

**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

Fourth Sunday before Lent

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S

10th February 2019

### Collect for the week

O God,  
you know us to be set in the midst of so many dangers,  
That by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright:  
Grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations;  
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  
6:30pm Communion with Anointing

### Diary For The Week

9:30am	Morning Prayers	<b>Mon</b>
9:45am	Scramblers	<b>11</b>
2:00pm	Craft Group	
9:30am	Morning Prayers	<b>Tue</b>
		<b>12</b>
9:30am	Informal Communion	<b>Wed</b>
10:30am	Coffee Morning	<b>13</b>
9:30am	Informal Communion at St Johns Greenlands	<b>Thurs</b>
		<b>14</b>
9:30am	Morning Prayers	<b>Fri</b>
7:00pm	Bell ringing	<b>15</b>
8:30am	Bible Society, Big Story Huband Room	<b>Sat</b>
		<b>16</b>
9:45am	Explore	<b>Sun</b>
11:15am	Holy Communion	<b>17</b>
6:30pm	Evening Worship	

### PREACHING THEMES FOR TODAY

**9:45 am** The Big Story  
Living in Exile  
Daniel

**11:15 am** Isaiah 6:1-13  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Luke 5:1-11

**6.30 pm** Life Through The Spirit  
Romans 8:1-17  
John 14:15-31

## Rector's Reflection

In Ecclesiastes (1:2) Solomon writes “utterly meaningless, everything is meaningless”, or vanity of vanities. Now Solomon was king over Israel at a time when it was at its height. He commanded power so great that he could afford to do anything he chose. His fame spread far and wide, and all without Instagram, FaceBook, or snapchat. The Queen of Sheba travelled to come to his kingdom and see for herself all the things she had heard. He was wealthy beyond imagination, had a harem full of wives and concubines, had a strong army and had made numerous treaties with wealthy and influential nations around. Yet at the end he says, “meaningless.”

Beneath all the surface gloss, Solomon who had asked for and been given the gift of wisdom by God Almighty Himself, was an empty shell. God had blessed him with so much but he had nothing because he did not build his relationship with God. The truth is that separation from God, leaves our life meaningless, and empty.

People try many ways to deal with their need to be accepted, to feel significant and secure but they fail miserably. It is only in Jesus that we have life eternal, full and free. How would you explain to a non-Christian neighbour that ultimately fulfillment and meaning are found only in Jesus Christ?

For we are complete in Him,

Canon Garth Nathaniel

**World Day of Prayer:** The World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday 1st March. There will be two services: Emmanuel Church Town Centre at 10:30am and St Johns Church Greenlands at 7:30pm. This year the prayers will be for Slovenia.

**Wednesday lunchtime communion:** After consulting 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.

**Traidcraft:** The next Traidcraft stall will be after the 9.45 service on Sunday February 17th .

### “ALWAYS KEEP ON PRAYING” for:

**Juan Carlos and Penny Marces in Peru:** For Juan Carlos leading Jesus el Nazareno with general Diocesan responsibilities. For Penny with responsibilities for children's work.



**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, Christine Nash.

**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:** Winward Road Matchborough, Prestbury Close Winyates Green, Bushley Close Woodrow, Winslow 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 pray for The Salvation Army, Redditch, for the specific activities that have been planned, seeking God's will in the mission development plan and the difficulties facing an ageing congregation.

**Open Doors:** Open Doors are holding a Standing Strong gathering in Nottingham on Wednesday 13th February presenting an opportunity to hear some amazing testimonies about our persecuted church. If you wish to go and share the journey please contact: David Spencer 11:15 service or Telephone David on 01527 524491

**The Easter Story - A Passion Play,** St Stephens is currently looking for 30+ extras . Anyone who is interested can contact Elaine Whitfield on 07836 644445 and she will put them in touch with Indigo Arts who are organising the rehearsals and directing the performance. It will be a free ticketed performance at St Stephen's on Wednesday 17th April, doors open at 6 for a 6.30 start.

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