

Church News

August 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 3 August	9.30am	Matins*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
Sunday 10 August	9.30am	Joint Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
	NB: No Service at Christ Church Today		
Saturday 16 August	4.00pm	Muddy Church	Vicarage Orchard
Sunday 17 August	11.00am	All Age Worship	Christ Church
	6.00pm	Evensong*	St. Peter's
Sunday 24 August	9.30am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Word and Worship	Christ Church
Sunday 31 August	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Pet Service (<i>see page 12</i>)	St. Peter's
Sunday 7 September	9.30am	Matins*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church

**Service taken from the Book of Common Prayer*

Morning Prayer

Please note: There will be NO Morning Prayer until Tuesday 2nd September.

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

Every Picture Tells A Story.

Something that we now take for granted, photography used to be the preserve of an elite group of professionals who had the skills and resources to record important moments in this way. Whilst there is still a role for the professional photographer, most of us have the equipment and ability to snap away at anything and everything we see around us. Even recording moving images as we go. And so begins the path towards doom-scrolling—that endless reel after reel of social media footage that steals another hour or two from your life.

Sometimes however we record images of our family or our holidays that we want to keep and look back on in years to come—such as the one on the front cover of this newsletter, taken by one of our Church members on a recent break. It features one of the fountains in the Parade Court of the Austrian palace of Schönbrunn. The statues produced in 1776 by Johann Baptist Hagenauer represent the kingdom of Galicia and Lodomeria (which had only recently become a Habsburg possession) and Transylvania. These statues were put there to make a point. What we see, we learn from.

In the first chapter of Romans, Paul tells us that we learn about God from looking at the world around us. “...since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made...” Romans 1.20



On a recent trip to the Lake District with Liz, I got into a conversation with some local Christians in a café. At their encouragement I visited their Church in the village of Pooley Bridge. St Paul’s is a small but beautiful Church which, because of the shape of its chancel windows and the colour of the carpet, reminded me very much of our own Christ Church. The board showing their support of world mission indicated a Church that is alive and actively promoting the Kingdom of God and sharing his love.



It made me wonder how a visitor to our Churches would see what we are about. What can we do to demonstrate our love for God and his love for the world to those who may be visiting us during our Summer 25 week of activities? I welcome your thoughts and ideas.

I would also love to see any photos of your travels that show how Churches in this country and abroad are furthering the Kingdom of God in their communities and showing to visitors that they are a living, vibrant community. Maybe we could include them in future editions of our newsletter. Have a great August. With every blessing,

Colin Resch

Diary Dates

Friday 1 August

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

Saturday 2 August

2:00pm: Summer 25 Volunteers' Meeting at Christ Church

Wednesday 6 August

10:00am - 2:00pm: Children's Society Coffee Day & Box Opening (see page 9)

Friday 8 August

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

Sunday 10 August

11:00am - 4:30pm, St. Peter's Church open for Revival.

Coffee & Cake, Book Stall, Bell Ringing.

Monday 11 to Sunday 17 August

Summer' 25 Activity Week.



Friday 22 August

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

Wednesday 27 August

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

Friday 29 August

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

Diary Dates for September

Monday 1 September

9:30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

Tuesday 2 September

10:30am Beyond the Bump at Christ Church (week 1 of 5).

7:00pm Christ Church PCC Meeting.

Wednesday 3 September

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

Thursday 4 September

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

Friday 5 September

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

Monday 8 September

9:30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.

Tuesday 9 September

10:30am Beyond the Bump at Christ Church (week 2 of 5).

2:00pm Grief Café in The Bower Room at Christ Church (see page 6)

7:00pm CTiM Meeting at the Methodist Church.

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

Summer 25 – 10th to 17th August:

- Pray for good weather for all the outdoor events, especially Mountsorrel by the Sea.
- Pray for safety at all the different events taking place during the week.
- Pray for good conversations to be had.
- Pray that a sense of community will be built during the week.
- Pray for energy for all those organising and volunteering at the different events.
- Pray that those who have signed up to attend will come along.
- Pray that the love of God will be evident throughout the week .

Mountsorrel:

- Pray for Mountsorrel Revival taking place on Sunday 10th.
- Pray for all those due to receive A Level result on the 14th.
- Pray for all those due to receive GCSE results on the 21st.
- Pray for all those who will be starting school for the first time (and their parents) at the end of the month.
- Pray for all those who will be starting secondary school at the end of the month.
- Pray for all teachers and school staff as they prepare for a new academic year .

Open Doors :

- Pray for Underground believers in North Africa, that they can have access to Bibles and other Christian resources.
- Pray for Open Doors partners who run a two-year Bible course for believers in rural areas of Vietnam.
- Pray for the summer activities and training sessions being run in Vietnam

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- by Open Door partners for students and families.
- Pray for Church leaders in Egypt to welcome believers from a Muslim background.
 - Pray for believers who hide their faith from their families to protect themselves and their families.
 - Pray that isolated Christians will be connected with believers who will support them.
 - Pray for farms owned by Christians in Laos as they are vulnerable to attack. Pray for abundant and protected harvests.
 - Pray for protection and enduring faith for the house churches in China.

Pray continually (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Liz Resch

Mission Co-ordinator at Christ Church.



Mountsorrel Grief Café
Tuesday 9th September,
2pm in the Bower Room @ Christ Church



Next month we shall be opening the door to our Grief Café for the first time. Cups of tea, coffee, cake and biscuits will all be on offer along with a small team ready to meet and greet, to sit and talk or to just sit with anyone who wishes it. It's a chance to share stories about your loved ones and to hopefully gain some comfort seeing that you are not alone. Each session will be led by members of the team with games or an activity occasionally. All the team have been through the loss of a loved one, so will have some understanding of how difficult some days can be.

Anyone who is struggling with a loss, anyone who has been through a loss, anyone who feels completely lost, or anyone who feels alone is welcome to come along.

Unfortunately lifts are not available, but if you would like any further information or support in making it through the door please contact me, Linda Vesty: my number and email are on the back of this newsletter.

Dates for this Autumn Term are:

9th and 23rd September, 7th and 21st October 4th and 18th November,
2nd, 16th and 30th December.

Linda



Do you use WhatsApp?

If you are, then you might like to know that a Church WhatsApp group exists to help us all keep in touch with each other throughout the week. The group shares news and encouragements and helps us to pray for one another.

If you are a regular member of our Church and would like to join the group, please send a message to Colin Resch on 07878 029879 and we can add you to the group membership.



Saturday 13th September 2025

This is a sponsored event for cyclists, walkers, joggers, runners, drivers and even bus-riders to visit local churches and raise funds. You can even be sponsored for welcoming in church. Half of the funds you raise go to the Church of your choice with the rest going to the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust.

Christ Church and St Peter's Church will both be open that day.

Can you help on the day to welcome visitors?

Sign up sheets are at the back of 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:
3rd September 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.



THE GAP

After School Club

Every Wednesday during term time

Our last half term of this school year was taken up with learning about the Lord's prayer. We finished with pizza and ice-creams for tea (not eaten at the same time) with very nearly a full house.

We close for the summer but hope you will join Kat for the Revival Day parade (please bring your flags and crowns, if we aren't holding on to them for you) or join Linda and others at St. Peter's for tea, coffee, cakes; a chance to ring the bells and of course an all important loo stop.

The Gap will return early in September, keep an eye on the Church Facebook page for dates.

Linda and Kat



Christ Church and St. Peter's Musical Fellowship

FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

**We are taking a break over the Summer, so no Musical fellowship
in August or September.**

We start back Monday 6th October, 7pm at Christ Church.

Everyone is welcome and no musical ability is required.
Join us for 90 minutes of singing, companionship and a
few giggles along the way.

Linda

**The
Children's
Society**

**No child
should feel
alone**

Coffee Day And Box Opening

Jane Gilliver and Janet Foster are holding a Coffee Day and Box Opening in the Bower Room at Christ Church on Wednesday 6th August from 10:00am - 2:00pm.

There will also be a 'Bring and Buy' Stall.

All proceeds will be donated to the Children's Society.
All Welcome.

Your support would be very much appreciated.

If you, or anyone you know would like to have a box, please let us know.



**What a great first
year at The Gap**

The Lord's Prayer

Easter **Daniel and the
Lions' Den**

Moses

The Nativity



See you all in September

WATERSIDE RIVER RACE



Christ Church takes to the water!

Our adventurous team of 8 (and 2 subs) had a great time competing in the river race at the end of June. Whilst we may not have been the fastest team there, we definitely enjoyed taking part and giving our all. It was wonderful to be out in our community having fun with all of the other teams and spectators on the River Soar.



**Already looking
forward to next
year!**

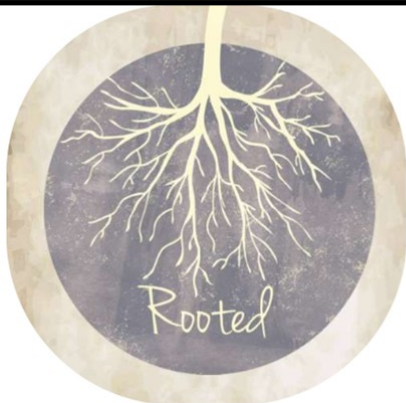
FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

YEAR 8 RAWLINS

Our Friday lunch club has spent the last term reflecting on the Fruit of the Spirit and what values we should all have in order to build a community. They felt that compassion, respect, determination, loyalty, trust, wisdom, forgiveness, kindness, hope, honesty and responsibility were all important in order to have a good life and prosper. These qualities help to build meaningful relationships with the people around us and to not be tempted to go down the wrong path.

They think that it is important to practice these as they benefit everybody and promote happiness.

School may be out for the summer, but we can all spend time learning how to be more Christ-like and practising these important characteristics.



Spreading messages
of love

You may have noticed a few brightly painted rocks around the Churchyard over the last couple of weeks. They have been painted by our youth at Rooted, with the hope of spreading the gospel message to those that might need to hear it.



LOVE

If you see one, please do take a minute to pray that they are found and taken by somebody that needs to know that God loves them, no matter who they are or what they are going through.



Bring your pet to
St Peter's Church Mountsorrel
for our special

Pet service



4pm, Sunday 31 August 2025

Lots of us know how much joy and blessing
our pets can bring us.

You are welcome to join us for this short service
as we celebrate all God's creatures, great and small.

Children & Family Work News

It may seem quieter now the summer holidays are here, but there is lots of organising, planning and shopping happening as we prepare to welcome lots of children and families into our church for Summer '25!

We ended the summer term with some gorgeous weather which was perfect for our Sunbeams summer special.

Sunbeams

We enjoyed a lovely summer special; we had a baby sensory area for our youngest little ones including a small ball pit along with some quiet activities inside and then messy play and games outside for our toddlers and pre-schoolers. For our story, we reminded everyone that children are important to Jesus with the story of Jesus and the children. We enjoyed our usual dancing with ribbons, action songs and musical instruments before saying goodbye to those children who are starting school in September. Each of them were presented with a 'Jesus Storybook Bible' and we all prayed together for them saying 'God bless you as you start school'.



Sunbeams returns on Monday 1st September and all parents/carers with babies up to pre-schoolers are welcome to come along anytime between 9.30 and 11am at Christ Church.

Ministry in School

During June we had the privilege of spending time with the year 6 children who were getting ready to move on to Secondary School.

We held our annual prayer spaces in schools event at Christ Church which gave the children the opportunity to look back, reflect, and look forward exploring their feelings about moving on and talking through what they were looking forward to and what they aren't so sure about.

Thank you to all our volunteers who helped with the morning, it is a special time for the children which we couldn't do without volunteer helpers.

At the beginning of July, the children were back in Christ Church for their Leavers Service, this was a wonderful and emotional morning where the children sang, shared memories and we reflected on some of the activities we had done at the prayer spaces event. Each of the children were presented with a book; Scripture Union's 'It's Your Move' which has lots of advice and guidance as they move on to Secondary School.

Prayer Spaces morning at Christ Church



The children enjoyed Tardis prayers – thinking about the distant future, the jigsaw – reminding them they are all connected even as they move on, special memories were written onto the ribbons, and the pipe cleaner people were someone they were thankful for, this included a note about them written onto the hearts.

Dates for August

Sunday 3 rd	11am Bible Buddies at Christ Church
Sunday 10 th	Revival Day – no service at Christ Church but come and see us at St Peter's Church during the day
11 th -17 th August	Summer '25 –If you've not booked in, have a look what tickets are left and do join waiting lists where activities are full.
Saturday 16 th	Muddy Church in the orchard behind Christ Church
Sunday 17 th	11am All Age Worship with Alison, Colin & Kat at Christ Church
Sunday 31 st	4pm Pet service at St Peter's
Monday 1 st September	Sunbeams is back from our Summer break – Christ Church, 9.30-11.30am

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

Journey in Faith Course

What is the Journey in Faith Course?

A 3 term course that provides the time and space for people to:

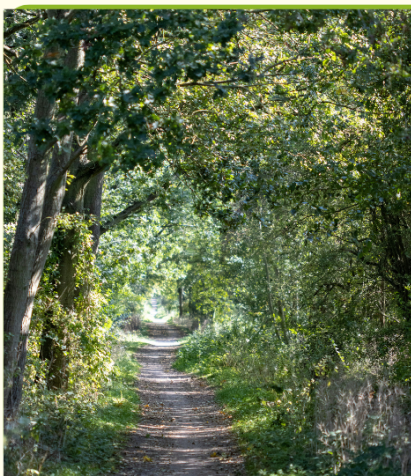
- Grow in their knowledge of the Christian faith
- Deepen their relationship with God
- Explore how to live out faith in the whole of life

Who can join?

It is open to anyone—there is some reading to do between sessions but you don't need to have done any studying before.

What does a previous participant say?

"If you want to know more about yourself and your Christian faith, then JiF is the course for you. You'll be welcomed and challenged, affirmed and changed, and you'll definitely be glad you came."



Course Details

Introductory Session

Saturday 13th September
9.30-12.30 at St Martin's House

Course Venues

Monday evening	Nanpantan
Tuesday evening	Frisby on the Wreake
Wednesday evening	Ellistown
Wednesday evening	Knighton, Leicester



Please consider a donation of £40 per term to cover course costs

How do I join a course?

For more information email:
liz.rawlings@leicestercofe.org

To book a place:
visit the Hub or email
mmbookings@leicestercofe.org
stating your preferred venue

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 14th September



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
breakfast cereals, 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:

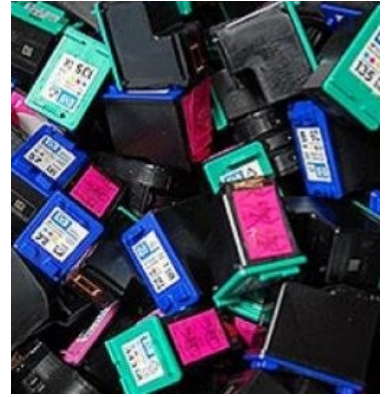
mountsorrelchurch.org/prayer

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 Sunday 24th August, but
if items are ready, please send earlier)*