

Christ Church and Saint Peter's, Mountsorrel

July 2009

For by grace are ye saved through faith;
and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8 KJV

Services in July

SUNDAY 5th July		
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 12th July		
St. Peter's	9.15am	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
Christ Church	11.00am	<i>All Age Worship</i>
		<i>Followed by Barbecue and games</i>
SUNDAY 19th July		
Christ Church	10.00am	<i>Prayers</i>
Christ Church	11.00am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
St. Peter's	6.00pm	<i>Evensong BCP</i>
SUNDAY 26th July		
St. Peter's	9.15am	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
Christ Church	11.00am	<i>Holy Communion</i>
SUNDAY 2nd August		
St. Peter's	9.15am	<i>Morning Prayer BCP</i>
Christ Church	11.00am	<i>Morning Worship</i>
St. Peter's	4.00pm	<i>Senior Sunday</i>
Christ Church	NO Fun @ 4	

United Prayer

United Prayer for the four village churches takes place on Wednesday 29th July at the Methodist Church from 7.30-9.00pm. The August meeting, also at the Methodist is on Wednesday 26th August.

Christ church & St. Peter's Prayer

The next Sunday prayer meeting for our two churches is on Sunday 19th July at 10.00am in the Bower room.

Cheery Bags

Please remember the Cheery Bags at the back of Christ Church. Stocks are bulging, but few seem to have been delivered recently. Who do you know who could do with cheering up?

Men's Fellowship

The men are doing another Litter Pick on Monday 6th July at 7.30pm. You are invited to join them. Gloves, bags and pick sticks will be provided.

Leavers Service

Year 6 from Mountsorrel School will be holding their Leavers' Service at Christ Church on Wednesday 8th July at 9.30am. They will be presented with their copies of "It's your move". Do pray for them as they prepare to move to secondary school.

All Age Worship, Barbecue and games

On Sunday 12th July, note the date, at Christ Church, All Age Worship will be followed by Barbecue and Games in the Churchyard. Do join us. Why not bring a friend?

CPAS Sunday

The offertory at Christ church on Sunday 5th July will be given to the work of CPAS.

Sea Sunday

The offertory at St. Peter's on Sunday 12th July, Sea Sunday, will go to the "Mission to Seafarers"

Mission Action Group

The Mission Action Group of our Mission Partnership meets at Quorn on Tuesday 21st July at 8.00pm.

Yorkshire Three Peaks – thank you

May I say a really heartfelt thank you to all of you who sponsored me on the Yorkshire Three Peaks, the support from Christ Church and St. Peter's has added a further £255 (that'll be boosted to nearly £300 with the Gift Aid!) to our fundraising efforts in support of the UK Special Olympic National Games in Leicester this July and the Bone Cancer Research Trust. We are still collecting the sponsorships in but are confident that we are well over our target of £1 000 to be split between the two Charities. I've put a Thank You poster up at the back of both Churches showing some photos from the day. I'm the one in glasses! For those who aren't familiar with the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge, it's a 25 mile walk around the three highest peaks in Yorkshire, Pen-y-ghent (2273ft), Wharfedale (2419ft) and Ingleborough (2373ft) and you've 12 hours to do it in – we managed it in 11 and three quarters, despite a howling gale, rain and low cloud – typical early summer in Yorkshire.

Race for Life for Cancer Research

Can't believe it's that time of the year again. The day yet again was lovely. There were 3 100+ ladies there plus their children and dogs. Was a little warm on the race track when we were warming up, this made us tired before we even started. Did the walk round in about an hour which was a little better time than last year but even so seemed to go very quickly. Again there was a nice atmosphere and a lot of good humour around in plenty and lots of people dressed up including a couple of bananas, ballerinas Disney characters etc. I went as myself of course. Thanks to all who gave. The sponsored amount was a total of £92.00 even better than last year. Again many thanks. Sue

UPDATE! UPDATE! UPDATE! UPDATE!

Visit to Taylor's Bell Foundry, Loughborough on Monday 27th July 2009

On behalf of Christchurch & St Peters Men's Fellowship, I have re-booked the visit to Taylor's bell foundry, which unfortunately had to be cancelled in February, please note the new date of 27th July 2009. The arrangements for the visit will be the same as originally planned; that is to meet at Christchurch at 6.30pm. I have received information from the museum and they will honour the original price for admission. The visit has been booked for 7pm on the above date. Please remember to wear suitable clothes for a factory visit, i.e. good sturdy shoes (no sandals or open toed footwear). Joe Hampson

Christine on holiday

Christine will not be 'lunching' at Cromwell Road Coffee house on 24th June or 1st July due to holiday commitments. BUT please join her any other Wednesday, between 12 and 2pm. Please bring your friends and neighbours!!

Launde Abbey

As most of you know the Ladies Evening is celebrating 50 years this year by having an evening meal at Launde Abbey on Monday 20th July. The Men's Fellowship are joining with us but we still have 6 or 7 available places. If anyone from Christ Church or St. Peter's would like to join us please contact either Rose Uff or Joe Hampson as soon as possible. It will be a "first come first served" basis. The cost of the meal will be £8.00 and transport by car will be available.

Publicity

A group representing both churches will be meeting on 1st July to discuss ways of improving our publicity, Posters, flyers, contact with press and radio etc.

If you have any thoughts or ideas on the subject please let one of the group know.

The group consists of Jo Clarke, Sue Hitchcock, Peter Hodson, Leslie Strange, Ian Evans and me. Kerry Emmett.

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.

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 last date for this school year is 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

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

This was sent to me via email. Lovely, Sue

Our 14 year old dog, Abbey, died last month. The day after she died, my 4 year old daughter Meredith was crying and talking about how much she missed Abbey. She asked if we could write a letter to God so that when Abbey got to heaven, God would recognize her. I told her that I thought we could so she dictated these words:

Dear God,

Will you please take care of my dog? She died yesterday and is with you in heaven. I miss her very much. I am happy that you let me have her as my dog even though she got sick.

I hope you will play with her. She likes to play with balls and to swim. I am sending a picture of her so when you see her you will know that she is my dog. I really miss her.

Love, Meredith

We put the letter in an envelope with a picture of Abbey and Meredith and addressed it to God/Heaven. We put our return address on it. Then Meredith pasted several stamps on the front of the envelope because she said it would take lots of stamps to get the letter all the way to heaven. That afternoon she dropped it into the letter box at the post office. A few days later, she asked if God had gotten the letter yet. I told her that I thought He had.

Yesterday, there was a package wrapped in gold paper on our front porch addressed, 'To Meredith' in an unfamiliar hand. Meredith opened it. Inside was a book by Mr. Rogers called, 'When a Pet Dies.' Taped to the inside front cover was the letter we had written to God in its opened envelope. On the opposite page was the picture of Abbey & Meredith and this note:

Dear Meredith,

Abbey arrived safely in heaven.

Having the picture was a big help. I recognized Abbey right away.

Abbey isn't sick anymore. Her spirit is here with me just like it stays in your heart. Abbey loved being your dog. Since we don't need our bodies in heaven, I don't have any pockets to keep your picture in, so I am sending it back to you in this little book for you to keep and have something to remember Abbey by.

Thank you for the beautiful letter and thank your mother for helping you write it and sending it to me. What a wonderful mother you have. I picked her especially for you.

I send my blessings every day and remember that I love you very much.

By the way, I'm easy to find, I am wherever there is love.

Love, God

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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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