

**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

Mothering Sunday

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S

31st. March 2019

### Collect for the week

Merciful Lord,  
absolve your people from their offences,  
that through your bountiful goodness  
we may all be delivered from the chains  
of those sins  
which by our frailty we have committed;  
grant this, heavenly Father,  
for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord  
and Saviour,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen

### Today's Services

9:45 am CELEBRATE  
11:15 am Holy Communion  
6:30 pm Celtic Communion

### Diary For The Week

9:30 am	Morning Prayers	<b>Mon</b>
9:45 am	Scramblers	<b>01</b>
2:00 pm	Craft Group	
7:30 pm	Table Tennis	
9:15 am	Ipsley Academy—Easter Service	<b>Tue</b>
12:30 pm	Lent study to include soup and roll	<b>02</b>
9:15am	Ipsley Academy—Easter Service	<b>Wed</b>
12:00	Funeral Of Shirley Butcher	<b>03</b>
7:30pm	Lent study	
9:30am	Communion at St John's Greenlands	<b>Thurs</b>
9:15am	Ipsley Academy—Easter Service	<b>04</b>
9:30am	Morning Prayers	<b>Fri</b>
7:00pm	Bell Ringing	<b>05</b>
		<b>Sat</b>
		<b>06</b>
9:45pm	Sunday Café	<b>Sun</b>
11:15am	Holy Communion	<b>07</b>
6:30pm	Evening Worship	

### PREACHING THEMES FOR TODAY

9:45 am The Passover with his

### Disciples

Matthew 26:17-30

11:15 am

### Mission

Romans 14:13—23  
Matthew 5:13—16

6.30 pm

### Celtic Communion

## Lent Reflection

### Places in the New Testament – wherever you are Jesus will meet with you.

Do you remember the first time you encountered Jesus and believed in him? That encounter may have taken you by surprise but what we can be certain of is that Jesus will meet with you in the most unexpected place, and it could be an experience just like the woman at the well had.

Jesus left his home town of Nazareth and was travelling with his disciples meeting many people in different places eventually they arrived in Sychar a Samaritan City, which, under normal circumstances no Jew would enter but Jesus was no ordinary person. Jesus went to the well and waited. This was a place he needed to be because the Samaritan woman he speaks to will testify about him to the whole town and in the end many Samaritans became believers.

At Lent study this week we read this story John 4:4-7 where Jesus asked her for a drink of water and he offered her the living water, he said, **“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again,<sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”** She had never heard of the living water that Jesus has offered her, no one had asked her about her spiritual hunger and thirst before. She needed to acknowledge her own guilt (that of having five husbands and the man she was living with now was not her husband) only then would she be on the road to getting rid of her sin. She would like this living water and asks Jesus to give her the living water. She knows that the Messiah (the Christ) will come and that he will explain everything to them. Jesus replies **“I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”**

Just like the Samaritan woman our souls hunger and thirst just as our physical bodies hunger and thirst yet we do not think about depriving our bodies of food and water so why should we deprive our souls? The living Word, Jesus Christ and the written Word, the Bible, can satisfy our hungry souls. We will be sustained by Jesus the source of the living water forever.

Blessings, Pam Butler

**Shirley Butcher:** A service to celebrate Shirley’s life will be held on Wed 3rd April here at St. Peter’s at 12:00 noon. Coffee and cake will be available from 11.15am -12pm and then after the service in the Huband Room. Please wear some colour, such as a scarf, shirt or tie etc but please wear whatever you are comfortable wearing. Family flowers only but if you would like to make a donation to Dementia UK there will be a donation point available on the day.

**Lent with New Daylight:** Please join us for Lent study . Tuesday 2nd April at 12:30am to include soup and roll and Wednesday 3rd April with sung worship and refreshments.

**This weeks study: Exile**—Exile in memory, Exile in Hope and God at home

**Readings to focus on :** Isaiah 51:1-3 Ezekiel 37:9-11 Revelation 21:1-3

### “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, Joanne Goodwin, Erica Dilger, Michael Hawkins, Mark Brunner, Imran Shergill, Christine Nash , Glynis Horton, Linda Grummet and Janet Tegg.

**The Bereaved:** Please pray for the families of Shirley Butcher and Jean Downes

**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:** Ledbury Close Matchborough, Illshaw Close Winyates Green, Hampton Close Woodrow, Atcham 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 all of the Easter services and activities that are being planned in the Churches across the town of Redditch.

**Messy Church:** Do you have any Lego pieces or base plates that you no longer need? We do not need Duplo as we already have enough pieces. Boxes of arranged kits are also acceptable. We shall be using them for Messy Church activities in the future. Please give them to Reg Moore or Rhoda Lingard. Thank you.

**Fairtrade:** Don’t forget the Fairtrade 40th Birthday afternoon tea in the Huband room next Sunday April 7th 4 - 6pm. All welcome. Invitations for family and friends are available in the Huband room, please take one and pass it on. There will be a Traidcraft stall as well as tea and cake.