

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

Third Sunday before Lent

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S

17th February 2019

Collect for the week

Almighty God,
who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 for ever.

Today's Services

9:45 am Explore
11:15am Holy Communion
2:00 pm Baptism of Jack Derek Tongue
6.30 0pm Evening Worship

Diary For The Week

9:30am	Morning Prayers	Mon
9:45am	Scramblers	18
2:00pm	Craft Group	
7.00pm	Table Tennis	
9:30am	Morning Prayers	Tue
		19
9:30am	Informal Communion	Wed
		20
9:30am	Communion at St John's	Thurs
		21
9:30am	Morning Prayers	Fri
7:00pm	Bell ringing	22
8:30am	Bible Society, Big Story Huband Room	Sat
		23
9:45am	Contemporary Worship	Sun
11:15am	Morning Worship	24
6:30pm	Evening Worship	

PREACHING THEMES FOR TODAY

9:45 am **The Big Story**
 Jesus
 Matt 16 v 13-17

11:15 am **Jeremiah 17:5-10**
 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
 Luke 6:17-26

6.30 pm **Habakkuk:1-3**

Rector's Reflection

Dear all,

The snow drops are out and spring is around the corner. Another word for spring is Lent! And yes Lent is around the corner too.

The idea of 'giving something up for Lent' came from the season's origins as a time of fasting, in order to focus on prayer and grow closer to God. For Lent 2019, instead of forgoing chocolate, why not join us take up a new challenge, to focus on the Bible. Lent is an ideal time to focus on regular Bible reading. We all know from experience that it's easier to form good habits (and to break bad ones) if you share the journey with others. So this year we're giving you the opportunity to dig deeper into the Bible with a Lent Study Group, through a special eight-week study guide based on BRF's bestselling New Daylight daily Bible reading notes, edited by Sally Welch.

Our Lent courses on Tuesday noon with a soup and bread lunch, and Wednesday evening at 7.30 pm will be using this material to help us go deeper into God's Word as we study it together. The studies this year are being organised by Linda Nicholas and Elizabeth Mitchell, and teaching being given by other speakers.

Thank you to Jane Butcher who has made it possible for us to offer you copies of the Lent Booklets at half price. These are available at half price from Linda and Elizabeth. So do get your copies, whether only for personal study or to combine with the Lent Course.

Why not join one of the courses to inspire your journey in the footsteps of Christ towards Easter.

Every Blessing,
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.

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

"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 Glynis Horton and Janet Tegg

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: Ansley Close Matchborough, Kendal Close Winyates Green, Bengrove Close Woodrow, Leysters 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

We have been advised that **Maxine McGowan** passed away recently. She was for many years a loyal member of St Peter's in Winyates. Her funeral will be at Redditch crematorium on Friday 23rd at 11.45am. Please prayer for her family and friends.

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 - Passion Play. St Stephen's is currently looking for 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