



The Catch

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

11th Sunday after Trinity

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S

1st September 2019

Collect for the week

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 Summer@St Peters
11:15 am Holy Communion
6:30 pm Evening Worship

Diary For The Week

9:00 am	Morning Prayers	Mon 02
7.30 pm	Table Tennis	
9:00 am	Morning Prayers	Tue 03
9:00 am	Midweek Communion	Wed 04
7:30 pm	DCC Meeting	Thurs 05
9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Fri 06
8.30 am	Prayer Course	Sat 07
1.00 pm	Wedding of James White & Jennie Butler	
9:45 am	Contemporary Worship	Sun 08
11:15 am	Morning Worship	
2.00 pm	Baptisms of Aubrie Precious Baker & Amari Kydon Gonzales - Lloyd	
6:30 pm	Evening Worship	

PREACHING THEMES FOR TODAY

9:45 am	Summer@St.Peter's Moses: Wilderness to Promised Land Deuteronomy 29—34, Numbers 27
11:15 am	Stewardship 1 Humble Yourself 2 Chronicles 7:14 Eze 33:10-17 Matthew 6:1-8
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Sue's Reflections

Happy Christmas!

Last Sunday I celebrated a Christmas communion alongside 15,000 others at Greenbelt! We had Mary and Joseph, and a baby as well as kings arriving on real camels. Who'd have thought you would hear a Greenbelt steward say, 'Mind the camel poo!' We even had a disgruntled shepherd claiming equal rights for shepherds complaining that Matthew didn't include them in his report!

In reality, it was an ideal opportunity to celebrate the amazing event of the birth of God's own Son stepping from heaven to earth, without the trappings and worries of the season! No presents, cards, turkey in the oven etc... A time to truly focus on this precious gift, coming out of such grace and humility.

But, how can we deserve that grace? Every morning we wake up trying to start afresh, we berate ourselves for our failings for not being our best self, we try hard to be better people, to look better, to do better things. But what qualifies us is not our goodness; it is our humility that brings us in touch with God's grace. Knowing just how much in need of grace we are, we need to allow God to be God. Gods strength is perfected in human weakness.

One of the carols we sang was one we don't often sing, 'O Holy Night'. These words struck me.

*'A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn'*

In this weary world we now live in there is a 'thrill of hope' if we trust in the One who loves without caution, without measure or pre-existing condition, the One before whom you don't have to try harder anymore. You don't have to do a thing to earn it and that's why it's called grace - and it's **free**.

Blessings Sue Johnson

The Funeral of Basil Cottril is on Wednesday 4th September at 11.45 am at the Redditch Crematorium. All welcome

All Together As Kingdom People - Saturday 28th September 2019 , 9.30 am—4.00 pm at Worcester Cathedral. A day of talks and activities for all. Today we are giving out the programme for the day, if you intend to come please tick which activities you would like to do (spare copies can be found in the Huband Room) and give the sheet to Judy E or Linda. You can change your options later if you wish, diocese just need an idea of numbers. A coach will be available for transport, a sign up sheet will be available shortly.

The next Traidcraft stall : will be after the 9:45 service on September 15th.
www.facebook.com/groups/StPetersRedditch/



“ALWAYS KEEP ON PRAYING” for:

Juan Carlos and Penny Marces in Peru: For their final visits in the UK and their safe return to Peru.

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, Glynis Horton, Linda Grummet, Janet Tegg, Steve Thomas, Ramola Vasa, Heather Berry and Iyra Dutton.

Those who have died: Please pray for Janet Cottril and the family as they mourn Basil.

Our Nation: For our MP Rachel Maclean & the Government involved in Brexit negotiations, for our local councillor 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: Barford Close Matchborough, Newent Close Winyates Green, Bengrove Close Woodrow, Leysters Close Winyates

CPAS: Leadership: Please pray for the Revd Mike Duff who is the new CPAS Patronage Secretary, pray for Mike and his family as they settle into the Midlands

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: During September we are praying for Easemore Road Baptist Church. Pray for the Marriage Course starting on Wednesday evenings in September, led by Pastor Andrew Diaper. Especially pray for those who lead the course and those who will attend each week. Also pray for Open the Book as the school year begins



**Starts Saturday 7th September @St. Peter's, Ipsley
@8.30am**

Enjoyed the Bible Course? Then you must come to the **Prayer Course - an 8 week journey through the Lord's Prayer.** It will be video based and will follow the same format as the Bible Course. Join us for breakfast @8.30am and the course will run from 9 - 10am. Please sign up on the sheet on the board. Ask Sue Johnson for more details.



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
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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