

# *Church News*

February 2026

## **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 1 February	9.30am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
Sunday 8 February	9.30am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	All Age Service	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Senior Sunday	St. Peter's
Sunday 15 February	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
	6.00pm	Evensong*	St. Peter's
Wednesday 18 February	10.00am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
Sunday 22 February	9.30am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Word and Worship	Christ Church
Sunday 1 March	11.00am	Service of Institution and Induction of The Revd Colin Resch as Vicar of the Benefice	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**

**Please Note**

**No Morning Prayer on:**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February.**

There is a saying, 'There's no such thing as a free lunch'. Well, normally, that's true – unless, of course, you have got a reason to celebrate. And we have.

I was appointed as Priest-in-charge of Mountsorrel back in November 2014. Now, eleven years later, I am changing role. I will no longer be Priest-in-charge of Mountsorrel. Instead, (.....drum roll please.....), from Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March, I will be taking up the role of Vicar of Mountsorrel.

For those who don't quite grasp the complexities of the Church of England (and even for some of those who do) you might wonder what on earth this means. Well the difference is largely technical and legal. Our day to day work and mission will carry on in exactly the same way as it does now. But here's a brief summary of the technical stuff:

*In the Church of England, priests are appointed to a benefice, which can be a single parish or a group of parishes. Every benefice has a Patron (ours is shared between the Bishop of Leicester for St Peter's Church and The Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS) for Christ Church). Historically, it was the Patron who appointed and paid for the priest. Patrons still exist and retain the right of 'presenting' a priest to the Diocesan Bishop for appointment. If there is the possibility of future pastoral reorganisation (i.e. changing the current grouping of benefices or parishes or the responsibilities of the clergy serving them), the Bishop may decide to temporarily 'suspend' the patron's right to present an incumbent and, instead, appoint a priest in charge.*

That has been the case here in Mountsorrel for over thirty years. The decision to lift the suspension gives us some clarity about the future because, even though our Minster Community plans are continuing, lifting the suspension signifies that there are no plans to change the current grouping of our parishes. It also gives us a very good reason to celebrate.

This will be a significant moment for me personally and also a historic moment for Mountsorrel. I would, therefore, like to invite you to join me at a special service taking place at Christ Church on Sunday 1st March, 11am, when I will be licensed as Vicar of Mountsorrel. Whether you are a regular member of our Church, or someone who comes just every now and then; no matter if you have been coming for decades, or if you've only just found us, I want you to join me if you can. During the service we will re-commit ourselves to following the call of Jesus to be his disciples "‘Come, follow me,’ Jesus said." (Matthew 4.19) and to the mission of the Church 'Jesus said, "Go and make disciples of all nations.'" (Matthew 28.19

Then, after the service, you can join in with that free lunch I mentioned. See you there.

With every blessing,

*Colin Resch*

## Diary Dates

### **Monday 2 February**

9:30am Sunbeams.

### **Tuesday 3 February**

10:30am Beyond the Bump at Christ Church Week 4 of 5.

### **Wednesday 4 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 (see page 11).

### **Thursday 5 February**

7:00pm Joint PCC meeting at Christ Church.

### **Friday 6 February**

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

### **Monday 9 February**

9:30am Sunbeams.

### **Tuesday 10 February**

10:30am Beyond the Bump at Christ Church Week 5.

7:00pm Deanery Synod at Christ Church.

### **Wednesday 11 February**

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 13 February**

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

### **Tuesday 17 February**

10:30am Starting Rite at Christ Church.

### **Friday 20 February**

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

### **Monday 23 February**

9:30am Sunbeams.

### **Tuesday 24 February**

10:30am Starting Rite at Christ Church.

### **Wednesday 25 February**

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

3:00pm The Gap at Christ Church.

### **Friday 27 February**

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

## Diary Dates for March 2026

### **Monday 2 March**

9:30am Sunbeams.

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# Diary Dates for March 2026

## Tuesday 3 March

**NO Starting Rite this week.**

## Wednesday 4 March

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 6 March

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

4:00pm World Day of Prayer service at Christ Church (see page 7).

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## 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.

### **Open Doors:**

- Pray for Bibles to be easily accessible to anyone who wants one in Cuba.
- Pray that the authorities would allow Qatari Christians to practise their faith in freedom.
- Pray for the Christians in Bhutan where gathering to worship is illegal and ask God to provide them with safe places to meet.
- Pray for the church leaders in Tajikistan to have wisdom and courage as they shepherd their congregations in an increasingly hostile climate.

### **Compassion:**

- Pray for Compassion church partners worldwide as they share Christ's light, bringing hope to children and families in need.
- Pray for all children and youth who are struggling with poverty and displacement in so many countries around the world.

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## **Tearfund:**

- Pray for all refugees and displaced people.
- Pray for protection and provision as they travel from their homes to other countries.
- Pray for children, the elderly and the vulnerable.
- Pray for compassion and a welcome from individuals and nations.
- Pray for support enabling them to rebuild their lives.

## **Church Mission Society:**

- Pray for God's peace and justice to cover Iran and for him to comfort and draw close to the people whose loved ones have been killed in the protests last month.
- Pray for God's strength and protection for Christians who are still ministering in Iran.
- Pray for the young men in Ethiopia receiving training to encounter God as they preach, worship and pray together.
- Pray for people working in freezing conditions in Ukraine to maintain services, for civilians living in areas affected by conflict and for the attacks to end.

***Pray continually (1Thessalonians 5:17)***

## **Liz Resch**

*Mission Co-ordinator 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:  
Wednesday, 11<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.

# WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A service for everyone!

# Friday 6 March

*I will give you rest, come*

The women of Nigeria invite you to join them for a service that speaks to our need for peace and solace, drawing on their faith and experiences in a world filled with struggles and anxieties.

**Friday 6th March at 4pm**

**Christ Church,  
Rothley Road, Mountsorrel**

**Led by:  
Churches Together in Mountsorrel**

The day begins in Samoa and moves across the world in a continuous wave of prayer, finishing 38 hours later in American Samoa. It truly is a:

*Worldwide Day of Prayer!*



**INFORMED PRAYER PRAYERFUL ACTION**  
24-7 365 Days a year Prayer movement Ecumenical International Women-led  
[wwdp.org.uk](http://wwdp.org.uk)  
Registered Charity Number 233242

# Children & Family Work News

## Sunbeams

Sunbeams have had a great start to the new year; we've been busy each week and had some new families join us .

We're enjoying hearing stories of Jesus, particularly miracles and healing stories. So far, we've caught lots of fish, turned water to wine (well, we made water turn red) and used puppets to tell about Jesus healing a little girl and a lady.

The children have particularly enjoyed marble painting, bandaging animals in our pretend vets and playing in our tent, alongside the usual toys and activities .



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. We are back on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January.



We celebrated Epiphany in our all age worship in January.

Thinking about journeys, we enjoyed watching Paddington's journey from Peru to the UK, found out who in the congregation had been on the longest journey and heard the account of the Wise Men's journey. We made our crib scene stable look a bit more like a house and brought the Wise men forward to find Jesus and worship Him.

We then thought about our own journeys through life with Jesus, the good times and the hard times and that, just like the Wise Men, we need to keep going. For our prayers, we asked God to look after us and other people as we journey through life, by writing on luggage labels like Paddington's – 'please look after this human'.

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## Baby groups

We started a new Beyond the Bump post-natal group in January, this is our biggest group yet with 13 mums and 14 babies attending!



Post-natal groups are no longer provided by health visitors, and can be very expensive to attend privately, but can be vital to parents embarking on their parenting journey. Each week, we loosely introduce a topic such as play and development or weaning, watch a short video about it and then talk about it and provide helpful ideas. Parents are able to come along each week; discuss any worries they have, gain support, and form a network of friends they will hopefully remain in touch with through their parenting journey. There is a lot of time in each session simply given over to the mums to chat between themselves.

Tuesday mornings are an absolute joy to be part of, particularly with a group this size filling the church with laughs, gurgles and the occasional cry!

## SEND Group

We are hoping to start a regular monthly SEND group for children and their families during the spring. This would be on a Saturday morning each month, if this is something you would like to help with, please come and have a chat with me. We are also planning to facilitate a half-termly meet up for parents who have children with SEND which would be on a weekday afternoon, again, if this is something that you feel you can support, please have a chat with me or send me an email.



Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	11am Bible Buddies at Christ Church
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	11am All Age Worship with Kat at Christ Church
Mondays	Sunbeams 9.30am at Christ Church (term-time only)
Wednesdays	The Gap after school at Christ Church (term-time only)

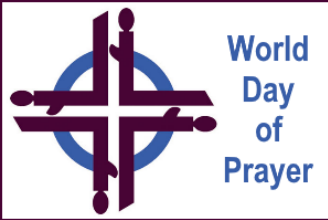
## Dates for February

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



World  
Day  
of  
Prayer

**6<sup>th</sup> March 4pm @ Christ Church.** Denni and I have been hard at work putting this year's service together. We are following the same order of service (almost) but setting out chairs and changing a few things to make it more accessible and user friendly for all. Words will be on a sheet and also on the screen. Readers will be able to say seated and will be visible to all. We have a lovely young lady doing one reading, but if you want to be involved please talk to either myself or Denni.



Our Grief Café sessions will be back, hopefully at the beginning of March. We are having a team meeting this month to review what we do, when and how so keep an eye on the Church website and Facebook page.



Visits to Rose Cottage have continued once a week and once I am back to full working order I hope to start singing there once a month, any help would be very welcome.

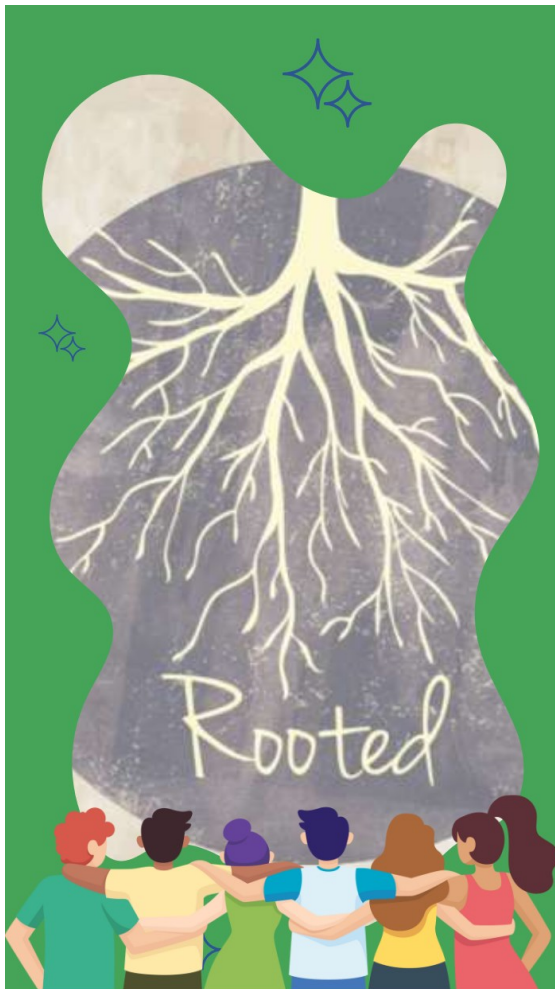


I am back with Kat working at the GAP with incredible help from Liz and Dirne.

Once again many thanks for all the help and support, during this difficult time, it has meant an awful lot.

*Linda*





## YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

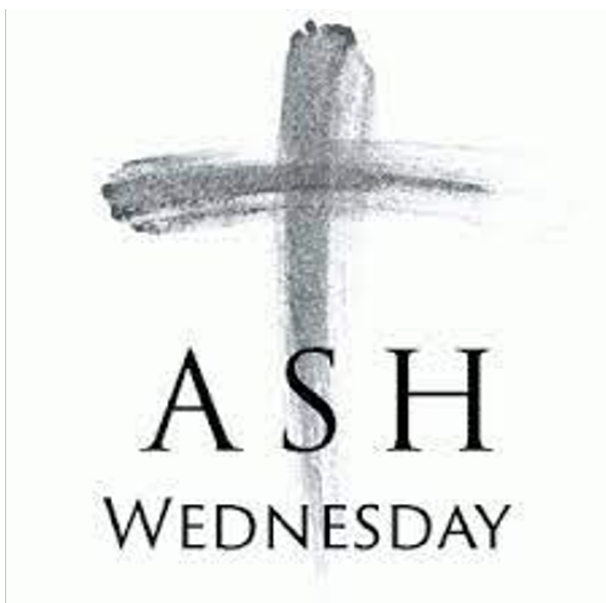
SCHOOL YEARS 6-9

Wednesday 4th Feb 6-7:30

### HOPE, FAITH & JESUS



Speak to Kat to find out more



**18<sup>th</sup> February**  
**10:00am**

## St Peter's Church Mountsorrel

### Holy Communion with Ashing

## All Welcome



# Invitation

## *Senior Sunday*

*Welcomes*

*Friends, Old and New*

*St. Peter's Church, Mountsorrel*



**R N I B**

**Royal National Institute**

**for**

**Blind People**

See differently



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](mailto:alison.white@mountsorrelchurch.org)

or search for 'Sunbeams Mountsorrel' group on Facebook

**All welcome**



# 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](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 16<sup>th</sup> February, but  
if items are ready, please send earlier)*