

Christ Church and Saint Peter's, Mountsorrel

April 2009

Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. Ephesians 5:25-27 KJV

Services in April

SUNDAY 5th April		PALM SUNDAY
9.45am	<i>Walk of Witness from Methodist Church to St. Peter's</i>	
St. Peter's	10.30am	<i>United Palm Sunday Special followed by Finger Buffet.</i>
Christ Church	4.00pm	<i>Fun @ 4</i>
St. Peter's	4.00pm	<i>Senior Sunday</i>
THURSDAY 9th April		MAUNDY THURSDAY
Christ Church	7.00pm	<i>Modern Passover Meal Advanced Booking Essential</i>
FRIDAY 10th April		GOOD FRIDAY
Budgens 8.00am-noon-Witness (including Service at 11.00am)		
St. Peter's	2.00pm	The Final Hour
SUNDAY 12th April		EASTER DAY
Beacon Hill	6.30am	<i>Sonrise Service</i>
St. Peter's	9.15am	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
Christ Church	11.00am	<i>Family Communion</i>
Christ Church	6.00pm	<i>Praise Party and food</i>
SUNDAY 19th April		
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 26th April		
St. Peter's	9.15am	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
Christ Church	11.00am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
SUNDAY 3rd May		
St. Peter's	9.15am	<i>Morning Prayer BCP</i>
Christ Church	11.00am	<i>Healing & Wholeness</i>
Christ Church	4.00pm	<i>Senior Sunday</i>
Christ Church	4.00pm	<i>Fun @ 4</i>

Tuesday 24th March

We heard today, Tuesday 24th March of the loss of Kerry's mum Kathleen and we would like Kerry, Tricia and family to know that our love and prayers are very much with them at this very sad and difficult time.

Revive

Jan Sutton has asked for volunteer drivers who would be willing to go on a rota to collect two Revive volunteer helpers from Loughborough on a Tuesday evening at 6.15pm and to drive them back again at 9.15pm. You could volunteer for one way or the other as suits yourselves. They have to bring a large box of equipment so space either on the back seat or in the boot of the car is needed. Please contact Christine if you are willing to help.

United Prayer

United prayer for the 4 village churches takes place at St. Peter's on Wednesday 29th April from 7.30-9.00pm. Do join us. The next meeting is on Wednesday 27th May at St. Peter's.

Prayer for Christ Church & St. Peter's

Our next prayer meeting is on Sunday 19th April at 10.00am in the Bower Room. Please make this a priority.

Ladies Evening and Men's Fellowship

A joint Easter Service for the two groups on Monday 6th April at 7.30pm at Christ Church.

Chrim Eucharist

The Annual Chrim Eucharist takes place at the Cathedral on Maundy Thursday, 9th April at 11.00am. More details from Kerry.

Modern Passover

As usual, we shall be sharing in a modern Passover Meal in the Bower Room on Maundy Thursday, 9th April at 7.00pm. It will be a 2-course meal with alternatives for each course. Please sign up as soon as possible. Advance booking essential. Numbers limited to 30. The cost will be £5.00. After expenses, all money remaining will go to the support of Gail Philip, our CMS Mission Partner.

Witness at Budgens

On Good Friday, 10th April, we shall be distributing Easter Service Leaflets and Palm Crosses outside Budgen's Supermarket between 8.00am and Noon. At 11.00am, there will be a short open-air service for which Budgens are providing a gazebo.

Do support this Christian Witness and be sure to sign the rota in church.

The Final Hour

On Good Friday, 10th April from 2-3.00pm Rev. Adam Wells, the local Methodist Minister will be leading devotional service at St. Peter's. Please do try to join us.

Launde Abbey – Major Fundraising Effort

You may have heard that Launde is planning a major refurbishment of the main house this coming year and needs to raise a substantial amount of money to fund the work.

Last year the Abbey celebrated it's 50th Anniversary, it was 50 years since Mr & Mrs Coleman gave the building and its grounds to the diocese as a retreat house. A couple of years ago it became the retreat house for the Diocese of Peterborough as well as Leicester. It's become a place that many people from Leicestershire and from much further afield, have grown to love and cherish.

It has become increasingly successful both as a place of quiet retreat, and as a place for meetings. Its annual programme is packed with fascinating quiet days, retreats and courses, but anyone can book it as a venue for their own event. It offers Christian hospitality to all who cross its threshold, people of faith, people of no faith, and perhaps especially people who are on the journey of faith for the first time.

It's a wonderfully tranquil place if you simply need somewhere to spend a day away from it all, recharging your batteries or reconnecting with God. And of course, at its heart there is the chapel, where daily prayer is offered right through the year.

Finance for the future

The Abbey is run as a stand-alone business. It covers its day to day running costs, including paying the total costs for its two resident clergy, without needing support from the diocese or from the parishes.

Thanks to the generosity of many people, individuals, and especially the Friends of Launde Abbey, the Abbey was able to renovate the Stable Block last year. Now it's the turn of the Main House. There's a lot of work to do to bring the whole Abbey up to scratch, to make it safe, to make it accessible to disabled people and to modernise its facilities. Once this major project has been completed the Abbey should be secure for the next 50 years, well equipped to serve the next generation. And we have a responsibility to make sure that happens. So the Abbey and diocese will be launching a major fund-raising effort this spring. There will be plenty of opportunities for you to help, but here is just one that you might like to know about:

A friend in need

The Friends of Launde are keen to play their part and are planning a Spring Fair for Bank Holiday Monday, May 25th. The fair will be opened by the High Sheriff of Leicestershire at 11.00am. The aim is to raise a lot of money. So we're looking for all sorts of things to sell on the day: good-as-new clothes, plants, horse-rugs, tack and so on, cakes, sweets, preserves and other produce, gifts, antiques, children's clothes, toys, books as well as items for the tombola and a raffle. A team of volunteers will be running the stalls, and all the profits will be going towards the redevelopment fund.

Spring clean

This is the time of year for sprucing up your home and clearing out your cupboards. So we're asking you to remember Launde while you're spring-cleaning, and to donate your unwanted items to the Spring Fair. You can either bring them to your church on Sunday April 19th and we will collect them from there, or bring them directly to the Parsonage, 20 Hoby Road, Thrusington. Thank you. Rev'd Lorna Brabin-Smith.

<h2>Easter Day, 12th April</h2>

Wake up to Easter early with the Sunrise Service on Beacon Hill at 6.30am.

Join us for Holy Communion at St. Peter's at 9.15am or at Christ Church at 11.00am.

Round off Easter Day with a Praise Party at Christ Church at 6.00pm. some very informal, lively, modern worship, not forgetting the food of course.

Mountsorrel Christian Council

The Council is holding its half-yearly meeting at the Baptist Church on Friday 25th April at 7.30pm.

Palm Sunday, 5th April

Your chance to witness for Jesus on the streets of Mountsorrel. Meet at the Methodist Church for 9.45am.

Walk via Christ Church and the Baptist Church to St. Peter's for a service at 10.30am, followed by a Bring and Share Finger Buffet.

Jan Sutton will be leading a Meditation and speaking at the service.

Steve Cooper will be giving his testimony. Palm Crosses for all, and lots, lots more.

PCC Meeting

The first meeting of the newly elected Christ Church PCC takes place in the Bower Room on Monday 27th April at 7.30pm.

Mission Shaped Intro

A five week course taking place fortnightly begins at Barrow Baptist Church on Tuesday 5th May at 8.00pm. Future dates are 19th May, 2nd, 16th and 30th June. Further details from Kerry, Peter Hodson or John Ricketts.

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:

20thApril 11thMay

8thJune 6thJuly

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 84433870

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: 3rd 24th April. The 2 week gap in April is because of the Easter school holiday. Christine

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.

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 Rd 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

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

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.

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 Wednesday 1st April breaking for a holiday on the 8th and 15th April back again on the 22nd and 29th April. A warm welcome is guaranteed.

Lent Course

Wednesday 1st April at 2.30pm at The Methodist Church.

Wednesday 1st April at 7.30pm in the Bower Room, Christ Church.

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, Graham Liquorish, Nora Asher & Joe Brown.
- ❖ Gail Phillip our link missionary in Bangkok
- ❖ Those recently bereaved including the families of Rev'd Kerry & Tricia Emmett & Gladys Brunt.
- ❖ Those families who have recently had children baptised or are preparing for baptism.
- ❖ Those preparing for marriage at Christ Church and 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

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