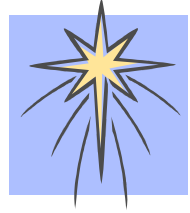


Christ Church and Saint Peter's, Mountsorrel



December 2008



*Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.
John 16:33 KJV*

Services in December

SUNDAY 7th December

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

SUNDAY 14th December

St. Peter's	9.15am	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
Christ Church	11.00am	<i>Holy Communion & Healing & Wholeness</i>

SUNDAY 21st December

Christ Church	10.00am	<i>Prayers</i>
Christ Church	11.00am	<i>Pre-Christmas All Age Worship</i>
St. Peter's	6.00pm	<i>Carol Service</i>

WEDNESDAY 24th December CHRISTMAS EVE

Christ Church	4.00pm	<i>Christingle Service</i>
Methodist Church	11.15pm	<i>Holy communion</i>

THURSDAY 25th December CHRISTMAS DAY

Christ Church	10.00am	<i>Family Communion</i>
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SUNDAY 28th December

St. Peter's	9.15am	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
Christ Church	NO SERVICE	
Methodist Church	10.15am	<i>United Family Service</i>

SUNDAY 4th January 2009

St. Peter's	10.30am	<i>Morning Prayer BCP</i>
Christ Church	11.00am	<i>Healing & Wholeness</i>
St. Peter's	4.00pm	<i>Senior Sunday</i>
Christ Church	<i>NO Fun @ 4</i>	

CHRISTMAS & PRE-CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sun 21 st Dec	11.00am	Christ church Pre-Christmas All Age Service with seasonal music, old and new.
	6.00pm	St. Peter's - A Traditional Carol Service with carols, readings and choir.
Christmas Eve	4.00pm	Christ Church - A Christingle Service in aid of the Children's Society. A service for all the family. 
	11.15pm	The Methodist church will be hosting the Midnight Service of Holy Communion.
Christmas Day	10.00am	Christ Church, Family Communion. A service for all the family. Children can bring a QUIET present that they have received to show everyone. 
Sun 28 th Dec	9.15am	There will be a BCP Holy Communion service at St. Peter's. No Service at Christ Church
	10.15am	A United Family Service led by Dr Margaret Williams is at the Methodist Church

United Prayer in December

We meet at the Baptist Church on Wednesday 3rd December from 7.30-9.00pm. Future meetings are at the Baptist Church on Tuesday 20th January and Wednesday 11th February. Do join us.

Prayer for Christ Church & St. Peter's

We meet in the Bower room on Sunday 21st December at 10.00am. Do try to be there.

Carols & Christmas Celebrations

St. Peter's Pre-school and their families meet at Christ Church on Wednesday 3rd December at 9.30am.

The local area WIs meet at Christ Church on Monday 8th December at 7.30pm.

The Parish Council Carol service takes place in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday 9th December at 7.30pm.

The Ladies Evening and Men's Fellowship have their carol service at Christ Church on Monday 15th December at 7.30pm.

Year 6 and their families from Mountsorrel School have a Carol Service at St. Peter's on Wednesday 17th December at 7.00pm.

The St. Peter's Choir are participating in Carols in the Courtyard on Friday 19th December from 7-8.00pm at 90 Loughborough Road. This is dedicated to the memory of Brenda Taylor and in support of LOROS. Soup, mulled wine, soft drinks and seasonal fare are available. All invited.

Carol Singing



The four churches will be singing carols on Tuesday 16th December, starting at Rose Cottage at 6.30pm and moving on to The Poplars and The Lindens.

On Tuesday 23rd December, meeting at the Butter Market at 7.30pm, hopefully singing at The Waterside, The Swan and the Working Men's Club. Do swell the singing group.

New Year

There will be no FUN@4 in January. FUN@4 resumes with its first birthday celebration on 1st February.

SENIOR SUNDAY WILL be meeting as usual on Sunday 4th January at 4.00pm at St. Peter's all welcome

Men's Fellowship

The first meeting of the New Year is on Monday 5th January at 7.30pm in the Bower room.

Carol Service Refreshments

Sunday 21st December, 6.00pm. Jeff & Sheila Scott are organising tea, coffee & mince pies after the service. Donations of mince pies are requested and would be gratefully received.



Christmas Cards at Christ Church

Once again, there will be a board at the back of Christ church where you can put a card to all your friends instead of sending individual cards. If you would like to do this you are invited to place a donation for "Rainbows" in the box by the board.

UPDATE! UPDATE! UPDATE! UPDATE!
Visit to Taylors Bell Foundry, Loughborough on
Monday 2nd 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 have received information from the museum and they have decided to honour this year's price structure. The cost will therefore be £7.50 per adult and £3.50 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 FULL 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
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 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

Publicity Officer

Collecting

Janet is collecting empty ink cartridges and used stamps also old mobile phones. 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 including the families of Gladys Negus, Owen Webb, Ina Sykes and Anthony Denton.
- ❖ Those families who have recently had children baptised or are preparing for baptism.
- ❖ Those preparing for marriage at Christ Church or Saint Peter's



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