

Church News

August 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 2 August	9.30am	Matins*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
Sunday 9 August	9.30am	Joint Service of Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
	NOTE:	NO Service at Christ Church Today	
Sunday 16 August	11.00am	All Age Worship	Christ Church
	6.00pm	Evensong*	St. Peter's
Sunday 23 August	9.30am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
	11.00am	Word and Worship	Christ Church
Sunday 30 August	11.00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
	4.00pm	Pet Service	St. Peter's
Sunday 6 September	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 during August

Morning Prayer re-starts on 1st September

This month's cover picture is of 'Peggy's Cove' Lighthouse (also known as Peggy's Point Lighthouse) is located in the fishing village of Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia, Canada. Built in 1915 and has been since 1958 a fully automated lighthouse operated by the Canadian Coast Guard.

Fire & Light

Fire and light can be both equally reassuring and terrifying. During July we have seen images of severe devastation as a result of wildfires brought on by the excessive heat and the drought-like conditions of an extraordinary summer of heatwaves with no rain in sight. But just as fire can bring devastation and destruction, given a cool autumn evening, fire can bring warmth and comfort too.

Sudden light in a dark night brings momentary blindness and disorientation. But light can also bring help and comfort. Those who have travelled in a plane recently will know from the safety briefing that the life jacket, should you be unfortunate enough to need it, comes complete with 'a light to attract attention'. Lighthouses, like the one on our front cover, have been used for centuries to guide sailors on their journey and to warn them away from danger.

Years ago, I remember packing for camp and an essential item on the kit list was 'torch with spare batteries'. This was an item that was, in truth, very rarely needed. It was used often – mainly for shining in the eyes of other campers or for messing around – but, every now and then when the occasion was right, the torch was an essential item to light the path during a dark moonless night and return us safely to our tent.

Scripture is full of images of fire and light. It is in the fire of the burning bush that Moses meets with God. In the epic acrostic poem of psalm 119, the psalmist declares that God's word is 'a lamp for my feet and a light on my path'. He has discovered the truth that scripture guides us onto the right path for life. In the new testament, having found the right path, Jesus instructs us to 'let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven'.

Yes, fire and light can be a bit scary, but most of the time fire and light is a good thing and something to be welcomed. So next time you see the reassuring flash of a lighthouse or the welcome brightness of a street light on a dark evening, ask yourself how you might shine brighter for Jesus to help others find hope in their darkness. You may be thinking that, on your own, your little light is not going to make much difference to the world. But shining brightly together, we can transform the darkness of this world in to the dawning light of His kingdom. Let your light shine!

With every blessing,

Colin Resch

Diary Dates

Saturday 1 August

2:00pm Volunteers for Summer 26 session at Christ Church.

Wednesday 5 August

10:00am till 3:00pm: Children's Society Coffee Day in the Bower Room at Christ Church (see page 8).

Friday 7 August

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

Sunday 9 August

11:00am St. Peter's Church opens for 'Heritage Open Days' and 'Revival' (see page 11).

Monday 10 - Sunday 16 August

Summer 26 Activity Week.

Tuesday 11 August

7:00pm Vale of Charnwood Minster Community (our minster community) Launch Service (see page 6).

Friday 21 August

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

Wednesday 26 August

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

7:00pm Fellowship Group at the Vicarage (see page 6).

Friday 28 August

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

Diary Dates for September 2026

Tuesday 1 September

9:30am Christ Church PCC Meeting.

Wednesday 2 September

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

3:00pm The Gap at Christ Church.

Thursday 3 September

9:30am St. Peter's Church PCC Meeting.

Friday 4 September

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

Saturday 5 September

10:00 Place2be at Christ Church.

Monday 7 September

9:30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.



The Archdeacons visitation, recently held at Emmanuel Church, Loughborough

This service was led by Revd. Colin Resch in his role as Area Dean, made the service extra special for our Benefice Churchwardens:

- Angie Price and Helen Shaw (Christ Church)
- David Bird and David Owen (St. Peter's Church)

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

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, 26th August 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.

VALE OF CHARNWOOD *Minster Community* LAUNCH SERVICE

All Saints Thorpe Acre,
Tuesday 11th August at 7pm



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:

Summer 26 – 9th to 16th 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 9th.
- Pray for all those due to receive A Level result on the 13th.
- Pray for all those due to receive GCSE results on the 20th.
- 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 all believers who have to meet in secret.
- Pray for Christians who are unjustly accused, monitored or imprisoned because of their faith.
- Pray for the continued impact of an online initiative called DNA reaching young people across the Middle East.
- Pray for children who are facing bullying because of their faith.
- Pray for all believers who are facing pressure to conform to the Islamic culture.

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- Pray that leaders will be equipped to live Spirit filled lives and build healthy churches despite limited access to formal theological education.
- Ask God to guide and protect those providing Christian resources to local believers.
- Pray for those who persecute Christians. Ask the Lord to open their hearts to the gospel and transform them with His saving grace .
- Pray for Christians to remain faithful and firmly rooted in Jesus as persecution increases across Asia.

Pray continually (1Thessalonians 5:17)

Liz Resch

Mission Co-ordinator at Christ Church.

The Children's Society	Coffee Day
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Jane Gilliver and Janet Foster are holding a Coffee Day and box opening at Christ Church in the Bower Room on, Wednesday August 5th 2026.

10am to 3pm

Bring and Buy stall

All proceeds will be donated to the Children's Society

All Welcome

Your support will be very much appreciated

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

Every penny counts

Thank you!

Jane Gilliver and Janet Foster

Children & Family Work News

The conclusion of the academic year meant several goodbyes and endings; our final baby group with the current mum's and babies – it has been a joy to watch the little ones grow and develop over their first year; saying goodbye to 12 of our Sunbeams who start school in the autumn, each was presented with 'The Jesus Storybook Bible' and an invitation to The Gap; and saying goodbye to our Year 6 leavers from the primary school as they move on to secondary schools, we will miss them at Assembly Squad as they made up about 90% of our squad!

With all these endings comes new beginnings; some of our babies will join us at Sunbeams and one is coming for baptism; we look forward to the familiar faces of lots of our Sunbeams leavers in collective worship at school and hope to see them at The Gap, we have at least 2 mum's who have signed up to help at Sunbeams now their children are off to school; we hope lots of new children will join our assembly squad at school; and we prayerfully anticipate a new youth & school's worker in post who can continue the relationships we have built with many of the outgoing year 6 children. Please pray for us and the children and families of Mountsorrel as we make many transitions and new beginnings over the coming months.

Before any of that though, we have our annual week of activities for our community in August! There is lots on offer for children of all ages from Messy Play and Soft Play to Sports, Bingo and our Cinema morning – a lot of our activities are sold out but there are a few tickets left for some of the children's and youth activities so if you've not already booked on it is still worth having a look.

Dates for August

Sunday 2 nd	11am, Bible Buddies at Christ Church
Sunday 9 th	'Heritage Open Day' and 'Mountsorrel Revival' – Come and see us at St. Peter's church for games and refreshments (see page 11).
10 th - 16 th	Summer 26 Activity Week
Sunday 16 th	11am All Age Worship with the whole team at Christ Church
Sunday 30 th	4pm, Pet Service at St Peter's

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



A look back at our time together

We finished off the school year by reflecting on how we have grown personally and spiritually over the last few years and how our journey of discipleship has helped us to engage more deeply with our faith. Through the ongoing process of learning, following, and living out the teachings of Jesus, we all hope to grow in our faith. Looking back and reflecting on this process reveals just how far we have come, as well as highlighting areas where we still need some work. We discussed how Rooted had given us the opportunity to grow in different ways; confidence in speaking about faith with others, the motivation to serve, the space to reflect on how God was working in our lives and being able to learn together. Growth though, isn't straight forward and can, at times, be messy; challenging us, making us question and at times causing discomfort, but this is discipleship.



We celebrated this growth by decorating our initials as a reminder of how far we have already come and our continued commitment to be the person God wants us to be.

St. Peter's Church



As part of Heritage 'Open Day's' and 'Mountsorrel Revival',
St. Peter's Church will be open from 11:00am.



Come and find us at St Peter's Church on Mountsorrel Revival Day. There will be tea, coffee, cakes, hot-chocolates; water/wine stall; garden games; 'Have-a-go' bell ringing and much more. What a great way to kick start our Summer 26 week of activities.





St. Peter's Church



There will not be a Senior Sunday Service at St. Peter's Church this month due to the 'Heritage Open Day' and 'Mountsorrel Revival'
See page 11 for more details.

**The next Senior Sunday Service will be on:
Sunday 13th September at 4:00pm**



See you then!



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.

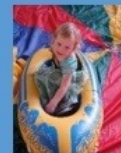


Contact alison.white@mountsorrelchurch.org

or search for 'Sunbeams Mountsorrel' group on Facebook



All welcome
Term-Time Only



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.

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