

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



Epiphany

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S

5th January 2020

Collect for the week

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples
of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
Who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to
face:
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 Sunday Café
11:15 am Holy Communion
6:30 pm Evening Worship

Diary For The Week

9:00 am	Morning Prayers	Mon 6
2:00 pm	Craft Group	
9:00 am	Morning Prayers	Tue 7
9:00 am	Midweek Communion	Wed 8
10:30 am	Coffee Morning	
		Thurs 9
9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Fri 10
7:00 pm	Bell Ringing	
		Sat 11
9:45 am	Contemporary Worship	Sun 12
11:15 am	Morning Worship	
6:30 pm	Communion with Anointing	

PREACHING THEMES FOR TODAY

9:45 am **Simon Peter: The Rock**

11:15 am **Why did God reveal himself to astrologers?**

Isaiah 60:1-6;
Ephesians 3:1-12;
Matthew 2:1-12

6.30 pm **Who Do You Think You Are?**

Matthew 1:1-17

Rector's Reflection

Let me take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year. May the year 2020 bring you God's Shalom peace, may He guard and keep you and guide your steps in the way of His peace.

I have been praying and seeking the Lord's heart and direction for St Peter's in this coming year and I want to share the vision which I believe God has shared with me for us.

The first part is for us to get to know God intimately. Not just by what He has done for us, such as He has saved us, redeemed us, changed us and healed us, but by knowing His character, who He is, what His thoughts are and understanding His ways. In Daniel we are told the people who know their God will do great things. Jeremiah encourages us to boast in this fact

"...that they (we) have the understanding to know HIM, that HE IS the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth." Let us spend time with God and one another learning His ways, getting to know Him, His Character and His desires.

Flowing from this is the second part, PRAYER Jesus often encouraged His disciples: "Pray ye..." I wonder if our prayer life is largely reactive. Praying when hit by crises or troubles. Though God loves it when we take everything to God in prayer but His heart's desire is for us to know His mind and purpose and pray His will into our world. "Your Kingdom come, Your will be done..." Let us pray for our Nation that she will turn to the Lord. Pray also for the Word to be preached. When we know God we will begin to pray for His desires and plans to be fulfilled.

More to follow...

Revd. Canon Garth Nathaniel

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.

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.

Thank you to everyone who used the 'Greetings Tree' to send Christmas wishes to other church members and made donations to Tearfund. The total raised was £75 which, with the money from the Fairtrade Coffee morning, meant we could give £330 to Tearfund's Christmas appeal.

The next Traidcraft stall will be after the 9:45 service on January 19th.

"ALWAYS KEEP ON PRAYING" for:

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

Those who have died: Pray for the family of Malcolm Smith whose funeral was on Thursday, particularly for his wife, Val.

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 and Kenny Morgan, Iyra Dutton.

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

Parish Prayers: Easenhall Lane, Matchborough; Kingham Close, Winyates Green; Kingston Place, Woodrow; Blakemere Close, Winyates

CPAS: Pray for Christ Church Fulwood in Sheffield as they embark on a new adventure serving in the north of the city. Pray for the new church family to be united in the gospel, outward focused and missionally minded so that it can be a growing and faithful witness

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: Give thanks for those who have encountered Jesus through His people and His Church over the Christmas period. Pray for them, especially those you know, that this year might become a new beginning for them rather than an annual visit.



A Day Apart— "The Curtain is Torn": Cookhill Baptist Church are having a day exploring music and prayer as acts of worship at the Kings Court Hotel on Saturday 18th Jan., 10am-4pm. The cost is £11.45 to cover a buffet lunch and refreshments. All are invited. Please contact Rev. Peter Cook (01527 526513) or Keith Powell (01386 792175) by Wednesday 15th Jan. to book.

Dads and Lads—25 Years of Saltway: Saltway are celebrating their 25th anniversary by inviting you to an evening with David Barnett and Dennis Bailey, both former footballers for Birmingham City. This will be at Southcrest Evangelical Church on Saturday 11th January, 7pm-9pm. £8 for adults, £5 for teenagers (13-19). Please email saltwaymensgroup@gmail.com.