

Church News

May 2026



Thy Kingdom Come

God with us

14th-24th May 2026

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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 May	9.30am	Matins*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
Sunday 10 May	9.30am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	All Age Service	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Senior Sunday	St. Peter's
Thursday 14 May Ascension Day	7.00pm	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
Sunday 17 May	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
	6.00pm	Evensong*	St. Peter's
Sunday 24 May	9.30am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Christ Church
Sunday 31 May	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
	6.00pm	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
Sunday 7 June	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

Please Note

No Morning Prayer on:

Mon. 4th May, Mon 25th May to Mon 1st June, inclusive and Mon 8th June

Where do you find peace?

I recently received an email offering me the opportunity to find my inner peace as I 'relax, recharge and unwind with a luxury spa day'. And all that for a special low price. I was certainly very tempted to take up the offer.

Life in 2026 can be very chaotic indeed. Most of us find it very difficult to switch off. Our phones and laptops keep us 'connected' to work and one another all the time. Even when we've finished work, we are keeping our eyes focussed on the emails and our ears listening out for phone calls and notifications. So how do we find peace?

The Bible tells us that the peace of God surpasses all understanding (Philippians 4.7). Whilst we might know our scriptures, our hearts are still longing for peace.

Peace was the subject of the third session of our post-Easter Bible study course - ALIVE. Many of us equate peace with being the absence of chaos and turmoil; yet I was particularly struck during this study with the image of peace being something solid and heavy; something that keeps us anchored and secure even while the storms rage around us. Anyone who has tried to pitch a tent or put up a gazebo in strong winds will know that there can be no peace until the ground anchors are secure and everything is safely tied down. Once that has been accomplished, the storm can rage on but we can sit peacefully in the tent safe and sound.

The storms of life are all around us; there is chaos in our lives, in the life of this nation and across the world. But, when put into proper context, that verse from Philippians helps us to keep everything in focus. Here it is in more detail:

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

If we are looking for peace, let us begin by rejoicing and remembering that the Lord is near. Let us lay aside our anxieties and present our prayers to God. Then his peace will keep us safe. It will guard our hearts and our minds secure in Jesus.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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



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.



UPDATE:

Thank you for all your donations.

We raised £24.25 in the last three months. Better than going in landfill.

Janet Wright

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, 20th May and 3rd June 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.

Diary Dates

Friday 1 May

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

Saturday 2 May

10:00am Place2be at Christ Church (see page 11).

Monday 4 May - **BANK HOLIDAY**

NO Sunbeams Today.

Wednesday 6 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.

7:00pm Alive Course at Christ Church, see page 10 (week 5 of 5).

Friday 8 May

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

Monday 11 May

9:30am Sunbeams.

Tuesday 12 May

7:00pm CTiM Meeting at Christ Church.

Wednesday 13 May

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

3:00pm The Gap at Christ Church.

Thursday 14 May - **Ascension Day**

7:00pm Holy Communion at St. Peter's (see page 8).

Friday 15 May

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

Monday 18 May

9:30am Sunbeams.

Wednesday 20 May

8:00am School Prayers at Christ Church & St. Peter's CE School (see page 12).

1:00pm SEND Parents meet up at Christ Church.

3:00pm The Gap at Christ Church.

7:00pm Fellowship Group at The Vicarage (see page 4).

Friday 22 May

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

Monday 25 May - **HALF TERM**

NO Sunbeams or The Gap this week.

Friday 29 May

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

Diary Dates for June 2026

Monday 1 June

9:30am Sunbeams.

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Diary Dates for June 2026 (Cont'd)

Wednesday 3 June

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 4).

Friday 5 June

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

Saturday 6 June

10:00am Place2be at Christ 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 to help us to pray for global issues and the Charities we support and their work throughout the world:

Children & Families Work :

- Pray for Alison, our Children & Families Worker, and all the volunteers that assist her.
- Pray for all the parents/carers and children that come along to Sunbeams.
- Thank God for a great Beyond the Bump and Starting Rite course, pray for the mum's & babies that attended and are continuing to meet up each week.
- Pray for the new monthly group supporting SEN children and parents.
- Pray for the Families that attend the Gap each week.
- Pray for the weekly assemblies' lead in school by Alison & Colin.
- Pray for The Assembly Squad in the Primary School leading assembly once a term.
- Pray for Bible Buddies on the first Sunday of each month.

Church Mission Society:

Sarah & Simon Cawdell, who we have supported over the last three years as they worked for CMS in Gulu, Uganda, please see their latest news on pages 16

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to 18, have now returned to the UK and have asked for the following prayers:

- Pray for Sarah & Simon as they acclimatise back to living in the UK and spend some time visiting their support/link churches through CMS.
- Pray for God to guide them to the right place/role as they look for work.
- Pray for Dr Denis Ruhama as he takes over from Sarah as Principle of the Archbishop Janani Luwum Theological College. He will be struggling in a language and culture not his own.
- Pray for Rev Ojok Stephen who is becoming the manager for the Diocesan Farm in Gulu.
- Pray that the coffee continues to thrive and the poultry project comes on line promptly.

Mountsorrel:

- Pray for our local primary school as it prepares for SATS this month.
- Pray for Year 2 pupils children taking their SATS this month.
- Pray for Year 6 pupils taking their SATS 11th to 14th May.
- Pray for all those taking GCSE and A Level exams, which start this month.
- Pray for the work of the Sorrel Food Bank and Your Store.

Pray continually (1Thessalonians 5:17)

Liz Resch

Mission Co-ordinator at Christ Church.



Compline

As part of Thy Kingdom Come we will be holding a service of Night Prayer at 8:30pm at St Peters from Thursday 14th May to Saturday 23rd May.

Godparent Sunday

Sunday 10th May 2026 @ 11-00am
Christ Church, Rothley Road, Mountsorrel



Godparents hold a rare and beautiful role, bestowed not by blood but the bond of genuine friendship and chosen family. On Godparent Sunday we want to celebrate, in a short All Age Service, your role either as Godparents, a Godchild or as Parents (or possibly all three) whilst surrounded by your Church family.



Godparent

A special person who supports and inspires, they are fun and loving just like normal parents, but much cooler.



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

14th May 2026

Holy Communion (BCP)

7:00pm

Followed by bring & share supper.

WATERSIDE RIVER RACE



Saturday 27th June

Last year we had great fun racing other community groups on the river. We are again hoping to put a team together for this year's race. You don't need to have any experience, just a willingness to give it your all & work together. All the equipment you need to take part will be provided and a practice before the race can be arranged.



The boats are really stable and one of the club volunteers will keep us going straight.

If you would like more details, speak to Kat

**RAWLINS
LUNCH CLUB**



Please pray for our new small groups that are working through the Rooted Journal on Fridays. This is the first time that we have taken Rooted into school and there is a real desire to explore their relationship with faith and God.

Rooted Easter Special



To celebrate Easter we opened Rooted up to those from church to come and see what we do. Over 4 different crafts we reflected on different elements of Holy Week; the mix of emotions of those present with some marbling, the forgiveness of the cross with some sewing, how the temple curtain was torn in 2 with card making and our relationship with Jesus with some clay ornaments. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and creativity.

Rooted aims to not only teach our young people about Jesus, but to give them the opportunity to discover and experience faith for themselves. Activities like this help us to explore Scripture and discuss what it means and how it impacts our daily lives.



Our next Rooted is Wednesday 6th May



We will be looking at our relationship with God and how we respond in faith. If you would be willing to share how you came to faith with our young people please speak to Kat or Sarah Resch

PLACE2BE

A SAFE SPACE FOR SEND CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES



Sensory

**activities &
messy play**

**Saturday 2nd
May**

10-12noon

Christ Church

**Board games
& Lego**



**Craft and
colouring**



**No need to
book, just turn
up**

**For more information contact
alison.white@mountsorrelchurch.org**



An opportunity to get together with other parents to discuss current issues you are facing and seek support

Children & Family Work News

Easter events

We had a very busy time leading up to Easter and welcomed many children and families into our churches and our orchard!

The Saturday before Palm Sunday, our Experience Easter was held in the orchard at Christ Church. Activities included clay modelling, planting summer bulbs and a sensory Easter trail walking through the events of Holy Week. Of course, for those who were used to Muddy Church, we also had to have bug hunting with several spiders being found!

We all tucked into burgers during the afternoon, and many of us enjoyed a time of worship around the fire led by Kat; this included songs, readings, and a prayer activity before Colin led us in sharing Holy Communion together.

The weather was extremely mixed! We spent a lot of the afternoon in lovely sunshine, but this was interspersed with rain and hail! As always, we kept going and the tent used as part of our sensory trail came in very useful to the children during the hail!



The children from Key Stage 1 at Christ Church & St Peter's Primary School came to church just before their Easter break for a service together led by Colin. This was a lovely time together and one of the mum's told me her child has told her all about it and how much she had enjoyed it! We sang songs together, heard the Easter story and enjoyed a message from Colin along with prayers.

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Our Good Friday family worship took place at St Peter's church on Good Friday, we sang more songs, heard a retelling of the events of Good Friday and covered the cross with hearts reminding us that Jesus brings new life and love to each of us. For our prayer activity, we stuck to this same theme and planted cress seeds in the shape of a cross to create a living cross. These words from 1 Peter were given out to go with our cress crosses;

'Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has great mercy, and because of his mercy he gave us a new life. This new life brings us a living hope through Jesus Christ's resurrection from death.'

After our service, toasted hot cross buns and cakes were served with tea and coffee and the children created our Easter garden which remains outside St Peter's for passers by to see and be reminded of the true meaning of Easter.



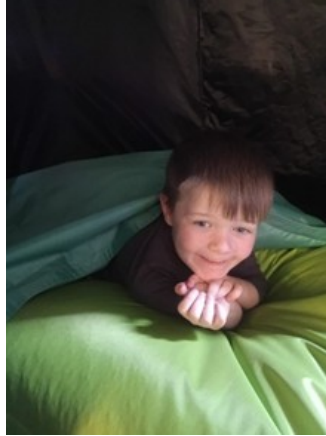
Easter Sunday was a busy service at Christ Church, lots of children and youth enjoyed the activities we had prepared for them during our service and after the service they all had fun finding the many eggs hidden around the church garden. There were enough eggs to share with everyone so we all had chocolate with our coffee!



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On Holy Saturday, our SEND group was held at Christ Church with several families attending again. We had fun with water play, a sensory Easter bin, some Easter crafts and our usual activities including magnet tiles, Lego and our sensory chill-out zone.



It was a lovely morning and each session gives us a great opportunity to chat to parents and get to know their children.

Our next Place2Be is Saturday May 2nd and our next Parent Support group is Wednesday 20th May, both are at Christ Church and you do not need to book for these groups, just come along.

Dates for May

Saturday 2 nd	10am Place2Be for SEND families at Christ Church (see page 11)
Sunday 3 rd	11am Bible Buddies at Christ Church
Sunday 12 th	10am All Age Worship with Linda at Christ Church
Wednesday 20 th	SEND Parents Support 1pm at Christ Church (see page 12)
Mondays	Sunbeams 9.30am at Christ Church (term-time only)
Tuesdays	Baby Group 10am 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

Prayer Letter April 2026 - From: Simon & Sarah Cawdell (Gulu, Uganda)

Dear praying friends,

Thank you for your prayers and support over the last three years. This will be our final letter from Gulu as we hope to fly to UK on April fourteenth, which is two weeks as I write.

Our time here has been rich and varied, not least in the support of friends and family who have prayed with us, called, written, visited and generously supported. This venture towards the kingdom of God would not have been possible without the way we have worked together.

Time and again we have seen here with the community and the students that when we help one another an impossible task become possible. Just this last couple of weeks I decided to tackle a significant patch of elephant grass which had been allowed to grow as a weed in the college land. I spent a Saturday morning battling alone and made some progress. This week two third year students decided to come out with me, and worked until they had completed the whole task. We had some good conversation as we worked together and all of us felt the achievement of a job well done.

Simon can testify in the same way as he has worked with the community and some experts from Kampala to construct a shade greenhouse, only to see the structure destroyed a week later in a particularly strong wind. After a couple of days to get over the shock people are working together to dismantle and reconstruct with some added bracing and wooden poles to give support and weight to the building. The first coffee twigs will be ready to be harvested at the end of April and we pray that the setback will not cause any loss of production.

I have been very glad to work with Dr Denis Ruhama, my successor as Principal, over the course of this semester. He has taught two course units here, and familiarised himself with the college whilst maintaining his former responsibilities. We thank God for his faithfulness and grasp of the necessities. Pray for him as he takes on the responsibility for the college and begins to work on new courses. We are so thankful for those who have contributed to the new classrooms. They are not finished, but will be ready for use from May when the new courses might begin. Please pray that potential students apply for the courses, and come with their fees.

This week the students have time for revision, and collecting their outstanding fees, before the exams begin from next Monday.

Simon has continued to work with Revd. Stephen Ojok in the Diocesan Land, weeding and fertilising the coffee which has come through the dry season thanks to the irrigation. Continue to pray for Stephen and for the new deputy farm manager, Ojok Denis Giv, along with the land committee who will oversee the work. We pray that the site will continue to

be developed with the poultry farm, maize drying rooms, and we sincerely hope, a coffee processing plant.

We also pray and hope for a second Rooted in Jesus conference in January 2027 to follow up on the groups that are running now, and encourage the development of further groups. Pray for the Mission department as they plan for this and make the arrangements for follow up afterwards.

Of course in all our minds and hearts is the issue of the war which is driving up fuel costs and with them food costs. This has the same effect for all of us. We pray for peace, and for hearts which remain focussed on God's boundless grace, so that we may be continue to work together for the good of one another.

We pray for you a blessed Holy Week and a Joyful Easter tide.



Coffee nursery garden showing well mulched young plants



Simon welcoming members to a Coffee training event in college



Students and staff at the end of the Kairos mission training



The completed greenhouse with the team



The greenhouse after a strong wind

Quiz night

At 7pm on Saturday 16th May

At All Saints Church

Thorpe Acre, LE11 4LF

No need to book – just come along for an enjoyable evening whilst supporting the work of Christian Aid

£2 Entry fee per head

Maximum of 6 per team
(with teams able to be made up on the night)

Some refreshments provided but feel free to bring your own drinks and snacks

There will be a collection for Christian Aid on the night

UK charity number 1105851
Company number 5171525



Your support could help mothers in Nairobi, Kenya, facing the devastating reality of urban poverty and the daily struggle to feed their children.



Invitation

Senior Sunday

Welcomes

Friends, Old and New

St. Peter's Church, Mountsorrel



Sunday 10th May, 4.00pm - 5.30pm



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



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.

Wine bottles needed!



As part of this year's Mountsorrel Revival (Sunday 9th August) events at St Peter's Church we are hoping to run a bottle stall but we need your help to do so.

Please can you save your empty wine bottles (with screw lids) that we can fill with water. Donations of full wine bottles for the stall will also be gratefully accepted.

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 May, but
if items are ready, please send earlier)*