Church News

October 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 4 October	9:30am	Matins*	St. Peter's Church
	11:00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
Sunday 11 October	9:30am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's Church
	11:00am	All Age Worship	Christ Church
	4:00pm	Senior Sunday	St. Peter's Church
Thursday 15 October	7:00pm	Service of Prayer & Remembrance for Baby Loss Awareness Week	St. Peter's Church
Sunday 18 October	11:00am	Holy Communion	Christ Church
	6:00pm	Evensong*	St. Peter's
Sunday 25 October	9:30am	Holy Communion*	St. Peter's
	11:00am	Word & Worship	Christ Church
Sunday 1 November	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

From: 5th - 9th October inclusive

This month's cover picture is of a view towards upper, midtown and lower Manhattan, taken from the Hudson River. The building with the "W" on is the 'W New York Hotel', located on Union Square.

Can You Spot The Difference?



Every now and then, I like the challenge of a really difficult puzzle - such as a children's spot-the-difference. Can you identify the ten differences between two pictures? Even though these are meant to be for children (can you get versions for grown-ups?), it can take a surprisingly long time to complete the challenge as one or two of the differences remain hidden away. Of course, once you have spotted what has changed, it seems obvious and you wonder why you didn't see it sooner.

Sometimes I am asked to look at the latest version of a document or report. I know it is different from previous versions I have seen, but I might not immediately know what has changed. I'm told that you can use AI to compare documents online, but I'm not sure this works for paper copies.

When we become Christians, our lives too are meant to change. We turn from the way we used to be and live our lives in a new direction - following Jesus, not our own desires. Repentance is more than just saying sorry – it involves an acknowledgement of the thing(s) we have done wrong and a change of attitude as we seek to do the right thing from now on.

The challenge for all of us is this: can others spot the difference in us Remember Zacchaeus? You can read about him in Luke 19.1-10. After he had met with Jesus, his life was so radically changed that it was obvious to everyone who saw him. Instead of greed, his life became one of generosity.

So how different are you? Is the difference obvious or will people need to study you very carefully to spot the difference? Do you say one thing and do another, or do your words and actions agree? It's not easy being a disciple of Jesus in 2026 – it never has been – but together, we can support one another and encourage each other so that the difference is obvious to all.

With every blessing,

Colin Resch

Should you like to try and solve the above 'spot-the-difference puzzle' it can be found on page 15.

Diary Dates

Friday 2 October
10:00am till 12 Noon: Coffee Morning at Christ Church.
Saturday 3 October
10:00am Place2be at Christ Church.
Monday 5 October
9:30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.
Wednesday 7 October
8:00am School Prayers at Christ Church & St. Peter's CE School.
3:00pm The Gap at Christ Church.
Friday 9 October
10:00am till 12 Noon: Coffee Morning at Christ Church.
7:00pm 321 Course at Christ Church (see page 8).
Monday 12 October
9:30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.
Tuesday 13 October
7:00pm Joint PCC Meeting at Christ Church
Wednesday 14 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 5).
Thursday 15 October
7:00pm Service of Prayer and Remembrance for Baby Loss Week at St. Peter's Church (see page 9).
Friday 16 October
10:00am till 12 Noon: Coffee Morning at Christ Church.
7:00pm 321 Course at Christ Church (see page 8).
Friday 23 October
10:00am till 12 Noon: Coffee Morning at Christ Church.
7:00pm 321 Course at Christ Church (see page 8).
Monday 26 October
9:30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.
Tuesday 27 October
7:00pm Deanery Synod
Wednesday 28 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 5).
Friday 30 October
10:00am till 12 Noon: Coffee Morning at Christ Church.
7:00pm 321 Course at Christ Church (see page 8).

Diary Dates for November 2026

Monday 2 November
9:30am Sunbeams at Christ Church.
Wednesday 4 November
8:00am School Prayers at Christ Church & St. Peter's CE School.
3:00pm The Gap at Christ Church.
Friday 6 November
10:00am till 12 Noon: Coffee Morning at Christ Church.
Saturday 7 November
10:00am till 12 Noon: Craft Fair at Christ Church (see page 14).

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's, 14th and 28th 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.

Christ Church

Mountsorrel

All Age Service Sunday Worship

11th October 2026 at 11.00am

God of Change

Exodus 32:1-14

We change quickly - God changes us slowly and faithfully.



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 Charites we support.

Open Doors:

- Pray for Christians in Burkina Faso where militant Islamist groups have been allowed to attack them with impunity.
- Pray for protection over Christian women and girls, who are vulnerable to abduction, rape, forced marriage and pressure to convert to Islam.
- Pray for the churches in Bhutan who have to move regularly because of opposition.
- Pray for families in Iran who are suffering because of escalating living costs caused by the conflict.
- Pray for strength and comfort for believers in Iran who remain in prison with no promise of release.
- Pray for converts to Christianity in Iraq, and those who work with them, as they are at great risk of persecution.
- Thank God for your ability to worship him openly .

Tearfund:

- Pray for the impact of the unprecedented El Niño weather pattern, predicted to hit most of the countries Tearfund works in through South & East Africa.
- Pray for Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania where food production is likely to be affected by either above-average rainfall or prolonged dry periods.
- Pray for wisdom and strength for the Tearfund team and local churches as they equip communities with vital disaster preparedness and prevention efforts.

Leprosy Mission:

- Pray for the Leprosy Centre in Niger to be successful in raising funds to sustain the hospital.

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- Pray for the successful installation and operation of their new PCR lab which will play a vital role in advancing leprosy research and diagnosis.
- Pray for the DBLM Clinic in Thakurgaon and Rangpur, aiming to establish doorstep sustainable leprosy services.
- Pray that individuals and families affected by leprosy and disability may live strong, dignified lives.

Pray continually (1Thessalonians 5:17)

Liz Resch
Mission Co-ordinator at Christ Church.

DISCOVER LIFE ACCORDING TO JESUS

321

Got questions about God, the world and you?

The 321 course invites you to see life the way Jesus does. Over the course of 4 sessions, Glen Scrivener presents Jesus' vision for life through interactive videos that help us better understand God, the world and ourselves.

The course considers God's Three-ness, the world's two-ness and our one-ness. Each session begins with a thoughtful question followed by stunning storytelling and compelling commentary.

Begin 321 here. Share a meal together and engage in thoughtful conversation as part of a small group hosted in a friendly environment. Interact with the videos then share your thoughts and experiences with others.

Friday evenings: **9, 16, 23, 30 October 2026**

7pm for the meal, Course begins at 7.30pm

Venue: **Christ Church, Rothley Road Mountsorrel, LE12 7JU**

321

Baby Loss Awareness Week

9th - 15th October 2025

St. Peter's Church, Market Place
Mountsorrel

Thursday 15th 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.

Children & Family Work News

Sunbeams

Sunbeams has started the academic year surprisingly busy! We've had several new families join us including some of our previous baby group attendees.

This half term, as it is harvest time, all our stories are of God providing food when people need it – so far we've explored some of the old testament accounts including Elijah, Ruth and Moses.

We have welcomed Hannah and Alex to the Sunbeams team as volounteers now all their children are at school; this has been an amazing answer to prayer prayed many times over the last few years. As always, God's timing is perfect as they have come along just as Kat left (Kat used to come and help tidy up every week!). Having two extra volunteers has already made an incredible difference to our weekly sessions.

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.

The Gap is also back for the new school year and so far has got busier each week! The Gap is a wonderful hour of games, craft, story and dance-along worship songs, it is noisy and chaotic but it is so much fun!

This term we have changed the way we do things with a very clear order of activities which is the same each week. We begin with an energetic game before enjoying a more substantial snack sitting around the tables together. Next is story and our craft or Lego before another game, dance-along or action worship songs and finally we finish by saying and signing the Grace together.

We're following the same stories as Sunbeams but told in a more grown up way and we're possibly a bit more messy than The Gap has been previously!







All school age children are welcome to come along to The Gap with their grown-ups straight after school on Wednesdays during term time

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At Christ Church



We had a great turn out to Place2Be in September, our new stretchy sand was extremely popular with the children and young people alike. We also enjoyed sensory rice play, and getting rather messy with ice painting along with our usual Lego, games and magnet tiles.

Ministry in our School

Assembly squad are busy planning their first assembly of this academic year. We continue to meet on Monday lunchtimes and have lots of new members this term which is brilliant as most of the squad have moved on to secondary schools. The children are coming up with great ideas for an assembly all about music and enjoying games provided by Mary who has joined us for our lunchtime club.

In September, we welcomed the whole school (in two sessions) into church for Harvest. Both services were led brilliantly by year 5, with a song from year 1 and some prayers written and read by year 2 children, it was a joyful time together and good to also welcome year 5 parents into church.

Dates for October

Saturday 3rd	10am, Place2Be SEND Group at Christ Church
Sunday 4th	11am, Bible Buddies at Christ Church
Wednesday 7th	1pm, SEND Parents Support Group at Christ Church
Sunday 11th	11am, All Age Worship with Linda at Christ Church
Thursday 15th	6pm, at St. Peter's Church, Prayer & Remembrance for Baby Loss
Sunday 18th	11am at Christ Church, Holy Communion & Linda's final working Sunday prior to her retirement
Mondays	9:30am - 11.30am Sunbeams at Christ Church (term-time only)
Wednesday	3:30pm - 4:30pm, The Gap 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

A message from ‘the other one’…….

As I prepare to retire at the end of this month, I have spent time reflecting on the past 8 years. I arrived as a job share Children and Family Worker, full of ideas, enthusiasm and, very quickly, a vast supply of pens; but with no idea of how deeply this church would become part of my life.

A year into the job came Covid. Alison and I took the bull by the horns and continued working with children online. It was difficult at first, but we soon got the hang of it. I really enjoyed our crucifixion newscast, setting palm cross challenges for you all and an online Christingle, proving once again that Church can survive in all sorts of places, in all sorts of times.

And then life changed completely. We lost our son, Christopher, to leukaemia. I truly believe God guided me to you because He knew I would need a community who would hold on to me and support me, Colin and Sam in the darkest of times. Which is exactly what you did.

But there have been some fun times too: Senior Lunch during Activity Week and Senior Sunday, both celebrating the wisdom, humour, and faithfulness of those who have walked with Christ for many years. Fun@4 followed by The Gap filled with fun and laughter and then serving the community as Baptism Visitor, walking alongside families as they began or continued their walk with Christ.

Along the way, there have been accidents, illnesses, and memorable mishaps, but let’s not talk about the fire or the melting plastic pots, the glasses found in a hotel fridge, or memory sticks that vanished into thin air. Through it all God was with me and guided me.

As I step into retirement, partly due to health and partly because it feels like the right time, I do so with deep gratitude. I will still be attending Christ Church on Sundays and hope to find a place for me within the Church on a voluntary basis. Thank you for walking with me. Thank you for supporting me. Thank you for being part of my story and for allowing me to be part of yours.

May God lead us all into His future with steady hearts and open hands.

With love,

Linda



All Souls' Service

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

Sunday 1st November 2026
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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www.mountsorrelchurch.org

Christ Church/St. Peter's Church, Mountsorrel

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

4-6 DECEMBER

REFRESHMENTS & LUNCHES FOR SALE

FREE ENTRY

mountsorrelchurch.org/christmastrees

Volunteers will be needed to help with the following:

Before the festival: Getting bits out of the loft and setting up tables.

During the festival: Welcoming visitors

After the festival: Clear up.

Craft Fair

at

Christ Church

Rothley Road

Mountsorrel

LE12 7JU

Saturday, 7th November, 10am - 4pm

Lunches and Refreshments available throughout the day

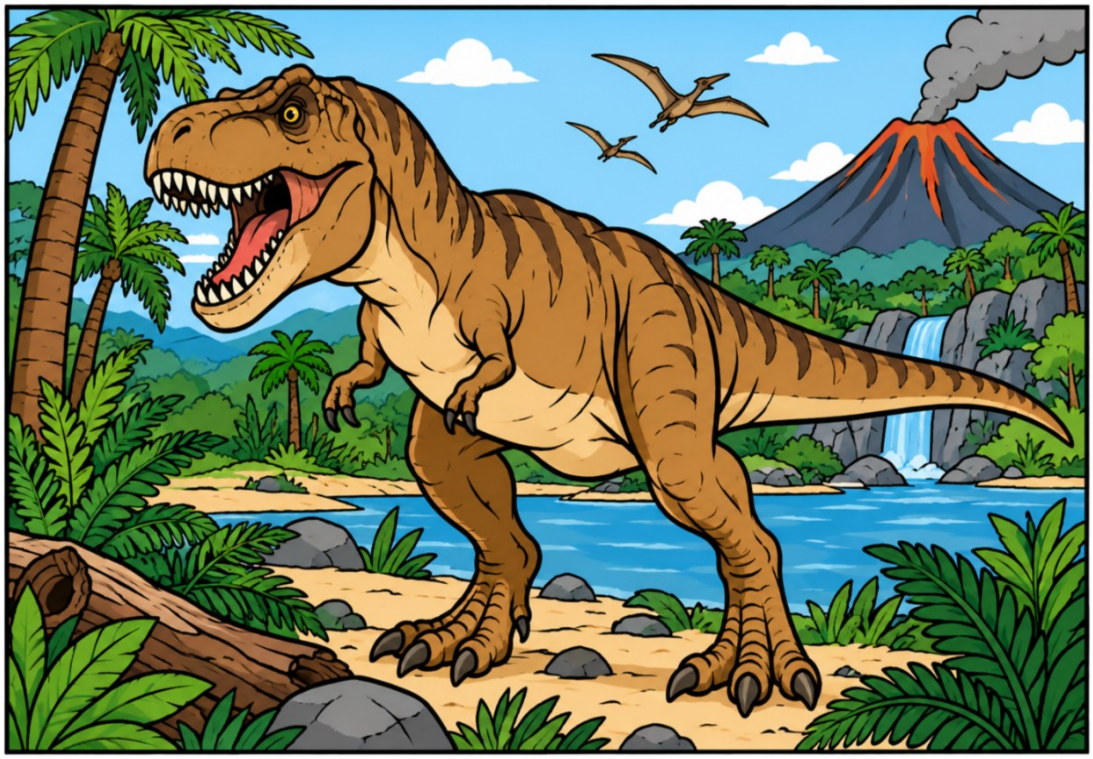
All proceeds are for Christ Church funds,
so your generosity is appreciated.

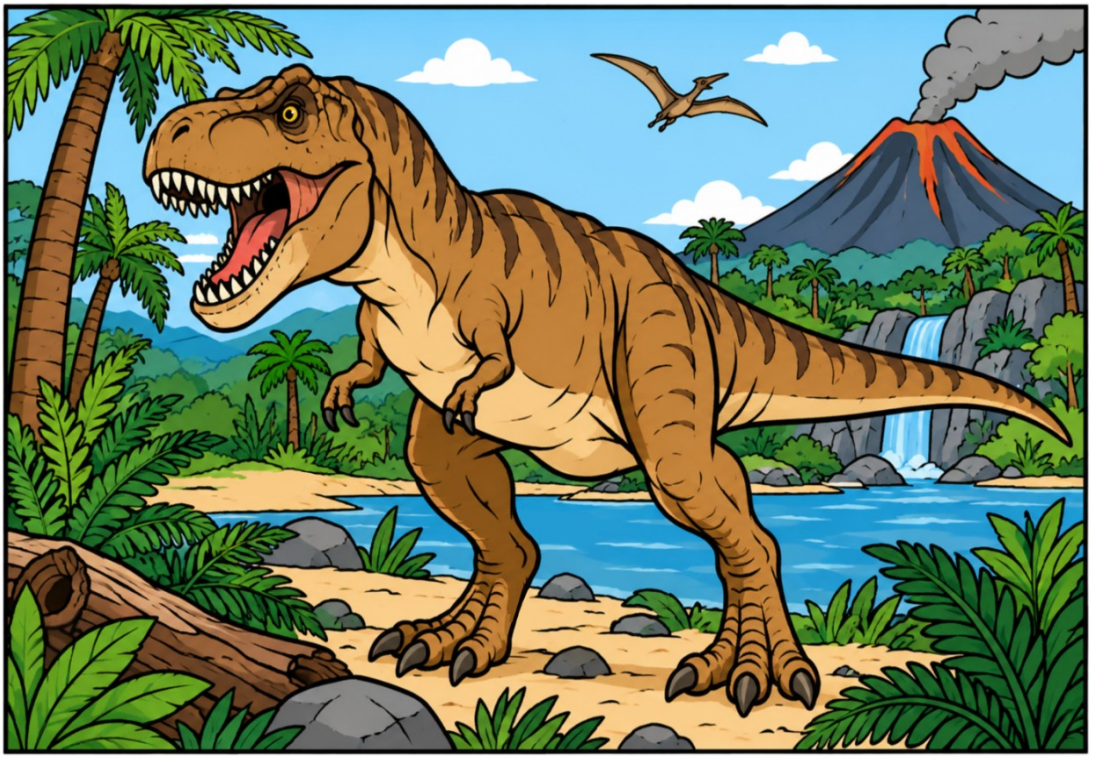
There will be a selection of stalls such as:

- Hand-made Arts & Crafts
- Craft Earrings
- Scarves & Gloves
- Themed Cups
- Pom-pom Decorations
- Knitting Wool
- Tatting
- Water Colour Paintings
- Decorated Bottles
- Hand-knitted baby clothes
- Skin care products
- Hair Scrunchies
- Poppies
- Decorated Bottles
- Resin Crafts
- Bespoke Jewellery & Accessories
- Books & Stationery, Pens & Key rings
- Diamond Art Cards, Kits and Coasters
- Embroidered sewn & paper crafted items
- Silk/dried flower arrangements
- Hand-made Knitted Crochet & sewn items
- Santa Sacks, Stockings, Cat & Dog Stockings & Christmas Eve Boxes

Tyrannosaurus Rex Spot the Difference

Can you spot the 10 differences between the two pictures?





RNIB

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







Sunday 11th October at 4pm - 5.30pm





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

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(Copy date for the next newsletter is Monday 19th October, but if items are ready, please send earlier)