

# Christ Church and Saint Peter's, Mountsorrel

# November 2008

*And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding,  
will guard your hearts and your minds in Jesus Christ. Philippians 4: 7*

## Services in November

### SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> November

St. Peter's	10.30am	<i>Morning Prayer BCP</i>
Christ Church	11.00am	<i>Healing &amp; Wholeness</i>
St. Peter's	4.00pm	<i>Senior Sunday</i>
Christ Church	4.00pm	<i>Fun@4</i>

### SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> November REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

St. Peter's	9.15am	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
Christ Church	11.00am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
St. Peter's	3.00pm	<i>Remembrance Service</i>

### SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> November

Christ Church	10.00am	<i>Prayers</i>
Christ Church	11.00am	<i>All Age Worship &amp; Baptism</i>
St. Peter's	6.00pm	<i>Evensong BCP</i>

### SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> November CHRIST THE KING

St. Peter's	NO SERVICE	
Christ Church	11.00am	<i>Patronal Festival Holy Communion</i>

### SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> November ADVENT SUNDAY

St. Peter's	10.30am	<i>United Advent Carol Service</i>
Christ Church	NO SERVICE	

### SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> December

St. Peter's	10.30am	<i>Morning Prayer BCP</i>
Christ Church	11.00am	<i>Healing &amp; Wholeness</i>
St. Peter's	4.00pm	<i>Senior Sunday</i>
Christ Church	4.00pm	<i>Fun @ 4</i>

## United Prayer

The November meeting for the four churches is at Christ Church on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November from 7.30-9.00pm. Do join us for prayer, fellowship and a cuppa. Meetings in December, January and February will be at the Baptist Church.

## Christ Church & St. Peter's Prayer

Our monthly prayer meeting takes place in the Bower Room on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am. Do try to be there.

## Senior Sunday - St. Peter's Fun @ 4 - Christ Church

Both events continue on 2<sup>nd</sup> November and 7<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00pm. All welcome

## Men's Fellowship

Open meeting. November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7.30pm Quiz Night. All men and ladies are invited to join us.

## Ladies evening & Men's Fellowship

A joint Christmas Party on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7.00pm.

## Woodhouse Eaves Event

The gospel of John, performed by Meda Stamper Harrison with percussionist Stuart Wood at Woodhouse Eaves Village Hall on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm.

Tickets £5 available at Woodhouse Eaves Post Office or phone 01509 240496 or 07786702893. Sneak preview at [www.John-in-the-Forest.info](http://www.John-in-the-Forest.info) and much more.

## **Remembrance Sunday**

The annual Remembrance Service takes place at St. Peter's on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 3.00pm.

## **Christian Council**

The half-yearly meeting of the Mountsorrel Christian Council takes place at the Methodist Church on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm.

## **Meetings**

Christ Church Standing Committee meets on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm in the Bower Room.

The Joint Standing Committees of Christ Church and St. Peter's meet on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 8.00pm in the Bower Room.

St. Peter's PCC meets in the Vestry on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm.

Christ Church PCC meets in the Bower Room on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm.

## **Christ Church Patronal Festival**

Christ Church Patronal Festival takes place on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 11.00am. Our friends from St. Peter's will be joining us and the St. Peter's Choir will be leading the music. Canon Derek Goodman will be our Guest Preacher. After the Service, there will be a Bring and Share lunch. No service at St. Peter's on 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

## United Service

Our fifth Sunday United Service takes place at St. Peter's on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am. It will be an Advent Carol Service and Christine Butcher will be commissioned as our evangelist. Please watch out for more details.  
No service at Christ Church on 30<sup>th</sup> November.

## Make a will - make a difference

Make your Will with Will Aid this November and you can donate to participating charities instead of paying a solicitor.

Participating solicitors locally: Carolyn Hull @ Latham & Co and John Sale @ Bird, Wilford & Sale.

The suggested donation is £75 for a single will or £110 for a pair of mirror wills.

All money raised by Will Aid supports the work of Actionaid; Christian Aid; Help the Aged; NSPCC; British Red Cross; Save the Children; SCIAF; Sightsavers and Trocaire.

## Benefice Evangelist

Great [news](#):- An appointment has been made, Christine Butcher will be starting work at the beginning of December. We hope that Christine will be commissioned at the United Advent Carol Service on 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Christine is married to Mick and they live in East Hamilton. They have a son and daughter and two grandchildren. They are already getting to know both congregations and Christine is very excited about working with us. Please pray that all the paperwork connected with her appointment will be completed without difficulty and please make yourself known to Christine and Mick.

## Charity Fair

The Charity Fair takes place in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November from 10am-12 noon. St. Peter's has a stall and would be grateful for donations of cakes, quality bric a brac etc.

## Deanery Synod

The next meeting is on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm at St. Botolph's, Shepshed.

## Looking ahead

Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> & Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12-6.00pm	Christmas Tree Festival
8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.30pm	WI Carols
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.30pm	Parish Council Carol Concert at Memorial Hall
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.30pm	United Carol Singing
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	11.00am	All Age Pre-Christmas Service, Christ Church
	6.00pm	Carol Service at St. Peter's
23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	7.30pm	United Carol Singing
24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	4.00pm	Christingle Service at Christ Church
	11.15pm	United Holy Communion at Methodist Church
25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am	Holy Communion at Christ Church
28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.15am	Holy Communion at St. Peter's
	10.15am	United Service at Methodist Church

## **Journey to Bethlehem**

Journey to Bethlehem takes place at the Methodist Church from 24-28<sup>th</sup> November. Please pray for those acting and stewarding and for the many children who will hear the real Christmas story. We hope to have a group praying for the performances as they are taking place. Please let Kerry know if you would like to pray.

It's still NOT TOO LATE to volunteer to act or steward.

## **For your prayers**

Deacon Jan Sutton is recovering after falling and breaking her elbow.

## **Christmas Tree Festival**

The Christmas Tree Festival will be taking place this year on Saturday and Sunday and 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December. There is a rota at the back of Church for volunteers to sign up for stewarding and making refreshments. Help will be needed on the following dates:

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 12-6.00pm (setting up trees)

6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> December 12-6.00pm (open to public)

9<sup>th</sup> December 10-12 noon (taking down trees)

The Church will be available on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December for school visits and at 7.30pm the W.I. are holding their Carol Concert.

Donations of mince pies and wrapped biscuits (Penguins, Blue Ribands etc) will also be needed so that we can provide refreshments.

Please support this event by being available to help and making sure friends and neighbours are aware and encouraging their attendance.

## Visit to Taylors Bell Foundry, Loughborough on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009

On behalf of Christchurch & St Peters Men's Fellowship, I have provisionally booked a visit to Taylor's bell foundry. The visit will be open to all who would like to go. I do not yet have a 2009 price list but estimate the cost to be £8.50 per adult and £4 per child (6 - 16). The visit has been booked for 7pm on the above date. There is a minimum charge for group visits (currently £90), so to ensure individual prices do not increase, it is important that we have at least 12 people in the group.

I need to confirm the booking in early January 2009. Although a deposit is not required by the works, I would like entrance fees by the first week in January, this will be my confirmation of numbers attending **BUT I would appreciate some idea of numbers who would like to go, just to see whether or not it is worth pursuing, so even if you think I might know, please give me a reminder.**

If you would be interested in going on the visit please contact me either at Christchurch or give me a call on 01509 822909, mob 07929 522662 or by email [joehampson@msn.com](mailto:joehampson@msn.com)

Joe Hampson

## A Stranger for Christmas

Visits from strangers at Christmas began with shepherds turning up at a Bethlehem stable, and continued with the arrival of wise men from a foreign land. You could carry on this tradition, by inviting an international student to spend Christmas in your home. HOST is a well-established charity, backed by the Foreign Office and many universities, which links adults studying in the UK with hospitable volunteers throughout Britain. Guests come from all over the world, including many

from China. They speak English, are keen to share their own culture, while longing to know more about our way of life. Welcoming a student who might otherwise spend Christmas on a deserted campus, fosters international understanding, and will make Christmas special. See [www.hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org) or call 0207 254 3039, for more information. HOST arranges visits throughout the year, so if your 'inn' is full this Christmas, you can still offer an invitation at another time. Margaret Stevens  
[mstevens@btinternet.com](mailto:mstevens@btinternet.com) Publicity Officer

### **Christ Church**

The upgrading of the Bower Room, extension of the kitchen, and provision of new toilet facilities have been approved by the Diocesan Advisory Committee. The faculty was issued in October and work will begin in the early Spring.

The PCC is now considering another project and would like the congregation's views. The porch at the west end of the church is very gloomy. We are considering removing the pew in the porch, taking down the notice board in the porch and putting it up on the west wall of the nave. We also believe it would be good to replace the wooden door between the porch and the nave with a glass door, so that visitors could see inside before entering. The outer door of the porch would not be changed. If you have any views on these possible alterations, please speak to a member of the PCC. PCC meets on 24<sup>th</sup> November. We are also aiming to have the inside of the church repainted.

### **Collecting**

Janet is collecting empty ink cartridges and used stamps. Please give as these are collected for a good cause.

## Items for Prayer

- ❖ Our Church Wardens, clergy, lay ministers and PCC members
- ❖ The sick and frail, including Marjorie Ball, Grace Jones, Phyllis Whitehouse, Gladys Brunt, George West, Graham Liquorish, Nora Asher & Joe Brown.
- ❖ Gail Phillip our link missionary in Bangkok
- ❖ Those recently bereaved.
- ❖ Those families who have recently had children baptised or are preparing for baptism.
- ❖ Those preparing for marriage at Christ Church or Saint Peter's

# Christ Church and Saint Peter's Contacts

For enquiries and information regarding pastoral matters, services, baptisms, weddings and funerals - please contact the Priest in Charge

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**If you have anything to include in the next newsletter, copy deadline in writing to Sue Hitchcock by the third Sunday of the month please or E-Mail to Sue at: [sue.hitchcock@ntlworld.com](mailto:sue.hitchcock@ntlworld.com)**

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