

**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



2nd of Epiphany

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S

19th January 2020

### Collect For The Week

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by  
the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
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 Isabella Elaine Daykin  
6:30 pm Evening Worship

### Diary For The Week

9:00 am	Morning Prayers	<b>Mon</b>
9:45 am	Scramblers	<b>20</b>
2:00 pm	Craft Group	
7:30 pm	Table Tennis	
9:00 am	Morning Prayers	<b>Tue</b>
		<b>21</b>
9:00 am	Midweek Communion	<b>Wed</b>
12:00 am	Holy Communion	<b>22</b>
10:30 pm	Coffee Morning	
		<b>Thurs</b>
		<b>23</b>
9:00 am	Morning Prayer	<b>Fri</b>
7:00 pm	Bell Ringing	<b>24</b>
		<b>Sat</b>
		<b>25</b>
9:45 am	Contemporary Worship	<b>Sun</b>
11:15 am	Morning Worship	<b>26</b>
6:30 pm	Evening Worship	

### PREACHING THEMES FOR TODAY

**9:45 am**                    **2020 Vision**  
Simon Peter: The One Who Is  
There  
*Mark 4:35-41*

**11:15 am**                **John: The Witness to the  
Lamb of God and Son of God**  
*Isaiah 49:1-7;*  
*1 Corinthians ??:1-19;*  
*Matthew 3:13-17*

**6.30 pm**                **God's Call to Repentance:  
His Love in Disguise**  
*Psalms 96;*  
*Ezekiel 2:1-3:4*  
*Galatians 1:11-23*

## Rector's Reflection

If God were to ask you and me today, "Do you trust me?" I wonder what our response would be? When Jesus spoke to Peter and asked him three times, "Peter, do you love me?" Peter was able to answer "Yes, Lord you know I do." I wonder if Peter was asked, Peter do you trust me?" what his response would be?

It is very easy to speak of our faith in God. We believe in a God who loves us and in a God who sent Jesus as a baby to die for us on the cross. It is not always easy but very doable to put our faith in God. But, and it is a big but, are we able to trust God? The French daredevil Charles Blondin tested the difference with his wheel barrow on a tightrope over the Niagara Chasm at the falls. It was easy to say that the crowd believed he could do it because had they not seen him do it. But it was much more difficult to trust him to get them across safely in his wheel barrow.

God says, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jer 29:11) It is easy to believe this, especially when he promises us prosperity and hope and a future, free from harm but can we trust Him to carry us through to the end of this plan? What happens when storm clouds break in? Like the disciples we are afraid in a storm tossed boat. "We are going to die Lord" God goes on to say, "Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord, "and will bring you back from captivity. Vs 12-13.

Learning to trust God in the deepest seas in the storms of life is far more difficult but exceedingly more fruitful than just having faith in the calm shallows

*Rev. Canon Garth Nathaniel*

**We are all praying for our sister in Christ Pat Hale who has recently been diagnosed with cancer.**

To save Pat from being overwhelmed, we have asked Pam and John Butler to be the main point of contact for this period. If you wish to visit Pat, please contact Pam or John first as unexpected visitors can be extremely exhausting for her.

**We are having the kitchen refurbished in mid-February.** We are holding gift days for this on Sunday 26th January and Sunday 2nd February.

**Parish Giving Scheme:** If you have received confirmation that the start date for your Direct Debit will be February you may need to do one of the following:

1. Cancel your standing order once the payment for January has been made.
2. Stop using the weekly envelopes when you have used the last one dated for January.

### **"ALWAYS KEEP ON PRAYING" for:**

**Juan Carlos and Penny Marces in Peru:** For their work with couples and with children and families.

**Those who are sick:** Pat Hale, Jenny Latham, 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, Kenny Morgan, Iyra Dutton.

**Our Nation:** Pray for our local councillor Juliet Brunner and for our MP Rachel Maclean.

**Parish Prayers:** Hatfield Close, Matchborough; Furze Lane, Winyates Green; Aston Close, Woodrow; Linton Mews, Winyates

**CPAS:** Pray for the CPAS internship scheme and their latest Ministry Assistants: Alex People and Jeremy Wardle. Pray that they may grow in God and be guided by Him wherever He may lead them. Give thanks for the many interns that have passed through CPAS in the last five years.

**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 that our government would seek to serve all people with compassion and integrity. Pray that all people, not just a small minority, would be taken into account, particularly as we continue in the divisive process of leaving the EU.

**The 2020 Flower Rota is now available in the Huband Room.** If you have sponsored the flowers for a Sunday payment can be given to June Wootton, Pam Butler or can be given to a steward who will pass it on for you. This should be done the week before your chosen date. Please also note that the cost of sponsoring a Sunday will be going up to £20 starting in April.

**The Alexandra Hospital's League of Friends is asking for donations of any dolls** (not Barbie type) dressed or undressed for dementia patients. All donations can be given to Judy Bainbridge. With grateful thanks.

**On Saturday 9 May from 12 noon to 3.00pm,** we are holding a plant sale and lunch for **Christian Aid Week**. If you are a keen gardener and would like to contribute to the bring and buy sale with seedlings or cuttings that would be great. Otherwise come for lunch or join one of the two walks that will also happen on that day. More information to come soon.

**Holocaust Memorial Day 2020:** Redditch Borough Council are marking the 75th Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz on Sunday 26th January at the Town Hall. The event starts with a procession from the Town Hall to the Holocaust Memorial from 9am, followed by an event at the Town Hall at 10am and a talk and Q&A from Holocaust survivor Mindu Hornick at 11am.

