

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



Second Sunday before Advent

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S

17th November 2019

Collect for the week

Heavenly Father,
Whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen

Today's Services

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

Diary For The Week

9:00 am	Morning Prayers	Mon
9:45 am	Scramblers	18
2:00 pm	Craft Group	
9:00 am	Morning Prayers	Tue
		19
9:00 am	Midweek Communion	Wed
12:00 am	BCP Communion	20
12:30 pm	St. Peter's Pantry	
		Thurs
		21
9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Fri
		22
		Sat
		23
9:45 am	Messy Christmas	Sun
11:15 am	Morning Worship	24
2:00 pm	Baptism of Rosie Maxwell	
6.30 pm	Evening Worship	

PREACHING THEMES FOR TODAY

9:45 am Kingdom Generosity

11:15 am The Lion Roars

Amos 33:1-8;
Luke 11:29-32

6.30 pm Evening Worship
Daniel 6;
Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

Rector's Reflection

Dear All,

“For everything there is a season” (Ecclesiastes 3:10)—I am sure you know the verse well. We are all familiar with it, and yet it is so often misused.

People will often quote the verse in response to a bad thing that has happened or a hard time that you are going through. But if you look back at the verses in Ecclesiastes 3, a world is depicted that involves not only the bad but the good, “a time to mourn” AND “a time to dance” (Eccl. 3:4).

The passage goes on to say (and I love this!), that God has made “everything beautiful in its time” and that “He has set eternity in our hearts” (Eccl. 3:11).

There is so much more going on here than the mere passage of time with all of its joys and sorrows. Here, in Ecclesiastes, we find a call to something more, a call to rise above the everyday passage of time and to embrace God’s time.

Embrace God’s time? Easier said than done!

I can never plan a day and expect it to go to plan. Sometimes it feels like a roller coaster that has reached the first giant peak and suddenly life is all breath-taking speed and loops ahead! Culture itself is telling me it’s time to rush, rush, rush. It is also telling me to consume as much as I possibly can over the next few months.

But let us learn to slow down and to meditate in every way on the mystery of what God is doing in our lives. We need a reset, a paradigm shift, a way to slow down, for the Bible says, (Isaiah 40:31) “but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.” Let us learn to wait upon the Lord.

Canon Garth Nathaniel

Sunday 24th November 9:45am Service is our Messy Christmas service! Donations of toys will be collected for Birmingham City Mission. See flyer for details.

Barn Dance: 23rd November at Cookhill Village Hall. 7:15pm for 7:30pm start. £7.50 including a Ploughman’s Supper. Bar available. All welcome!

Christingle Service: This year’s Christingle Service is on Sunday 8th December at the Families@4 “Follow the Star” service.

Thank you to all who came to the Coffee Morning, the final total raised for Tearfund is £255. This will be added to by donations we hope people will make when sending Christmas greetings to church friends on the Greetings Tree.

“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, Heather Berry, Jane Gray and Kenny Morgan.

Those who have died: For Tony and Noreen Yardley on the death of his sister Eileen Louise Smith, and for Sue Johnson on the death of her mother, Shirley Murphy.

Our Nation: Pray for our government at this critical time. For our local councillor Juliet Brunner, and for the general election taking place in December.

Parish Prayers: Brinklow Close, Matchborough; Whetstone Street, Wirehill; Ombersley Close, Woodrow; Eyton Close, Winyates

CPAS: Pray for those taking part in the Flourish programme as they go on their first residential on Wednesday. Pray that they might become more confident in their leadership skills, enabling people to see where they can engage in mission in everyday life.

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 November we are praying for Emmanuel Church, Redditch. Pray for God’s guidance as they appoint a new minister to lead the church, as well as for guidance in improving their environmental practices to aid in the fight against climate change.

“Happily Ever After” pantomime by Duggie Dug Dug will be at Christ Church at 4pm on Sunday 1st December. Tickets are available from Judy Evans or Linda Nicholas. Adults £4, Family of 4 £10, Concessions £3

Messy Church: Last Sunday’s theme was Remembrance. We made poppy biscuits and created our own personal poppy wreaths. Our Messy Science experiment showed how oil and water don’t mix, but that opposites can be brought together if something else is added. Please continue to pray for us and remember that Messy Christmas will be at St. Peter’s on November 24th!

Blue Christmas: 4pm, Wednesday 18th December. A quiet Christmas service, especially for those living with loss at this time of the year.

