

Christ Church and Saint Peter's, Mountsorrel

March 2009

Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father: To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. Galatians 1:3-5 KJV

Services in March

SUNDAY 1st March		
St. Peter's	9.15am	Morning Prayer BCP
Christ Church	11.00am	Healing & Wholeness
St. Peter's	4.00pm	Senior Sunday
Christ Church	4.00pm	Fun @ 4
SUNDAY 8th March		
St. Peter's	9.15am	Holy Communion BCP
Christ Church	11.00am	Holy Communion
SUNDAY 15th March		
Christ Church	10.00am	Prayers
Christ Church	11.00am	Morning Worship
St. Peter's	6.00pm	Evensong BCP
SUNDAY 22nd March MOTHERING SUNDAY		
St. Peter's	9.15am	Holy Communion BCP
Christ Church	11.00am	All Age Worship
WEDNESDAY 25th March THE ANNUNCIATION		
St. Peter's	10.30am	Holy Communion BCP
SUNDAY 29th March		
Christ Church	11.00am	Healing & Wholeness & Holy Communion
St. Peter's	6.00pm	Evensong BCP
SUNDAY 5th April PALM SUNDAY		
9.45am	Walk of Witness from Methodist Church to St. Peter's	
St. Peter's	10.30am	United Palm Sunday Special followed by Finger Buffet.
Christ Church	4.00pm	Fun @ 4
St. Peter's	4.00pm	Senior Sunday

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 6th March at the Methodist Church at 2.15pm. The speaker will be Christine Butcher. All are very welcome

Mothering Sunday

Flowers for the ladies at both churches. A service for everyone at Christ Church at 11.00am and a service of Holy Communion at St. Peter's at 9.15am. Do join us.

A JOURNEY OF PRAYER FOR MOUNTSORREL.....Saturday 14th March, 10.30 to 4.00pm

'If my people, who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land...' 2 Chronicles 7:14.

On Saturday 14th March at Christ Church we will be having a 'Journey of Prayer'

There will be areas for personal prayer and prayer for the community and village of Mountsorrel.

The Church will be open from 10.30am to 4.00pm.

Please come along and make your personal journey through the church and bring your prayers for the community to Our Lord and Saviour.

Tea/Coffee will be served in The Bower Room.

For more information contact Christine Butcher or Helen Hodson

Cheery Bags

Thank you for your enthusiasm for Cheery Bags! Lots of you have donated items and delivered Cheery bags. We have received lots of positive feedback, which is wonderful. So please continue the good work, and keep the cycle going of donating and giving.

United Prayer

United Prayer for the 4 village churches takes place at St. Peter's on Tuesday 17th March from 7.30-9.00pm. Do join us. We had a record turnout at the Baptist Church in February. Future meetings are on Wednesday 29th April and Wednesday 27th May, also at St. Peter's.

Christ Church/St. Peter's School Prayer Group

The aim is to pray for children and school staff – and for issues that face children, families and schools today. The group will meet monthly at 9.15am on Monday mornings – in the Bower Room at the back of Christ Church.

The proposed dates to the end of the school year are:

9th March 20th April 11th May

8th June 6th July

We will start with tea/coffee. Toys will be available for younger children to play.

If you are interested in praying for your children and the school and joining this group or, if this time is not convenient, you would prefer another time, please contact Christine on 0116 2760645 or 0770 8443870

Start Course

Christine is going to start a START COURSE on Friday afternoons in the Bower room. Hopefully this will be the first of many 'mini' courses, tailor made to suit the needs of different groups of people. The START COURSE is designed for people near the beginning of their journey towards finding the meaning of life and knowing the truth about Jesus. If you would like to help on the course or are curious how this might work ...or more importantly if you know someone who might be interested in coming along, please speak to Christine. The timing of this course would be ideal for mums and people not working on a Friday afternoon. The proposed dates are: 13th 20th 27th March, 3rd 24th April. The 2 week gap in April is because of the Easter school holiday. Christine

WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIMES AT CROMWELL RD. COFFEE HOUSE

If you are free between 12.00 and 2.00pm on a Wednesday maybe you would like to join Christine and have a cuppa or lunch at the Cromwell Road Coffee House. It would be good if you could invite a friend or neighbour to come too. There is a lovely community atmosphere in the cafe and the menu is very reasonably priced. The aim is to get to know local people in a non-threatening environment. Christine

Prayer for Christ Church & St. Peter's

Our next prayer meeting is on Sunday 15th March at 10.00am in the Bower Room. Numbers attending recently have been well down. Please make this a priority.

Men's Fellowship

Monday 2nd March 7.30pm Video Night in the Bower Room at Christ Church
Monday 6th April 7.30pm Joint Easter Service with the Ladies Evening at Christ Church

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Rolls of both churches are being revised in preparation for the Annual Parochial Church Meetings. If you regularly worship at either or both churches you should be on the roll. If your name is not already on the Roll, Please apply to:

Ray Chamberlain for Christ Church - Deadline 8th March
Or Ian Evans for St. Peter's - Deadline 29th March

The Annunciation

A service for the Annunciation will take place on Wednesday 25th March at 10.30am at St. Peter's. It will be BCP Holy Communion.

Visiting Preachers

Sunday 8th March:
9.15am St. Peter's – Rev Peter Sheridan
11.00am Christ Church – Canon Derek Goodman

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

The APCM for Christ Church takes place on Monday 30th March at 7.30pm in the Bower Room.

The APCM for St. Peter's takes place on Monday 20th April at 7.30pm in the Vestry.

If you are on the Electoral Roll you should make every effort to attend or send apologies if unable to do so.

Would all leaders of groups please give their contributions to be included in the Christ Church Annual Report to Peter Hodson.

At Christ Church Peter Hodson is willing to be nominated for Warden but Edmund Stacey will step down having served as Warden for the maximum time allowed by the rules of the church. Please consider who you would like to nominate to replace Edmund as warden.

Nominations must be submitted in writing to Kerry BEFORE the meeting.

Holy Week and Easter

Maundy Thursday 9th April,	7.00pm	Modern Passover at Christ Church
Good Friday. 10th April		Christian Presence at Budgens including 11.00am Short service (to be confirmed)
	2.00pm	The Final Hour at St. Peter's with Rev. Adam Wells.
Easter Day, 12th April	6.30am	Sonrise Service, Beacon Hill
	9.15am	Holy Communion, St. Peter's BCP
	11.00am	Family Communion, Christ Church
	6.00pm	Praise Party & Food, Christ Church

Meetings

Christ Church PCC meets on Monday 9th March at 7.30pm in The Bower Room.

The Mission Partnership Mission Action Group takes place on Monday 16th March at 8.00pm at Barrow Rectory.

St. Peter's PCC meets in the Vestry on Monday 23rd March at 7.30pm.

School Easter Services

School Easter Services will take place at Christ Church on Tuesday 31st March at 9.30 and 11.00am.

British Summer time

British Summer Time starts in the early hours of Sunday 29th March. Clocks and watches should be put forward 1 hour.

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, 18th and 25th March. A warm welcome is guaranteed.

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.

Collecting

We are 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 Liquorish, Nora Asher & Joe Brown.
- ❖ Gail Phillip our link missionary in Bangkok
- ❖ Those recently bereaved including the families of Robert Ridgway and George Scotton.
- ❖ Those families who have recently had children baptised or are preparing for baptism.
- ❖ Those preparing for marriage at Christ Church and Saint Peter's

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There once was a little boy who had a bad temper. His Father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail into the back of the fence.

The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks, as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence. Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all.

He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper.

The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone.

The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said, 'You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. But it won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound will still be there. A verbal wound is as bad as a physical one. Remember that friends are very rare jewels, indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. They lend an ear, they share words of praise and they always want to open their hearts to us

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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For PCC agenda items contact the appropriate:

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Saint Peter's PCC Secretary: please contact Kerry Emmett

PCC Treasurer, Christ Church & St. Peter's - Mrs Val Doyle 0116 2375623
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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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