

**St Peter's Church** is part of the Team Parish of Ipsley which consists of St Peter's Ipsley, St John's Greenlands and Christ Church Matchborough.

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Notices for "The Catch" to the office

### PASTORAL CARE IN ST PETER'S:

We have a very supportive Pastoral Care team. If you have any concerns, need prayer or someone to talk to or who can help you in a practical way please contact the Rector, Canon Garth Nathaniel, either by leaving a phone message on the office phone or directly via the Rectory.

### HOUSE GROUPS

Tues pm: Linda Nicholas 451635  
Tues eve: John Butler 520051  
Wed eve: Judy Evans 404522  
For further information please contact the group leader.



### Children's Activities @ St Peter's

Godly play 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at

St. Peters@9:45

### Weekday Clubs:

*Scramblers* for 0-5 years on Mondays  
in term time.

### Cool Zone

for 7-11 years—6:30 pm

Christ Church Matchborough

**Youth Club** 7:30 -9:30 at Christ Church



# The Catch

Weekly News sheet for St Peter's Church, in the Parish of Ipsley

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S

20th January 2019

### Collect for the week

Almighty God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and  
miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly  
grace,  
and in all our weaknesses  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and forever.  
Amen

### Today's Services

9:45 am Communion  
11:15am Holy Communion  
6:30pm Evening Worship

### Diary For The Week

9:30am	Morning Prayers	<b>Mon</b>
9:45am	Scramblers	<b>21</b>
2:00pm	Craft Group	
7:30pm	Table Tennis	
9:30am	Morning Prayers	<b>Tue</b>
4:30pm	Building Management Committee Meeting	<b>22</b>
9:30am	Informal Communion	<b>Wed</b>
10:30am	Coffee Morning	<b>23</b>
9:30am	Informal Communion at St Johns Greenlands	<b>Thurs</b>
7:30pm	PCC meeting at St Peters	<b>24</b>
9:30am	Morning Prayers	<b>Fri</b>
		<b>25</b>
8:30pm	Bible Society, Big Story Conference Room	<b>Sat</b>
		<b>26</b>
9:45am	Contemporary worship	<b>Sun</b>
11:15am	Morning Worship	<b>27</b>
6:30pm	Evening Worship	

### PREACHING THEMES FOR TODAY

**9:45 am**      **The Big Story**  
                         **Covenant**  
                         **Malachi 2:10-15**

**11:15 am**      **Isaiah 62:1-5**  
                         **John 2:1-11**

**6.30 pm**      **1 Samuel 3:1-20**  
                         **Ephesians 4:1-16**

## Rector's Reflection

Dear all,

What does God's all knowing, unconditional love for us mean in practice?

Here's what it doesn't mean. It doesn't mean that we should see ourselves as more valuable simply because God knows us fully and loves us fully.

The Lord knows things about us others do not, but this is not why He loves us more than they do. He loves us because He is love. His love is an expression of His nature, not our merit. As a result we need never fear that He will learn something about us that will cause Him to love us less.

Here's what God's unconditional love does mean: we should seek to love others and ourselves as He loves us. Jesus was clear: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: *just as I have loved you*, you also are to love one another" (John 13:34). "Just as" could be translated "in the same way."

Our Lord wants us to love each other as unconditionally as He loves us and to love ourselves in the same way (Matthew 22:39).

How? The first "fruit of the Spirit" is love (Galatians 5:22). When the Holy Spirit controls and empowers us (Ephesians 5:18), He manifests the love of God in and through us. It's not that we love ourselves and others more fully—we experience and share His love.

Imagine the impact of our influence on our culture if every Christian loved every person he or she knows with the love of Christ.

Loving you In Him,

Canon Garth Nathaniel

**Messy Church:** Messy Church is for families. The children come with Mums and Dads, carers and even a 'Caring Dog'. Our theme last Saturday focused on Jesus's family. Activities included measuring the heights of everyone in the family, designing a family crest and building a ginormous temple from cardboard boxes. Can you guess what the Bible Story was? Conversations over the lunch tables are very important. Please continue to pray.

**Healing service:** A Service of praise, healing & prayer will be held on Thursday 31st January at 7:30pm here at St Peters. All Welcome!!

**Electoral Roll:** The Electoral Roll will be completely revised this year, forms will be available in February.

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### "ALWAYS KEEP ON PRAYING" for:

**Juan Carlos and Penny Marces in Peru:** For a good balance of time between the diocese and rest time. For pastoral care—visiting and administering, for alpha and the children's ministry.



**Those who are sick:** Betty Wood, Tia, Kate Bainbridge, Chris Tilley, Andrew Johnson, Alex Street, Peter Barcham, Joanne Heaselgrave, Sue Thomas, Joanne Goodwin, Erica Dilger, Michael Hawkins, Mark Brunner, Shirley Butcher, Imran Shergill.

**Our Nation:** For our MP Rachel Maclean & the Government involved in Brexit negotiations, for our local councillor & mayor Juliet Brunner and for our security services working to keep us safe;

**Migration Crisis:** For the protection of people and an end to the human trafficking circuits. For those returning to homes and livelihoods destroyed by war.

**Parish Prayers:** Cherrington Close Matchborough, Jays Close Winyates, Doverdale Close Woodrow, Goodrich Close Winyates.

**CPAS:** This week we are asked to pray for CPAS Patronage Churches in vacancy to thrive and grow while they go through the process of appointing a new leader.

**World:** Pray for all those who suffer. That we may seek God's guidance and discernment to the various ways of how we can help.

**Chaplaincies;** Chaplains and Volunteers in Retail and Industrial chaplaincy in Redditch, Prison chaplaincy, and Hospital Chaplaincy. Padres to the Air, Army and Sea Cadets.

**Churches Together:** Please continue to pray for Christian unity .

**Tearfund:** TearFund have sent their huge thanks to everyone who got involved with the Fairtrade Coffee Morning and the Greetings Tree and gave so generously!

*"The money you have raised will make a huge difference in the lives of people like [Birungi](#), so we are incredibly grateful."*

Ella & Team from Tearfund

**Anglican Church in Morogoro:** Feckenham Church have produced a cookery book to raise funds to help rebuild the Anglican Church in Morogoro. It was washed away by a rainstorm in February '16. We have a Diocesan link with Morogoro and Bishop John has written a forward for the book. Felicity Melley has a copy of the book which you can look at. The book is of a professional standard and is priced at £10. Please see Felicity Melley.

**First Aid:** We need First Aiders in all 3 services, there is a course on 2nd & 9th Feb. Please note there will be a charge, if interested, for more details please speak to Felicity Melley.

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