

# *Church News*

October 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 5 October	9.30am	Matins*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
Thursday 9 October	7.00pm	Service of Prayer and Remembrance for Baby Loss Awareness	St. Peter's
Sunday 12 October	9.30am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	All Age Worship	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Senior Sunday	St. Peter's
Sunday 19 October	11.00am	Holy Communion with Healing Prayers	Christ Church
	6.00pm	Evensong*	St. Peter's
Saturday 25 October	10.00am	Muddy Church Walk	See page 13
Sunday 26 October	9.30am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Word & Worship and Baptism Service	Christ Church
Sunday 2 November	9.30am	Matins*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
	4.00pm	All Souls Memorial Service	St. Peter's

*\*Service taken from the Book of Common Prayer*

## Morning Prayer

9am in Christ Church and online (via Zoom)

**Monday - online only**

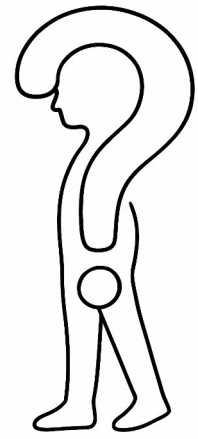
**Tuesday \* Wednesday \* Thursday\* Friday**

**Meeting ID: 786 8201 8817, Passcode: 032244**

**No Morning Prayer from  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

## Do we welcome both friend and stranger?

In our Churches we work hard to make sure that everyone who turns up receives the best possible welcome we can give them. Regulars are welcomed by name (when our memories allow us to remember names) and visitors are welcomed with a smile. We try to ensure that no-one is ignored when they come to Church. Sometimes we get it wrong but, I like to think, that most of the time we get it right. If you think otherwise, I'd love to hear from you.



We welcome people, because we believe that is what Jesus would do. In walking the Christian journey of faith, we have found the freedom that comes from knowing God's love and the forgiveness of our sins. We have found something worth sharing, and we do not want to keep it for ourselves.

It is this same ministry of welcome that has made our nation into the Great Britain that it is. We have a history of welcoming the outcast and stranger, friend and foe. It is a welcome that was reciprocated to me some years ago when I travelled to India.

I was a youth worker in Birmingham and our youth group had raised some money for charity. I was fortunate to be invited to visit India to see how and where the money was being spent. In some of the most deprived slum areas of India's cities, money was being spent to provide skills training to help men and women earn a living. Some money was being spent to provide healthcare to those with leprosy. Further funds were shared as small enterprise loans to help people build their own homes or businesses.

It was certainly an eye-opening experience for me and my fellow travellers – one that left us only too aware that our relatively wealthy lives were simply because of where we had been born. If we had been born elsewhere, our circumstances could and would have been very different indeed.

That is why I find it so difficult to hear so many voices in our community and nation speaking out against asylum seekers and economic migrants. After all, who of us wouldn't want to seek the best possible situation for ourselves and our families? Many people will move home for a new job, sometimes staying in

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England, other times going overseas. And yet, when it happens in our direction, we get nervous, concerned and, sometimes, downright hostile.

St. Paul reminds us 'that once you were excluded from citizenship... but now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.... Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people.' (Philippians 2.11-20)

None of us have an automatic right of citizenship in heaven, but through his grace, God has welcomed us into an inheritance as citizens and we welcome it gladly. I wonder if there's any chance that we might possibly seek to extend the same joy and welcome to others here on earth – both as a nation and as individuals.

With every blessing,

*Colin Resch*

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

## Diary Dates

### **Wednesday 1 October**

- 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 6).

### **Friday 3 October**

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

### **Monday 6 October**

- 9:30am Sunbeams.

### **Tuesday 7 October**

- 10:30am Starting Rite (Week 1/5).
- 2:00pm Grief Café at Christ Church (see page 9).
- 7:00pm Deanery Synod at St. Bartholomew's Church.

### **Wednesday 8 October**

- 8:00am School Prayers at Christ Church & St. Peter's CE School.
- 3:00pm The Gap at Christ Church.

### **Thursday 9 October**

- 7:00pm Service of Prayer and Remembrance for Baby Loss Awareness Week at St. Peter's Church (see page 10).

### **Friday 10 October**

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

### **Monday 13 October**

- 9:30am Sunbeams.

### **Tuesday 14 October**

- 10:30am Starting Rite (Week 2/5).
- 7:00pm Joint PCC Meeting at St. Peter's Church.

### **Wednesday 15 October**

- 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 6).

### **Friday 17 October**

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

### **Tuesday 21 October**

- 2:00pm Grief Café at Christ Church (see page 9).

### **Friday 24 October**

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

### **Saturday 25 October**

- 10:00am Muddy Church Walk (see page 13).

### **Monday 27 October**

- 9:30am Sunbeams.

### **Tuesday 28 October**

- 10:30am Starting Rite (Week 3/5).

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## Diary Dates for October (Cont'd)

### Wednesday 29 October

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 6).

### Friday 31 October

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

## Diary Dates for November

### Saturday 1 November

10:00am Craft Fair at Christ Church (see page 11).

### Monday 3 November

9:30am Sunbeams.

### Tuesday 4 November

10:30am Starting Rite (Week 4/5).

2:00pm Grief Café at Christ Church (see page 9).

### Wednesday 5 November

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 7 November

10:00am till 12 Noon: Coffee Morning at Christ 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 Wednesdays:  
1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> October 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.



We are once again organising a Christmas Tree festival for the beginning of December and are in need of 1 or 2 volunteers that would be willing to support the planning and promotion of it. Most of the work at this stage can be done from the comfort of your home, so if you think you could give a few hours over the next couple of months, please speak to Kat or Linda.

This is also an advance notice for those crafty, arty or have-a-goers, that, along with the group trees, we will be having a best angel competition open to anyone.

See [mountsorrelchurch.org/christmastrees/](https://mountsorrelchurch.org/christmastrees/) or scan code for all the latest information.



## **Christ Church and St. Peter's Musical Fellowship**

Due to ill health, I am not able to lead Musical Fellowship at the moment. If anyone would like to do so, that would be fantastic, but it might be that once again Musical Fellowship will be put on the back burner for some time yet.

*Linda*

## **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 to help us to pray for local and global issues and the Charities we support.

### **Children & Families Work:**

- Pray for all the staff, parents and children of our primary school as they adjust to the change in leadership.
- Pray for the new head and deputy head teacher at the primary school.
- Pray for Muddy church as it changes time for the winter months, that people will still come along.
- Pray for Beyond the Bump and the families attending.
- Pray for Alison.

### **Youth Work:**

- Pray for the lunch clubs at Rawlins, that the new year groups will engage with them.
- Pray for Rawlins, who are due a SIAMS inspection.
- Pray for more young people to attend Rooted.
- Pray for Kat.

### **Inter-generational Work :**

- Pray for the Baby Loss Service taking place on Thursday 9th October.
- Pray for the Grief Café.
- Pray for the Gap, that more volunteers come forward to help.
- Pray for Linda.

### **The Churches :**

- Pray for the staff team and church wardens as they begin to look forward & plan for 2026.

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- Pray for the Gap, that more volunteers come forward to help.
- Pray for the upcoming Craft Fair.
- Pray for the preparations already under way for the Christmas Tree Festival.
- Pray for the Scarecrow Festival being organised by the school PFSA.
- Pray for new people to come along to our Coffee Morning and Senior Sunday.
- Pray for our Grief Café.

*Pray continually (1 Thessalonians 5:17)*

**Liz Resch**

*Mission Co-ordinator at Christ Church.*



**Mountsorrel Grief Café**  
**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October,**  
**2pm in the Bower Room @ Christ Church**



This month we shall be holding our first Grief Café. Tea, coffee, cake and a chance to sit in a safe place spending time with a small team of people who have gone through, or who might still be going through, a very similar thing.

Time doesn't matter, a couple of months, two years, 30 years, it doesn't stop hurting and anyone still feeling the loss of a loved one is welcome to join us for a chance to talk about, reflect upon and cry over those you have loved and lost.

There is no right or wrong way of dealing with a loss and we don't claim to have all the answers, but we do have the time to sit and listen and to be there, supporting you, as you work your way towards a new normal.

**Dates for this Autumn Term are:**

**7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October.**  
**4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> November,**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> December.**

*Linda*



## Baby Loss Awareness Week

*9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025*

*St. Peter's Church, Market Place  
Mountsorrel*

*Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October @ 7pm*



Join us at St. Peter's Church for a short service to remember:

The babies we never met  
Those we met, but couldn't take home  
And those we took home, knowing that they couldn't stay

No-one likes to talk about the loss of a baby, but it happens to so many families that we really, really should. Our service, which is for everyone, will talk about loss, will talk about pain and heartache, but will also talk about the love and help we can give and receive from family, friends and God, our Father.

# All Souls' Service

Please join us for this inspirational service  
honouring the memory of those we miss.

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025**

**4.00pm**

**St. Peter's Church**

Market Place, Mountsorrel LE12 7BA

- Readings, Hymns, Prayers, Silence
- Free to the Community
- All Welcome
- Refreshments to follow

For more information call:

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Email: [revcolinresch@mountsorrelchurch.org](mailto:revcolinresch@mountsorrelchurch.org)  
[www.mountsorrelchurch.org](http://www.mountsorrelchurch.org)



Christ Church/St. Peter's Church, Mountsorrel



# Craft Fair

**Christ Church Mountsorrel**  
**1 November 10am - 4pm**

Handsewn gifts  
Handknitted gifts  
Laser engraved gift items  
Craft Earrings  
Bubbles Arts & Crafts  
Books

Bespoke Jewellery  
Bric-a-brac  
Hand knitted baby clothes  
Poppies  
Pom Pom decorations/key rings  
Reusable make up wipes

Coasters  
hair scrunchies  
Leather goods  
Water colours  
Silk/dried flower arrangements  
Willow and knitted crafts

**Lunches and Refreshments available throughout the day**



# Light Party

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 3:30-4:30**

**Open to all families with primary aged children**  
**Doors will open at 3 ready for a 3:30 start**

**There'll be lots of games,  
something to make and a  
story**



# Christmas BINGO

**FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER 2025, 6PM**  
**Christ Church Mountsorrel**

Join us at Christ Church on Friday 12 December for an evening of fun and laughter for all the family at our Christmas Bingo with plenty of prizes on offer. Tickets are available for just £2 and include a jacket potato meal which will be served part way through the evening. Tea and Coffee will be available during the evening, but you can bring your own drinks (alcohol permitted). Doors open at 5.30pm with the first Bingo game starting at 6pm. Tickets are non-refundable.

Book at <https://mountsorrelchurch.org/events/event/christmas-prize-bingo/>

# Children & Family Work News

## Sunbeams

Sunbeams is back after our summer break and it is great to see all of our families again on Monday mornings.

We are currently working our way through the story of Joseph noting each week that whatever happened, God was always with Joseph and Joseph was faithful to God.



We've enjoyed decorating biscuits and making Egyptian style collars using pasta as well as our usual play activities, and singing. After receiving a grant from the Church of England fund to buy new storage boxes, setting up and tidying away is much easier and the cupboard looks very tidy! A big thank you to the Church of England Fund for this and for a second grant to buy new musical instruments, the children are thoroughly enjoying the very child friendly size shakers, bells and tambourines.

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.

## Muddy Church

Change is coming to Muddy Church! Our September session will have been our last session of the year meeting in the Orchard but, during the winter months we will be meeting on Saturday mornings for a local walk together. From October 25<sup>th</sup> we will meet at Christ Church at 10am on the fourth Saturday of each month. All ages are welcome to join us and there will be something for children (and adults if they wish) to think about or find as we walk each month. Some months we will head back to Christ Church for a simple lunch together, other months, we may stop at one of our lovely café's in Mountsorrel for refreshments. We may adjust our timings once we start our walks and see how they go so keep an eye on the Facebook page each month if you are interested in joining us. (December will be the third Saturday – 20<sup>th</sup>)



We will continue with our monthly walk through to February and then in March we shall meet at 4pm in the orchard again. If there are any keen walkers who would like to plan a route and lead us one month, please get in touch with Alison.

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## Ministry in School

With the new school year underway, we are back in school every Monday and Wednesday. Wednesday morning is our Collective Worship slot and this half term there is lots of focus on creation and being creative.

On Monday lunchtimes the Assembly Squad are meeting to plan and then lead their own Collective Worship, currently they are planning one which focuses on our fears and where God is when we are frightened, this includes the story of Peter walking on the water to Jesus. Please pray for them as they continue to plan this and then lead it during October.

## Dates for October

4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>	Look out for Scarecrows at Christ Church and St. Peter's Church
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	11am Bible Buddies at Christ Church
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	A short service of Prayer & Remembrance to mark Baby Loss Awareness Week
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	11am All Age Worship with Alison at Christ Church
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Muddy Church Walk, 10am at Christ Church
Mondays	Sunbeams baby & toddler group – Christ Church, 9.30-11.30am
Tuesdays	Starting Rite Baby Group, 10.30am Christ Church
Wednesdays	The Gap after school at Christ Church

## Looking further ahead...

Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	All Age Worship Crib Service at Christ Church with Alison. We build up our stable nativity scene as we retell the Christmas story with chocolate!
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Muddy Church Christmas Trail, 10am at Christ Church. Join us as we follow the trail of QR codes and discover the Christmas story as we walk.
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Nativity 4pm at St. Peter's Church - all are welcome to dress up and join in the story with Alison.
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle Service, 4pm at Christ Church with Linda.

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 Woodhouse Eaves Art Group**

**invites you to the**

**2025**

**Annual Exhibition**

*at  
Woodhouse Eaves  
Village Hall  
Main Street,  
Woodhouse Eaves*

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup> and Sun 19<sup>th</sup>  
October**

*10.30am – 4.30pm*

**Free admission**

**Coffee, tea, biscuits and cake  
will be on sale**





## Church branded clothing

You may have noticed that some of us have started wearing t-shirts, and hoodies with a new Church logo on. These are a great way for us to advertise our Church and open up faith conversations with the people we meet. The logo has been carefully designed with a central white cross to represent Christ. This central cross is surrounded by four interwoven crosses in the seasonal liturgical colours of Purple, Gold, Red and Green. It also looks forward to our plans to have an illuminated cross on the outside wall of St Peter's that will be back-lit with the opportunity to change the colour of the lights with the changing seasons.

If you are interested in purchasing one or more of these for yourself, you can do so by contacting Colin Resch and letting him know which garment you'd like and in what size. T-shirts/Polo shirts will cost £15, Sweatshirts/Hoodies/Zip Hoodies will cost £20 and fleeces £25.



# 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 12<sup>th</sup> October*



*4.00pm - 5.30pm*



## Coffee Morning

**Every Friday 10am—12noon**

*Pop in and meet new friends*

*Everyone Welcome*







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>



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*(Copy date for the next newsletter is Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October, but  
if items are ready, please send earlier)*