

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



3rd Sunday before Lent

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S

16th February 2020

Collect For The Week

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth and you have made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.
Amen

Today's Services

9:45am EXPLORE
Leading: *Richard Sturdey*
11:15am Holy Communion
Leading: *Canon Garth*
2:00pm Baptisms of Emma, Owen, Joseph and Alexis-Marie
6:30pm Evening Worship
Leading: *David Hargreaves*
Preaching: *Heather Berry*

Diary For The Week

Monday 10th	
9:00am	Morning Prayers
2:00pm	Craft Group
7:00pm	Table Tennis
Tuesday 11th	
9:00am	Morning Prayers
Wednesday 12th	
9:00am	Midweek Communion
Friday 14th	
9:00am	Morning Prayer
7:00pm	Bell Ringing

Next Sunday:

9:45am Contemporary Worship
11:15am Morning Worship
6:30pm Evening Worship

PREACHING THEMES FOR TODAY

9:45am **2020 Vision**
Simon Peter: The One Who Forgives Me
John 21:1-19

11:15am **Don't Be Fooled, Change Is Possible**
Corinthians 6:9-20;
Matthew 18:1-4

6.30pm **Jonah—Salvation Is From The Lord**
Psalms 148;
Jonah 1;
Jonah 3-4

Rector's Reflection

During the 11:15 services I am leading a series of sermons entitled "The Primacy of the Bible." Over the last several years (and indeed decades) the authority of the Bible has been increasingly questioned and challenged and this is nowhere more evident than in the pulpit. Since the Garden of Eden the devil has always challenged the truth and reliability of God's word. He comes against the word of God in some very obvious and blatant attacks, as well as in some very subtle and insidious attacks. Even Jesus Himself, the Word of God, was tempted to disbelieve the scriptures or at the very least tempted to believe they are unreliable.

Recent events in the Christian church have shown how even Christian leaders and preachers are tempted to allow our own prejudices and culture to override the message of God's word. I believe the Bible to be God's infallible, unchanging, eternal and complete Word spoken to every generation and culture.

Paul writes to Timothy and tells him that all scripture is inspired by God, that God breathed into it. It is useful, or teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. In Romans 1:16-17 Paul states, "...I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes [...] For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith.""

In today's world where the devil still tries to steal the Word of God from the pulpit and thence from our lives, we need to become those who are convinced of the power of the gospel to salvation.

Recordings of sermons available online via my Facebook page, SoundCloud or on CD. Text of the sermon series available as Rectory Study Papers. Please do listen or read.

Revd. Canon Garth Nathaniel

Our Lent Course, "Talking Jesus", is starting soon! A sheet is available in the Huband Room to vote on which day of the week you would like it to take place.

We're having our kitchen refurbished later this month. So far through our Gift Days we've raised over £6,000 of our £18,000 target! You can still make a gift towards this through envelope giving or the bank. Contact Pam, our treasurer, for more information.

Feb 24th - March 8th is Fairtrade Fortnight so why not challenge yourself to see how many Fairtrade products you can use or consume during a day and maybe donate a small amount/item to Fairtrade Exchange.

The Christian Aid Lent 'Count your Blessings' booklets are available in the Huband Room. There's also a version for children. Alternatively you can find them on their Website.

"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.

Those who have died: For Ellie and Paul Sinfield, on the death of their mother, Monica Fieldhahn.

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

Parish Prayers: Binton Close, Matchborough; Hindlip Close, Winyates Green; Crophorne Close, Woodrow; Goodrich, Winyates

CPAS: Give thanks for the vision God gave CPAS 184 years ago for taking the gospel of Jesus to every door in the UK and Republic of Ireland. Pray that God would use CPAS to help Christians across the nations to continue to take big, courageous steps forward in sharing the gospel with those around them.

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: This month we are praying for The Bridge Church in Headless Cross. Please pray for mission taking place through The Bridge and for wisdom and discernment as they consider the church's vision for the coming decade.

Please pray for Pat Hale who is having her second round of Chemotherapy this week.

John and Pam Butler remain our point of contact for updates. Meals are taken care of for this week, but if you would like to offer a meal at some point in the future please contact Chris McLaren.

Messy Church: On Saturday the story was 'The Wise and Foolish Men.' Our theme continued with 'Following Jesus - Loving and Serving.' We made Rocky Road nibbles, heart-shaped sun catchers and a volcanic eruption! Please continue to pray for the friendships and relationship that are building and for the Christian foundations and teaching among those who come.

World Day of Prayer 2020 is on Friday 6th March. A service is being held at St. Leonard's Church, Beoley at 7:30pm. An earlier service is being held at Emmanuel Church in the town centre at 2pm. Please contact Lynne Davis for more information.

