

# Christ Church and Saint Peter's, Mountsorrel

## May 2009

*But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.*

*1 Peter 4:13,14 NIV*

### Services in May

<b>SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>		
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
<b>SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>		
St. Peter's	9.15am	Holy Communion BCP
Christ Church	11.00am	Holy Communion
<b>SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>		
Christ Church	10.00am	Prayers
Christ Church	11.00am	All Age Worship & Baptism
St. Peter's	6.00pm	Evensong BCP
<b>THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> May ASCENSION DAY</b>		
St. Peter's	7.30pm	Holy Communion BCP
<b>SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>		
St. Peter's	9.15am	Holy Communion BCP
Christ Church	11.00am	Holy Communion
<b>SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> May PENTECOST/WHIT SUNDAY</b>		
Christ Church	11.00am	Holy Communion
The Green	3.00pm	Open Air United Service
St. Peter's	6.00pm	Holy Communion BCP
<b>SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> June TRINITY SUNDAY</b>		
St. Peter's	9.15am	Morning Prayer BCP
Christ Church	11.00am	Morning Worship
St. Peter's	4.00pm	Senior Sunday
Christ Church	4.00pm	Fun @ 4

## Christ Church Members Alert

When there is an event at Christ Church, or we meet for worship on a Sunday, not everybody who could be there is there. We know some work shifts, some are on holiday, some may have illness in the family. But otherwise, we should be together, working together, and moving forward together.

So, the PCC and Ministry Team have called for two evenings of prayer for the WHOLE CHURCH and we hope that you will be at one or both evenings. The dates are 20<sup>th</sup> May and 10<sup>th</sup> June from 7.30-9.00pm in the Bower Room.

We will be praying together for God's guiding and leading on the way ahead for Christ church. Please, please do come. Kerry Emmett

## Christ Church Intercessions

We are a praying church and people ask for our prayers. So much so, that the list of sick is very long at times. The PCC has agreed to a change. In future, we shall use the long list at the monthly services of Healing and Wholeness. On the other Sundays, we shall remember those whose need at that time is acute, rather than long-term. If people's conditions change, they can easily be moved from one list to the other and back again. Kerry Emmett.

## Friendsfirst

The economic crisis seems to be having an inverse effect on organisations like **friendsfirst**, the UK Christian friendship club that puts single Christians in touch with others. With rising numbers of members, they've had 8 engagements and 3 marriages in the last 6 months. It seems that people are realising that friendships and relationships are the best thing to invest in when everything else seems so uncertain. If you feel the same, then ring **friendsfirst** for an informal and confidential chat about how membership could help you. Ring Patricia on 0121 4271286 or look at their website [www.friends1st.co.uk](http://www.friends1st.co.uk)

## **A Day Out to Launde Abbey Spring Fair on Bank Holiday Monday 25th May**

Would you like to have a day out to help raise funds towards the restoration of Launde Abbey?

If so join Christine and Mick for a day out (11am to 5pm) and enjoy the beautiful grounds, the building, the many stalls and activities on offer. The cost is £10 per car (£5 per individual), children are free. Please speak to Christine for more information and to arrange sharing of transport. Should be FUN!!

## **Study Group at St. Peters**

Christine is proposing to organise a 'study group' at St. Peters. Please could you contact, or speak, to her if you would be interested in joining. The idea is for a weekly afternoon session of looking at Bible study and talking about it together afterwards, over a cup of tea. Tuesday afternoons are a possibility but Christine could be flexible. The venue would be in the Vestry of the church.

## **Wednesday Evening Group in the Bower Room**

Christine and Mick are going to start a weekly Wednesday evening Discipleship group on Wednesday evenings, venue to be arranged. The aim is to start off with an eight week Selwyn Hughes based course called '7 Laws for Life'. If you are interested in joining or want to know more please speak to Christine.

## **Scrabble Evening**

If you enjoy a 'good game of Scrabble', then please sign up and come to the Bower Room on Friday 5th June at 7.30pm. It is a purely social evening, so if you have any family, neighbours or friends who would like to come and join in, please invite them along too. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be available.

For more information please see Christine.

## **Prayer for Christ Church & St. Peter's**

Our next prayer meeting is Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 10.00am in the Bower Room. Please try to be there.

### **Cheery Bags**

The 'Cheery Bag' box is a bit empty at the moment so if you could please donate goodies for the bags please bring them to church. Also if you know anyone who would you think would benefit from receiving a 'Cheery Bag' then please let Christine or Tricia know.

### **United Prayer**

United prayer for the 4 village churches takes place at St. Peter's on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May from 7.30-9.00pm. This will complete 4 years of United Prayer Meetings. The June, July and August meetings will take place at the Methodist Church. Dates are to be confirmed.

### **Men's Fellowship**

Christine Butcher will be speaking on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm on reaching men for the Lord.

### **PCC Meeting**

St. Peter's PCC meets in the Vestry on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 7.30pm

### **School Prayer Meeting**

The next school prayer meeting is on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 8.00am in school.

### **Gilbert & Sullivan evening**

Singers from Shepshed will be delighting us with Gilbert and Sullivan on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm at St. Peter's. Tickets cost £6.00 (concessions £4.00) available in advance or on the door.

### **Ascension Day**

Ascension Day is on 21<sup>st</sup> May and we shall be celebrating at St. Peter's with a service of Holy Communion (BCP) at 7.30pm. Do try to be there.

### **Open air Service**

A United Open Air Service will be held on The Green on Pentecost Sunday (Whit Sunday) at 3.00pm, sponsored by the 4 village churches. Do join us for what is always a special occasion.

## **Annual Meetings**

At the Christ Church Annual Meetings on 30<sup>th</sup> March, Edmund Stacey stood down having served the maximum 6 years as Churchwarden.

Nobody was willing to fill the gap so we now have only 1 Churchwarden with 3 deputies, including Edmund. Val Doyle, Joe Hampson and Ray Chamberlain were re-elected to the PCC.

At the St. Peter's Annual Meetings on 20<sup>th</sup> April, John Ricketts stood down as Churchwarden. Ian Evans and David Bird were elected as Churchwardens. We welcome David in particular to his new office.

Roger Fairhead and Andrew Evans were re-elected to the PCC and John Ricketts was elected to fill a space on the PCC. Roger Fairhead was re-elected as Deputy Warden and Andrew Evans fills the space vacated by David Bird as Deputy Warden.

## **Kerry's Mum**

Kerry and Tricia would like to thank you for all the love and prayers offered during Kerry's mum's illness and subsequent death. We felt carried along by all your prayers which were such a great help and comfort. Thanks too for all the cards, messages etc.

## **Prayer**

I am often asked to pray for somebody, which I am happy to do. Sometimes, however, when I am asked to pray the person asking really wants that person put on our prayer chains or on the list used at church services.

When prayer is requested, please make it clear to me whether it is for personal prayer, prayer chains, for prayer in church, or a combination of the three. If requesting for prayer chains or church, please make sure that you have the person's permission or permission of a close family member.

It would also be a great help if you could let me know how the person progresses. Sometimes I'm left totally in the dark, and cannot update others who have been praying. Thank you. Kerry Emmett.

### **Mosaic**

Mosaic, an unaccompanied group of singers performed at St. Peter's early last year. They are performing again on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm. Tickets £6.00 (no concessions). Half the proceeds for St. Peter's, half for a cancer charity. Book the date. More details next month.

### **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.

### **Mission Shaped Intro**

A five week course taking place fortnightly begins at Barrow Baptist Church on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 8.00pm. Future dates are 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> 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: 11<sup>th</sup> May, 8<sup>th</sup> June, 6<sup>th</sup> 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

### **Wednesday lunchtimes at Cromwell Road 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

### **Collecting**

We are collecting empty ink cartridges, used stamps and 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 Joan Bishton, Brian Payne, Brian Abbott, Reg Shrive and Cliff Sheffield.
- ❖ Those families who have recently had children baptised or are preparing for baptism.
- ❖ Those preparing for marriage at Christ Church and Saint Peter's

## Get your hankies ready

In Phoenix , Arizona, a 26-year-old mother stared down at her 6 year old son, who was dying of terminal leukaemia. Although her heart was filled with sadness, she also had a strong feeling of determination. Like any parent, she wanted her son to grow up & fulfil all his dreams. Now that was no longer possible. The leukaemia would see to that. But she still wanted her son's dream to come true. She took her son's hand and asked, 'Billy, did you ever think about what you wanted to be once you grew up? Did you ever dream and wish what you would do with your life?'

Mommy, 'I always wanted to be a fireman when I grew up.' Mom smiled back and said, 'Let's see if we can make your wish come true.' Later that day she went to her local fire department in Phoenix, Arizona , where she met Fireman Bob, who had a heart as big as Phoenix.

She explained her son's final wish and asked if it might be possible to give her 6 year-old son a ride around the block on a fire engine.

Fireman Bob said, 'Look, we can do better than that. If you'll have your son ready at seven o'clock Wednesday morning, we'll make him an honorary Fireman for the whole day. He can come down to the fire station, eat with us and go out on all the fire calls, the whole nine yards! And if you'll give us his sizes, we'll get a real fire uniform for him, with a real fire hat - not a toy -- one-with the emblem of the Phoenix Fire Department on it, a yellow slicker like we wear and rubber boots.' 'They're all manufactured right here in Phoenix, so we can get them fast. Three days later Fireman Bob picked up Billy, dressed him in his uniform and escorted him from his hospital bed to the waiting hook and ladder truck. Billy got to sit on the back of the truck and help steer it back to the fire station.

He was in heaven.

There were three fire calls in Phoenix that day and Billy got to go out on all three calls. He rode in the different fire engines, the Paramedic's van, and even the fire chief's car. He was also videotaped for the local news program. Having his dream come true, with all the love and attention that was lavished upon him, so deeply touched Billy that he lived three months longer than any doctor thought possible.

One night all of his vital signs began to drop dramatically and the head nurse, who believed in the hospice concept - that no one should die

alone, began to call the family members to the hospital. Then she remembered the day Billy had spent as a Fireman, so she called the Fire Chief and asked if it would be possible to send a fireman in uniform to the hospital to be with Billy as he made his transition.

The chief replied, 'We can do better than that. We'll be there in five minutes. Will you please do me a favour?

When you hear the sirens screaming and see the lights flashing, will you announce over the PA system that there is not a fire?' 'It's the department coming to see one of its finest members one more time.

And will you open the window to his room?'

About five minutes later a hook and ladder truck arrived at the hospital and extended its ladder up to Billy's third floor open window-----16 fire-fighters climbed up the ladder into Billy's room. With his mother's permission, they hugged him and held him and told him how much they LOVED him. With his dying breath, Billy looked up at the fire chief and said, "Chief, am I really a fireman now?" 'Billy, you are, and The Head Chief, Jesus, is holding your hand,' the chief said. With those words, Billy smiled and said, 'I know, He's been holding my hand all day, and the angels have been singing.'

He closed his eyes one last time

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