

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.

CONTACTS

- **Rector:** Canon Garth Nathaniel
Email: g.nathaniel@btinternet.com
Rectory: 522847
- **Parish Wardens:** Andrea Mortimer 524179
Judy Evans 404522
- **Church Wardens:** Judy Evans 404522
Linda Nicholas 451635
- **Treasurer:** Pam Butler 520051
- **Church Office:** Martin Handy 516351
Email: stpeter_ipsley@btopenworld.com
- **Pastoral Care:** The Rector 522847; 07949490265
- **Children's Clubs:** Church Office
- **Home Visits:** Church Office
- **St Peter's Pantry:** Jacqui 404287
- **Bell Ringing:** Rosie Humphrey 526153

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



3rd of Epiphany

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S

26th January 2020

Collect For The Week

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly
grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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 Contemporary Worship
11:15 am Morning Worship
6:30 pm Evening Worship

Diary For The Week

9:00 am	Morning Prayers	Mon
9:45 am	Scramblers	27
2:00 pm	Craft Group	
9:00 am	Morning Prayers	Tue
		28
9:00 am	Midweek Communion	Wed
		29
		Thurs
		30
9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Fri
7:00 pm	Bell Ringing	31
		Sat
		1
9:45 am	Contemporary Worship	Sun
11:15 am	Morning Worship	2
4:00 pm	Families@4	
6:30 pm	Evening Worship	

PREACHING THEMES FOR TODAY

9:45 am **2020 Vision**
Simon Peter: The One Who
Sends Me
Matthew 10:1-42

11:15 am **Lost and Found**
Luke 2:41-52;
Luke 15:1-7

6.30 pm **The Goal of our Faith**
The Salvation of Our Soul
Psalms 33;
Ecclesiastes 3:1-11;
1 Peter 1:3-12

Rector's Reflection

James, the brother of Jesus, is writing to a church that has been dispersed due to persecution. Even though they have fled Jerusalem, they are still facing countless challenges because of their faith in Jesus. The Jewish religious authorities hate them because they called Jesus the Messiah the Son of God. To them this is blasphemy and it must be punished, it cannot be allowed to exist leave alone grow. They would do anything in their power, even if it meant lying, to totally wipe them out. The Romans despised and hated them. They called Jesus, Lord, and refused to acknowledge Caesar as lord, but they also feared the Christians because they were such a fast growing community. More and more people were coming to faith in this man Jesus, who they called The Christ and worshipped as Lord. The Romans felt threatened and dealt with them in the only way they knew how: with the heavy hand of violence. The local population would often revile them because their refusal to partake of idolatrous and pagan practices and a refusal to live an unrighteous and ungodly lifestyle. The life of the Christians was difficult to say the least. Hated by the Jewish leaders, hounded by the Romans, and reviled by their fellow citizens. Social outcasts and often economic victims.

James says to them, "whenever you face trials (testings) of any kind, consider it nothing but joy." (James 1:2) Is he joking? NO, he is not! He recognises that through suffering we are perfected. Job suffered economic ruin, loss of family and untreatable sickness. Yet he is perfected by his suffering. Jesus promised His followers, "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matt 5.10 NRSV

Steel is 'proven' and tempered by being inserted into the heart of the furnace again and again and it is only then that it becomes strong and has a true edge.

Beloved, count it all joy. Trust God and await the fulfilment of His purpose.

Revd. 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.

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, John Knight, Iyra Dutton.

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

Parish Prayers: Garway Close, Matchborough; Flaxley Close, Winyates Green; Eastham Place, Woodrow; Linton Close, Winyates

CPAS: Pray for leaders of all ages in the Church, especially for those who are struggling to relate to each other because of generational differences. Pray for those mentoring younger clergy and for the teenagers taking part in CPAS' Growing Leaders course in local churches across the UK.

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 those who have started to attend church regularly since Christmas, that they might build a strong relationship with Jesus. Pray also that they might have the courage to share their new experiences with those who don't yet know Him.

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

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.

