

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

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S

27th January 2019

Collect for the week

Almighty God,
By whose grace alone we are accepted
and called to your service:
Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit
And make us worthy of our calling;
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 Contemporary worship
11:15am Morning Worship
2:00pm Baptism of Harper Betsy
White
6:30pm Evening Worship

Diary For The Week

9:30am	Morning Prayers	Mon
9:45am	Scramblers	28
2:00pm	Craft Group	
9:30am	Morning Prayers	Tue
		29
9:30am	Informal Communion	Wed
		30
9:30am	Informal Communion at St Johns Greenlands	Thurs
7:30pm	Service of Praise, Healing and Prayer	31
9:30am	Morning Prayers	Fri
7:00pm	Bell ringing	01
8:30am	Bible Society, Big Story Huband Room	Sat
		02
9:45am	Sunday Cafe	Sun
11:15am	Holy Communion	03
6:30pm	Evening Worship	

PREACHING THEMES FOR TODAY

9:45 am The Big Story
Redemption

11:15 am Nehemiah 8:3,5,6 8-10
Luke 4:14-21

6.30 pm Psalm 36
Mark 1:21-28

Rector's Reflection

Can God redeem the rising opposition to public Christianity in our day? I firmly believe the answer lies in prayer. And we can pray in two specific ways for them.

One: Pray for those with whom we disagree.

Jesus taught us to “pray for those who persecute you” (Matthew 5:44). And we should do so with compassion and grace.

Biblical illiteracy is widespread in our culture and those who oppose biblical morality may not have been given the opportunity to understand biblical truth. Or they may have fallen victim to “the god of this world [who] has blinded the minds of the unbelievers” (2 Corinthians 4:4).

Many who oppose Christians who take a stand against abortion or same-sex marriage genuinely believe that we are “anti-women” and “anti-gays.” In their view, our beliefs threaten the human rights of millions of people. They couldn’t be more wrong, but nonetheless they are not our enemy. They deserve our intercession for we are only “beggars helping other beggars find bread.”

Two: Pray for the strength to speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15).

When the moment comes that we face persecution, don’t let your heart be troubled. Trust in the Lord. He is with you in your suffering and will not let you down. Speak the truth of His word and it will find soil that is ready to receive it.

Now here is a thought, what if the growing opposition to Christian values in our culture leads us to turn more fully to our Lord and results in the spiritual awakening we need so desperately?

Blessings,

Garth

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

For I AM the LORD, your HEALER Exodus 15:2

Wednesday lunchtime communion: After speaking with St Peter’s Pantry attendees it has been decided to hold the Wednesday lunchtime Holy Communion at a new time. Holy Communion will now take place at 12:00 noon before the lunch.

“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: Binton Close Matchborough, Hindlip Close Winyates, Crophthorne Close Woodrow, Huntington 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 .

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 of £95 and the course will be held at Southcrest Chapel, Redditch, if you are interested, for more details please speak to Felicity Melley.

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