

**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



18th Sunday After Trinity

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S

20th October 2019

### Collect for the week

Almighty and everlasting God,  
increase in us your gift of faith  
that, forsaking what lies behind  
and reaching out to that which is  
before,  
we may run the way of your  
commandments  
and win the crown of everlasting joy;  
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 Holy Communion  
11:15 am Holy Communion  
2:00 pm Baptism of Matilda Riley  
6:30 pm Evening Worship

### Diary For The Week

9:00 am	Morning Prayers	<b>Mon</b>
9:45 am	Scramblers	<b>21</b>
2:00 pm	Craft Group	
9:00 am	Morning Prayers	<b>Tue</b>
		<b>22</b>
9:00 am	Midweek Communion	<b>Wed</b>
10:30 am	Macmillan Coffee Morning	<b>23</b>
		<b>Thurs</b>
		<b>24</b>
9:00 am	Morning Prayer	<b>Fri</b>
		<b>25</b>
8:30 am	Prayer Course	<b>Sat</b>
		<b>26</b>
9:45 am	Contemporary Worship	<b>Sun</b>
11:15 am	Morning Worship	<b>27</b>
2:00 pm	Baptism of Sonya Gross	
6.30 pm	Evening Worship	

### PREACHING THEMES FOR TODAY

9:45 am **Contemplation**  
On Earth as in Heaven

11:15 am **Remembrance, Thanksgiving and Hope**

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5;  
Luke 18:1-8

6.30 pm **Evening Worship**

Nehemiah 8:9-18;  
John 16:1-11

## Rector's Reflection

In our world today we live in an age of distractions and electronic “noise.” That is why Jesus’ practice of withdrawing for some quiet time and prayer speaks even more to our need for calm and solitude.

Because of the increasing busyness of our lives and the stresses this brings about on our mind and body, people have a yearning for quietness and calm. As a result many are turning to practices such as Yoga, Tai Chi, crystals and Buddhism-inspired meditation as a means to shed the stress and restore a sense of balance and equilibrium to their life.

While there is a need for stillness, and the psalmist speaks to his soul and says, “In silent stillness wait my soul for God...” Psalm 62:5 *translation mine*. This stillness can only come by being in the presence of the Lord. When the Bible speaks of meditation, it always speaks of it in the context of meditating or waiting in the Lord’s presence. Sitting in His presence and meditating and communing with Him, leads us to a greater place of peace in our minds and subsequently our lives. Allow the Word of God to wash your thoughts and cleanse them.

Beware, Eastern practice of meditation which focuses on nothingness opens us to all kinds of other bondages because we bypass the natural defence God has given us against the devil’s attacks on our minds. The Bible calls us to come out from among them, and again, “let not these things be named among you.”

A Rectory Study Paper will deal with this subject in greater depth and scriptural support.

“Seek the Lord with all your heart...”

*Canon Garth Nathaniel*

**Churches Together in Redditch** are holding **24 Hours of Prayer** from 7:00 pm on Tuesday 5th November at Redditch Baptist Church. Information cards are available in the Huband room. To sign up for a 1-hour slot, visit [bit.ly/24signup](http://bit.ly/24signup) or call 01527 450444 between 7:00pm and 10:00pm.

**The Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal** is up and running again. Leaflets are available in the Huband Room, please note some of the instructions have changed since last year. You can also order a shoebox and contents online if you prefer. Please bring filled boxes to church by 3rd November.

**Messy Harvest** at Woodrow last Saturday was “More from Less”. We watched the Feeding of the 5000 told through Lego, planted bulbs and made fruit kebabs. We finished with a celebration and lunch together—fish fingers of course! Watch out for Messy Christmas at St. Peter’s later in November.



### “ALWAYS KEEP ON PRAYING” for:

**Juan Carlos and Penny Marces in Peru:** For more men to join the church and for the various courses they plan to hold.

**Those who are sick:** Graham Twist, 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 Jane Gray.

**Those who have died:** Please pray for the families of Hilda Russell and Dave Chart whose funerals have taken place over the last week.

**Our Nation:** Pray for our government at this critical time. For our MP Rachel Maclean and our local councillor Juliet Brunner.

**Parish Prayers:** Norton Close Matchborough, Cornwell Close Wirehill, Grafton Close Woodrow, Highley Close Winyates

**CPAS:** Pray for the hosts and keynote speakers at the National Larger Anglican Churches Consultation to inspire, encourage and equip the delegates who attend.

**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 October we are praying for Christ Church, Matchborough. Please pray for the members of the church and local community who are sick, lonely or suffering. We continue to seek the Lord as we prayerfully reach out in God’s love.

**Bonfire Night:** 6pm tea in the Huband Room, followed by a 7:15pm walk down to the lake for the Arrow Valley “Firework Spectacular!”

**Saturday 9 November 10.00 - 12 noon** Fairtrade coffee morning, Fairtrade goods and crafts with cake and drinks. A speaker from Tearfund will also speak at this event.

**St Peters Christmas meals:** this year will be held at The Southcrest Manor Hotel. Men’s meal—Monday 2nd December. Ladies meal—Monday 9th December, 7:15pm for 7:30pm. £14.95 for 2 courses, £16.95 for 3 courses, tea and coffee included in both. Please sign up on list in the Huband Room, £5 deposit required.

**Please see our R&R@SP calendar for more events.**