

Christ Church and Saint Peter's, Mountsorrel

February 2009

Be agreeable, be sympathetic, be loving, be compassionate, be humble. That goes for all of you, no exceptions. No retaliation. No sharp-tongued sarcasm. Instead, bless—that's your job, to bless. You'll be a blessing and also get a blessing. 1 Peter 3: 8 (The Message)

Services in February

SUNDAY 1st February		
St. Peter's	9.15am	<i>Morning Prayer BCP</i>
Christ Church	11.00am	<i>Healing & Wholeness</i>
St. Peter's	4.00pm	<i>Senior Sunday</i>
Christ Church	4.00pm	<i>Fun @ 4</i>
SUNDAY 8th February		
St. Peter's	9.15am	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
Christ Church	11.00am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
SUNDAY 15th February		
Christ Church	10.00am	<i>Prayers</i>
Christ Church	11.00am	<i>All Age Worship</i>
St. Peter's	6.00pm	<i>Evensong BCP</i>
SUNDAY 22nd February		
St. Peter's	9.15am	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
Christ Church	11.00am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
WEDNESDAY 25th February ASH WEDNESDAY		
St. Peter's	7.30pm	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
SUNDAY 1st March		
St. Peter's	9.15am	<i>Morning Prayer BCP</i>
Christ Church	11.00am	<i>Healing & Wholeness</i>
St. Peter's	4.00pm	<i>Senior Sunday</i>
Christ Church	4.00pm	<i>Fun @ 4</i>

Cheery Bags

This is a new idea/ministry to help to show how we, as a church, care for those who are in the midst of some kind of trouble.

There are a couple of ways that you can help to start and run this ministry.

- Do you know of anyone, a church member, a neighbour, a local family member or friend, who may be going through a time of trouble? This could be illness, injury, a family problem or crisis etc... If so please request a Cheery Bag by writing their name and address in the notebook at the back of the church. We also need to know briefly their need so we can be sensitive in what we include in the bag.
- Please could you donate suitable items to be put into the Cheery Bags.. maybe chocolate or sweets, luxury food items, toiletries, pens, notepads.. just something that would help brighten their day and show our love and concern. Again a box will be placed at the back to put things in.

The bags will include a card, a newsletter and an appropriate message of encouragement. You could deliver the bag yourself - or ask a church member or one of the ministry team. For more information speak to Christine or Tricia.

Special All Age Service, Christ Church

Our All Age Service is on Sunday 15th February at 11.00am, will be led by the Grain Christian Drama Group from Loughborough, and will be based on the Parables of Jesus. Please do join us for a very different service

Women's World Day of Prayer - March 6th

There will be a planning meeting on Friday 6th February at 2.15pm at the Methodist Church. Please come along if you would like to take part in the service on March 6th. It will only entail a very short reading and we would like all the churches to be represented. Rose Uff

Ladies Evening

Ladies evening is on Monday 16th February at 7.30pm in the Bower Room. The subject will be 'Mountsorrel in Pictures' which Peter & Helen Hodson will be showing.

1 is the loneliest number!

Being on your own can be a lonely experience however 'busy' you are. God doesn't intend it to be this way but sometimes wants us to do something about it ourselves. Like Abraham sending his servant out to find a wife for Isaac, or Naomi intervening on behalf of Ruth to enable her to marry Boaz, so God answers prayers today using human intervention. If you are on your own, and would rather not be, get in touch with friendsfirst - the Christian friendship organisation - who, since 1999, have been very successful in bringing people of all ages together for friendship and relationships. For an informal and confidential chat about how membership could help you, ring Katharine Gray on 0121 4271286 or look at their website www.friends1st.co.uk

Deanery Synod

The next meeting of the Deanery Synod is at St. Bartholomew's Quorn on Thursday 5th February at 7.30pm.

United Prayer

United Prayer for the 4 village churches takes place at the Baptist Church on Wednesday 11th February from 7.30-9.00pm. Do join us.

Future dates - all at St. Peter's - Tuesday 17th March, Wednesday 29th April and Wednesday 27th May.

First Steps

First steps, an informal group for under 5's and their parents or carers meet in the Bower Room for play, music, a Christian story, art/craft activities, chat and refreshments this month at 1.45pm-3.00pm on Wednesdays 4th, 11th and 25th February. There will be no First Steps on the 18th as this is half term. A warm welcome is guaranteed.

Prayer Day - 14th March

A special day of prayer will be held at Christ Church on Saturday 14th March from 11.00am-4.00pm. We shall pray for our community in groups, young people including school, children's centres, clubs and others besides. More details next month. Book the date now.

Prayer for Christ Church & St. Peter's

Our next prayer meeting is on Sunday 15th February at 10.00am in the Bower room. Please try to be there.

Pancake Party

Once again we are having a Pancake Party at The Swan on Shrove Tuesday, 24th February at 7.00pm.

As last year, there will be savoury fillings for the 1st course and sweet fillings for the dessert. Cost £5.00. Please sign list in church as places are limited because of space available.

Parish Weekend, 21st & 22nd February

Are you feeling flat and somewhat discouraged? Would you like to be encouraged? Would you like help in telling others about Jesus? If so, our Parish Weekend is for you. Hosted by Christ Church, but is open for all members of Christ Church and St. Peter's, on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd February.

On Saturday 21st the programme is:

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| 12.30pm | Sandwich Lunch (bring your own) drinks are provided. |
| 1.30pm | Encouragement from Kerry and help with Outreach from Christine, our evangelist. With a break for a cuppa at 3.30pm. |
| 5.00pm | Cooked meal. |

Sunday 22nd, usual Holy Communion services with an encouragement theme.

No charge for the weekend, but there will be a pot for donations towards the cost of the cooked meal.

List to sign in both churches if you are coming. An important time to be together.

Ash Wednesday

There will be a Holy Communion service, BCP at St. Peter's on Wednesday 25th February at 7.30pm.

Men's Fellowship

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| Monday 2 nd February | - | Visit to Loughborough Bell Foundry. |
| Monday 2 nd March | - | 7.30pm Video Night in the Bower Room, Christ Church |

Lent Course

Mondays 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th March at 11.00am at The Baptist Church.

Wednesdays 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th March & 1st April at 2.30pm at The Methodist Church.

Wednesdays 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th March & 1st April at 7.30pm in the Bower Room, Christ Church.

As last year, we are following the York Lent Course. This year, based on 1 Corinthians 13, is entitled "These Three.... Faith, Hope and Love.

Do try and get along to these sessions. You have the choice between morning, afternoon and evening.

Home Start

Home-Start Charnwood offers parents with young children under 5, practical and emotional support through their trained Family Support Volunteers. Volunteers aim to help build a family's confidence and ability to cope through weekly visits to those who are finding parenting a struggle, and the support provided makes a tremendous difference to the family's life. Home-Start Charnwood is running a 7 week Volunteer training course starting 5th February 2009, for one day per week on Thursdays, 9.30-2.30pm. An informal interview is required and expenses are paid.

If you are a parent with a spare 3-4 hours per week and would like to help another family, contact Home-Start for more information on: 01509 239786

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, Gladys Brunt, Graham Liguorish, Nora Asher & Joe Brown.
- ❖ Gail Phillip our link missionary in Bangkok
- ❖ Those recently bereaved including the families of Doris Chapman, Michael Potter, George West, Janet Baxter and Phyllis Whitehouse. Jan Sutton on the death of her mother.
- ❖ Those families who have recently had children baptised or are preparing for baptism.
- ❖ Those preparing for marriage at Christ Church and Saint Peter's

I received this via email and felt so touched by the answers these children gave I wanted to share it with you. Sue

What Love means to a 4-8 year old . . .

Touching words from the mouth of babes.

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8 year-olds, 'What does love mean?'

The answers they got were broader and deeper than anyone could have imagined. See what you think.

'When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love.' Rebecca- age 8

'When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth.' Billy - age 4

'Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other.' Karl - age 5

'Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs.' Chrissy - age 6

'Love is what makes you smile when you're tired.' Terri - age 4

'Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK.' Danny - age 7

'Love is when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing, you still want to be together and you talk more. My Mommy and Daddy are like that. They look gross when they kiss' Emily - age 8

'Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen..' Bobby - age 7 (Wow!)

'If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate,' Nikka - age 6
(we need a few million more Nikka's on this planet)

'Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it everyday.' Noelle - age 7

'Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well.' Tommy - age 6

'During my piano recital, I was on a stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore.' Cindy - age 8

'My mommy loves me more than anybody . You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night.' Clare - age 6

'Love is when Mommy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken.' Elaine-age 5

'Love is when Mommy sees Daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford.' Chris - age 7

'Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day.' Mary Ann - age 4

'I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones.'

Lauren - age 4

'When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you.' (what an image) . Mark - age 6

'You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget.'

Jessica - age 8

And the final one

The winner was a four year old child whose next door neighbour was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife.

Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his Mother asked what he had said to the neighbour, the little boy said, 'Nothing, I just helped him cry'

When there is nothing left but God, that is when you find out that God is all you need.

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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

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