



The Catch



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

5th Sunday in Lent

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S

7th April 2019

Collect for the week

Most merciful God,
 who by the death and resurrection of
 your Son Jesus Christ
 delivered and saved the world:
 grant that by faith in him who suffered
 on the cross
 we may triumph in the power of his
 victory;
 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.
 Amen

Today's Services

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

Diary For The Week

9:30 am	Morning Prayers	Mon 08
9:45 am	Scramblers	
2:00 pm	Craft Group	
9:30am	Morning Prayers	Tue 09
12:30 pm	Lent study to include soup and roll	
9:45am	Matchborough First School, Easter Service and activities	Wed 10
10:30am	Coffee Morning	
7:30pm	Lent study	
9:30am	Communion at St John's Greenlands	Thurs 11
11:30am	Funeral of Jean Downes	
9:30am	Morning Prayers	Fri 12
7:00pm	Bell Ringing	
		Sat 13
9:45pm	Contemporary Worship	Sun 14
11:15am	Morning Worship	
6:30pm	Evening Worship	
8:00pm	St Peters AGM	

PREACHING THEMES FOR TODAY

9:45 am **The Passover with his
Disciples**
 Matthew 26:17-30

11:15 am Isaiah 43: 16-21
 Philippians 3:4b-14
 John 12:1-8

6.30 pm **Leaving Home!**
 Isaiah 40:1-11
 Matthew 2:13-18

Lent Reflection

Lent study 4 - Exile: at Home or Away?

Have you ever had an experienced of exile? There are many human experiences that amount to exile. Might a baby, forcefully expelled from the comfort and provision of his mother's womb, feel 'exiled' in the big wide world? S/he is no longer 'at home' where s/he felt safe. Many peoples have been exiled from the places where they were 'at home': refugees from war, persecution, poverty; cast adrift.

In the Bible God's people were exiled for many reasons: Adam & Eve cast out of Eden, their home for disobedience. Judah and Israel were exiled to other countries where they were not 'at home' because of persistent unrepented sin. However Joseph's family went to Egypt, not because of sin, but of famine and spent 400 years in slavery away from home. Moses was exiled from his home into the Egyptian royal household in a God-directed move to restore his people to the Promised Land.

In all these instances God was in control and had made promises and prophesies to draw on, bringing hope of restoration. If we find ourselves feeling like exiles, be assured that the same promises are available to us: God is the same, yesterday, today and forever. If we sin, he is always open to our repentance and will restore us. However, life can overwhelm us and we wonder where God is. Be encouraged: during an eclipse the sun is hidden by the moon; and clouds may also hide the sun, but it's still there. Jesus knows how we feel and is 'at home' with us even when we don't feel him.

Like Jesus we are exiles: our home is in Heaven, we are not 'at home' here. Jesus exiled himself from Heaven to make his home among us; he was a refugee in Egypt as a baby, rejected by his own people and briefly on the cross was forsaken by the Trinity. Moreover, amazingly, God made, and by his Spirit continues to make, himself at home among us: Jesus promised to make his home with those who love him and one day we will be fully 'at home' with God – exiles no more (Revelation 21)

Blessings Heather Berry

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: To Calvary and beyond

Readings to focus on : Luke 18:31-34 The disciples don't understand

Luke 20:1-4 & 7&8 The religious authorities don't understand

Luke 18:15-17 The children understand

St Peters AGM: Sunday 14th April 2019 at 8pm , nomination forms are available in the entrance hall for DCC, PCC , Parish warden and Church warden.

“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, Emily Gadd, Jacqui Street, and Janet Tegg.

Prayers for a poorly baby: Please pray for Ira Dutton , Grandson of Jon and Di Veale who is very poorly and also please pray for his parents Tash and Ty Dutton

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: Munsley Close Matchborough, Cornwell Close Wirehill , Chadwick Mews Woodrow, Granby 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.

Jean Downes: The funeral of Jean Downes will take place on Thursday 11th April at 11:30 here at St Peters Church , committal at Westall Park Natural Burial Ground

Family Breakfast: Family breakfast booked for Saturday 20th April has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances .

Fairtrade: Don’t forget this afternoon, 40th birthday party tea in the Huband room 4-6pm. Friends and family very welcome.

Easter Sunday services: Easter Sunday services will be at 10:30am, one in church and one in the Huband room.



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
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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