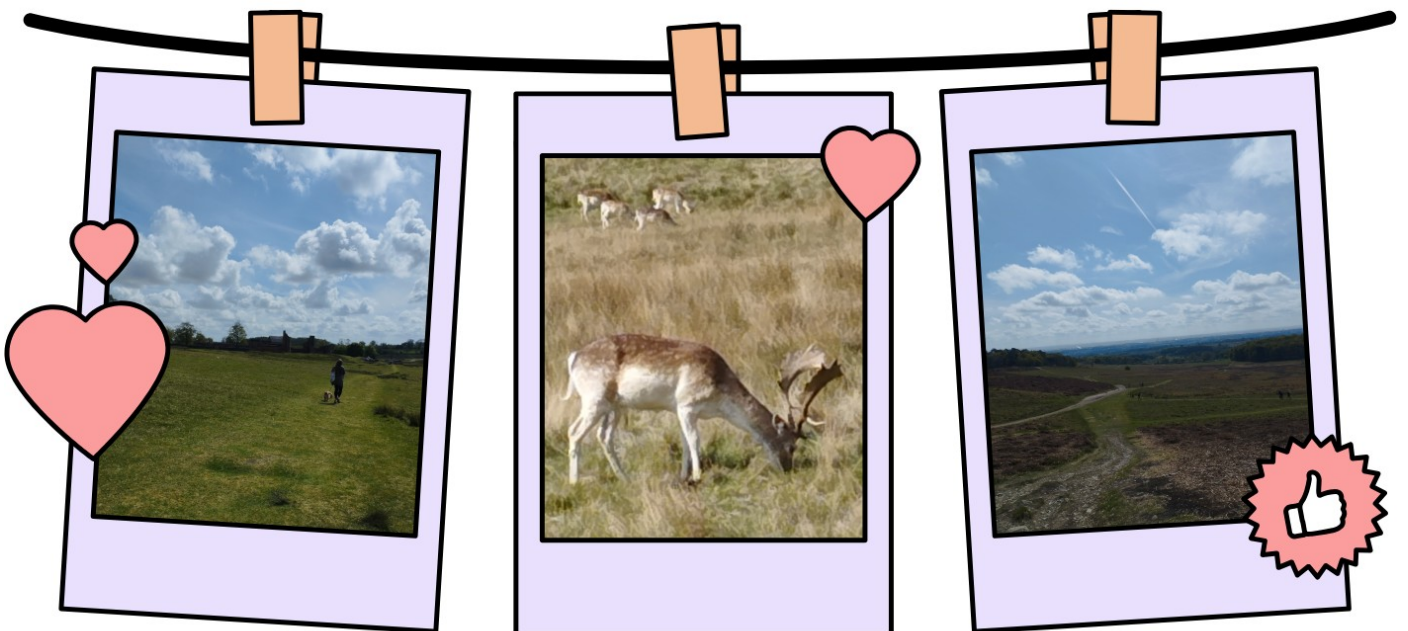


We did it!



Last month our Rooted group took on the challenge of climbing up to Old John in Bradgate Park to raise money for our Lent Project. It was a wonderful day, the sun was out, and the promise of an ice cream kept us all going.

Thank you to everybody that sponsored us on our walk. We'll have the final amount we raised once we collect it all in.



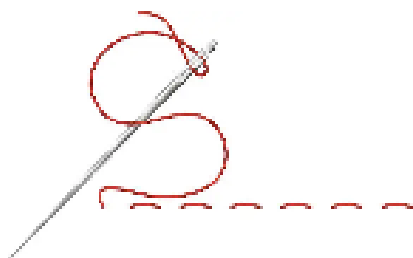


All Age Service Sunday Worship
Sunday 11th May 2025
@ 11-00 am

Dorcas the Disciple

Please join us for our All Age Worship this month.
We shall be hearing how Dorcas helped all those who were
poor or widowed by using her talent as a seamstress.

We shall be hanging out some washing.
Discovering some hidden talents within our congregation.
Looking at how we too can serve God.



To find out more about our All Age Services please talk to
Alison, Kat or Linda
Email addresses on the back of this newsletter



Thy Kingdom Come

Once again, we are invited to spend the days between Ascension Day and Pentecost Sunday in prayer for the Church, the world and our nation especially praying for our friends and family who have not yet come to faith in Jesus Christ.

Our Church buildings will be open throughout the days from 29th May to 8th June for you to visit and spend time in private prayer. There will be the opportunity for you to light a candle as a sign of your prayer.

Each evening from Thursday 29th May until Saturday 7th June, you will have the opportunity to join us at St Peter's Church for a service of Night Prayer (Compline) beginning at 8.30pm. It is a short service that lasts no more than 25minutes. I do hope you will be able to join us.

This is a great time for you to revisit 'Pray for 5' thinking of five people who you would like to see come to faith. Pray for them by name throughout this period asking God to reveal himself to them.

The Lord's Prayer

On top of all of this, we would also like you to take time thinking about and praying through the Lord's Prayer. The Archbishop of York, Rt Revd Stephen Cotterill has written this reflection to help us. Here's what he says:

Just before teaching them the prayer we know as the Lord's Prayer, Jesus told his disciples that God knows what we want before we ask him (Matthew 6:8). So why a prayer at all? Perhaps it's simply this: we don't know what we want. Therefore, the Lord's Prayer is best understood as learning what to want. Which also means that the Lord's Prayer is a pattern for life as well as a pattern for prayer. Coming from the heart of God, through the heart of Jesus to our hearts, and through us to the world, the Lord's Prayer teaches us how to pray and how to live. All in less than 70 words!

Our Father in heaven... First, we call God 'Father' and learn that we are children of God,

and that God is the loving parent, our heavenly Father, who will not let us down - even if human parents sometimes do. But not just my Father. Ours! Everyone who says this prayer is my sister and brother.

Hallowed be your name... Our relationship with God is close, as with a Father. But God is holy; God's name is hallowed. God is the most holy, the most beautiful, the one by whom everything exists and upon whom everything depends.

Your kingdom come; your will be done on earth as in heaven... Here we start to learn what to ask for. Not my kingdom, not my will, but God's. And if we want to learn what God's kingdom looks like and what God's will might be, then we look to Jesus who showed us what God is like, and who in his great need also prayed, not my will be done but yours (Luke 22:42). In this way earth starts to look like heaven and the great biblical vision of 'a new heaven and a new earth' starts to emerge' (Revelation 21:1).

Give us today our daily bread... This means 'Give me enough for today. Stop me wanting more all the time. Give me what I need, not what I want. Show me what enough looks like.' Is there a more important lesson for our world to learn today?

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those against us... This means being honest about ourselves; our foibles, our failures and especially our wilful choosing what we know to be wrong. And then being ready to offer to others the forgiveness we so dearly need ourselves. At the very heart of the Christian faith, we learn that in Jesus God forgives our sins. By his death and resurrection, Jesus sets us free from sin and death. We too must be forgiving.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil... This means asking for God's help and guidance when life is tough, when temptation dazzles, and when darkness falls.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever... This means everything comes from God and everything belongs to God, now, and forever more. God's kingdom is not a place, but a life lived in relationship with God. God makes this possible through Jesus whose power and glory are shown in humility, service and sacrifice. This is the life we are called to live if we follow in the way of this prayer.

Amen. This means 'I agree'. But do we? No prayer is said more than this one, but maybe no prayer is meant less. Let's change that. Say the Lord's Prayer and mean it. Let it change your heart. Then it might change the world as well.

Children & Family Work News

Sunbeams

We finished our spring term with an Easter special! We enjoyed lots of egg activities, painting, sensory play and heard the story of the caterpillar who had to leave his friends for a while but came back transformed into a butterfly! All the children took a small chocolate egg home with them.



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

Starting Rite has now concluded, we had a wonderful 5 weeks of activities with the babies as well as thinking and wondering about prayer, stories, baptism and love.



Our next set of baby groups will run from September starting with Beyond the Bump, please contact me if you would like to book a place.

Our annual service for Good Friday was held at St Peter's with three of our children from Assembly Squad leading the service and acting out the story. Lilah, Indigo and Tegan were all brilliant. Thank you to Victoria who read the Good Friday story whilst the children acted the parts and to Linda who supported with everything.

The children planned this service and wanted to include the story of Adam and Eve which helped to remind us of the whole story of God's love for His people which is our Bible.



We enjoyed hot cross buns and cakes afterwards – thank you to Karen and David for providing these, and all the children helped to create our Easter Garden – do have a look if you are passing by, it's at the front of St Peter's church.

Please pray for the children and family ministry in our churches and for the families of Mountsorrel; we would particularly appreciate prayer for:

- Volunteers for Sunbeams – we really need some more help each Monday chatting to parents and playing with children.
- Year 6 children as they prepare for SATS and their transition to secondary school
- Those children starting school for the first time this year.
- Our planning for Summer'25.



Dates for May

Sunday 4 th	11am Bible Buddies at Christ Church
Sunday 11 th	All Age Worship at Christ Church, 11am with Linda
Saturday 24 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



INTER-GENERATIONAL WORK

It has been a delight to see so many new faces at both the Gap and All Age services.

One of the speakers, at the New Wine leaders conference, talked about how more people, teenagers and young adults especially, are looking to the Church for support. Across the country Churches are seeing a slow increase in numbers and I believe that it is happening here too. Without a doubt, we are starting to see new faces in Church and at The Gap. It takes courage, so please pray for those who are hesitating or nervous, may they find the strength to take that first step and may we all continue to welcome them with open arms.

Visits to Rose Cottage continue, we are starting to build a firm relationship with both the staff and the residents and although, whilst there, I was hoping to do a variety of things, singing is what they always ask for.



The Gap will continue throughout the Summer term. A new theme, games, songs, fellowship and, every half-term, tea. Should you have the time, help is always needed.

Linda





THE GAP

After School Club
Every Wednesday during term time

at 3pm at Christ Church



While they beheld, he was taken up; and
a cloud received him out of their sight.
(Acts 1.9)

St Peter's Church

Ascension Day

Thursday

29th May 2025

Holy Communion (BCP)

7:00pm

Followed by bring & share supper.

We take our duty and obligation to protect all people extremely seriously.

Our safeguarding co-Ordinator is Mel Rowley.
Her contact details are on the back of the newsletter.



Should you have any cause for concern, please speak with her or Colin. If you do not wish to speak to either of them, forms are available as well as an online form .

<https://mountsorrelchurch.org/raising-safeguarding-concern/>

If there is immediate danger, please call 999

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 11th May



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:

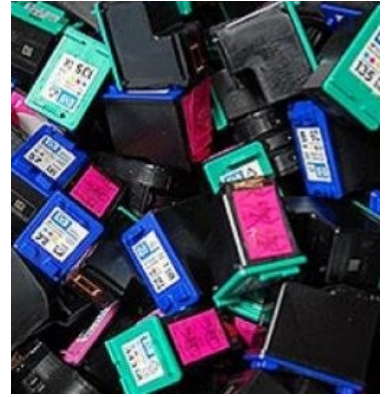
mountsorrelchurch.org/prayer

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>



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*(Copy date for the next newsletter is Sunday 18th May, but
if items are ready, please send earlier)*