

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



Christ the King

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S

24th November 2019

Collect for the week

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; 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 Messy Christmas
11:15 am Morning Worship
4:00 pm Baptism of Rosie Faith Maxwell
6:30 pm Evening Worship

Diary For The Week

9:00 am	Morning Prayers	Mon
9:45 am	Scramblers	25
2:00 pm	Craft Group	
7:30 pm	Table Tennis	
9:00 am	Morning Prayers	Tue
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9:00 am	Midweek Communion	Wed
10:30 am	Coffee Morning	27
7:30 pm	Praise, Prayer & Healing Service	Thurs
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9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Fri
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		Sat
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9:45 am	Sunday Café	Sun
11:15 am	Holy Communion	1
4:00 pm	Dougie Dug Dug @ Christ Church	
6.30 pm	Quiet Meditation	

PREACHING THEMES FOR TODAY

9:45 am **Messy Christmas**

11:15 am **Christ the King**
Jeremiah 23:1-6;
Colossians 1:11-20;
Luke 23:33-43

6.30 pm **Evening Worship**
1 Samuel 8:4-20;
John 18:33-37

Rector's Reflection

Today we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. We celebrate Christ, risen, ascended and glorified. We celebrate the Kingship of Christ but what sort of Kingship is it? Luke (23:33-43) gives us a vivid picture to reflect on.

A picture not of kingship, power and authority. Instead of fine robes, a naked and scarred body. His crown has no jewels, only vicious thorns. Hands have no rings of power, just the nails which fix him to a wooden cross – no golden throne. No courtiers or servants surround him – just two criminals sharing his fate and a crowd of soldiers and horrid spectators who taunt and mock him.

But before we turn away from this ghastly picture of cruelty and humiliation we see the words “This is the King of the Jews” and we hear the voice of an unlikely believer: “remember me when you come into your kingdom”. Someone here has caught a glimpse of the glory that is hidden by the awfulness of this torture. And we hear another voice, the voice of authority coming from the defeat of the cross, “Today you will be with me in Paradise”.

This king meets our deepest inner needs, the needs we sometimes daren't even face ourselves and which certainly aren't met by the rulers of this world.

This King is prepared to suffer alongside us. He is not apart from us but a part of us, living as we do, dying as we will, but who now lives a new resurrection life. He welcomes us into that same resurrection life in his Kingdom where assuredly we will know the peace and healing we have yearned for.

This King reaches out to us calling us to offer ourselves to Christ the King and may we see what a difference this would make to our lives.

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

Churches Together Carols: 11am, Saturday 21st September in the Kingfisher Centre with a joint CTiR choir. If you want to join in as part of the choir, rehearsals are at Redditch AOG on Elm road on Tuesday 17th and/or Thursday 19th December, 7pm-8pm. Volunteers to play keyboard on the 21st are also needed. For either of these, contact Elaine Palmer-Taylor (AOG Minister) at elaine.redditchaog@gmail.com, or Heather Berry who will pass your details on.

Election Hustings: 7pm Tuesday 3rd December at Redditch Baptist Church.

“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, for Sue Johnson on the death of her mother, Shirley Murphy, and for Betty Wood on the death of her son Norman Wood.

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: Milhill Road, Matchborough; Danzey Close, Wirehill; Salford Close, Woodrow; Lassiter Close, Winyates

CPAS: Pray for the patronage churches around the UK, that their leaders will be equipped to lead healthy, growing churches and that the churchwardens and leaders of churches in vacancy are encouraged during this time of transition.

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 members who are hurting—those who are feeling the pressure of responsibilities for older and younger generations of their families, many who are living far away.

“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

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

Service of Praise, Prayer & Healing: 7:30pm Thursday 28th November at St. Peter's Church.

