

**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



Advent 2

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S

8th December 2019

### Collect for the week

O Lord,  
raise up, we pray, your power  
and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and  
wickedness  
we are grievously hindered  
in running the race that is set before us,  
your bountiful grace and mercy  
may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen

### Today's Services

9:45 am Advent—Love  
11:15 am Morning Worship  
4:00 pm Families@4—Christingle  
6:30 pm Communion with Anointing

### Diary For The Week

9:00 am	Morning Prayers	<b>Mon</b>
9:45 am	Scramblers	<b>9</b>
2:00 pm	Craft Group	
7:30 pm	Table Tennis	
9:00 am	Morning Prayers	<b>Tue</b>
		<b>10</b>
9:00 am	Midweek Communion	<b>Wed</b>
10:30 am	Coffee Morning	<b>11</b>
		<b>Thurs</b>
		<b>12</b>
9:00 am	Morning Prayer	<b>Fri</b>
		<b>13</b>
		<b>Sat</b>
		<b>14</b>
9:45 am	Advent—Peace	<b>Sun</b>
11:15 am	Holy Communion	<b>15</b>
6.30 pm	Evening Worship	

### PREACHING THEMES FOR TODAY

9:45 am Away in a Manger: Mary

11:15 am Advent Brings Repentance

Isaiah 11:1-10;  
Romans 15:4-13;  
Matthew 3:1-12

6.30 pm Elijah: Anointed and Stressed

1 Kings 19:1-19;  
John 1:19-28

## Linda's Reflection

**Psalm 66:7** *"He rules forever by His power, His eyes watch the nations"*

From the beginning, right from Genesis 1 the Old Testament proclaims that God is the God of all creation, the maker of heaven and earth, the life giver, the compassionate ruler who brings healing and justice to the nations. The Old Testament proclaims that God is the God of Israel, the covenant-making Lord who has called a particular people as God's own.

Psalm 66 forcefully affirms both of these central truths. In so doing, it shows them to be complementary elements of God's work in the world—not contradictory. God's work for and through God's chosen people serves God's work in redeeming all of creation.

So, let us praise God as creator of all that is, let's praise Him as the giver of meaning and value and grandeur to all that He brings. Let's praise God for being the friend of the dominated and vulnerable, who stands against oppression and in favour of liberation.

As we come closer to a general election this week let us remember Psalm 66:7 *"He rules forever by His power, His eyes watch the nations"*

Let us then pray for those who will lead, for the incoming government whose discussions determine the future of our land. For those in authority whose words are words that command and control.

Let us pray that God will keep His eyes on this nation that His will, will be done.

*Blessings,*

*Linda Nicholas*

**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 December 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.

**Please wrap up warmly and join us carol singing and handing out invitations to Christmas services.** Saturday 21st December, 10:30am in the Morrisons foyer and 5:30pm in Winyates Centre.

**"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, Erica Dilger, Michael Hawkins, Mark Brunner, Glynis Horton, Linda Grummet, Janet Tegg, Steve Thomas, Jane Gray and Kenny Morgan.

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

**Parish Prayers:** Cradley Close, Matchborough; Fernwood Close, Wirehill; Alexandra Hospital, Woodrow; Mordiford Close, Winyates

**CPAS:** Pray for Powerpoint, a series of events across Scotland as they enable youth to experience the truth of the gospel in a fresh and relevant way. Also pray for good use and development of the Church in Wales Evangelism Fund and for clergy and lay people alike to be inspired by the vision for evangelism, mission and outreach.

**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:** Pray for Radiate Redditch as they support those who are homeless and in need during this Christmas time. Pray that they might receive enough volunteers to help and that those who need support will find their way to the Hub.



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

**Thank you to everyone who filled a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child.** 14 boxes were taken to the pickup point and will make some children very happy!

**There will be a Traidcraft Stall after today's 9:45 service** for your last minute Christmas shopping (unless a grandchild chooses that day to arrive!)

**Please consider sending Christmas greetings to church friends by hanging a message on the tree in the Hub and Room,** and donating the money you would have spent on cards to Tearfund. There are gift tags for your message and a collection box for donations by the tree.