

**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 Sunday of Lent

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S

8th March 2020

## Collect For The Week

Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error the  
light of your truth,  
that they may return to the way of  
righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted into  
the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things that  
are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are  
agreeable to the same;  
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

## PREACHING THEMES FOR TODAY

**9:45am LENT: Journey to the Cross**  
Journeying with Jesus to cross  
social barriers  
*John 4:1-26*

**11:15am You must be Born Again**  
*John 3:1-17*

**6.30pm**  
*Psalm 105;*  
*Jeremiah 7:21-34;*  
*John 6:52-59*

## Today's Services

9:45am Contemporary Worship  
Leading: *Richard Sturdey*  
11:15am Morning Prayer  
Leading: *Chris McLaren*  
Preaching: *Heather Berry*  
2:00pm Baptism of Jaxon Moss  
6:30pm Communion with Anointing  
Leading: *Canon Garth*  
Preaching: *David Hargreaves*

## Diary For The Week

### Monday

**9:00am** Morning Prayers  
**9:45am** Scramblers  
**2:00pm** Craft Group

### Tuesday

**9:00am** Morning Prayers  
**12:00pm** The Lent Course

### Wednesday

**9:00am** Midweek Communion  
**10:30am** Coffee Morning  
**7:30pm** The Lent Course

### Friday

**9:00am** Morning Prayer  
**7:00pm** Bell Ringing

### Next Sunday:

**9:45am** Communion  
**11:15am** Holy Communion  
**2:00pm** Baptism of Freya Austin  
**6:30pm** Evening Worship

## Rector's Reflection

*Dear all,*

Lent literally means spring, the season of the year which sees death change to life. Not simply life, dreary life, but life that is full of vibrancy, colour and sound. Quite simply put it is the season of a full life. As in the physical so it is with the spiritual. Jesus said "I have come that they might have life and have it abundantly." John 10:10 (NRSV) or in all its fullness as the NIV puts it.

In the Gospel reading for this Sunday the 2nd in Lent we read of Nicodemus' encounter with Jesus. Jesus speaks to him of the new birth, being born again. This new life is the result of the movement of the Holy Spirit, the very breath of God. In John 1 we are told "But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God." John 1:12,13 Born where the Spirit of God breathed life. The reason He did this was because He loved the world so much, that He gave Jesus, His only begotten Son, so that in believing we are born again into this new Life.

Next week we will look at the abundant life and discuss the obstacles to it.

Blessings,

*Rev. Canon Garth Nathaniel*

### The St. Peter's Electoral Roll is now being revised.

If you would like to be added to the electoral roll or change your details, please fill out the form which you can collect from the Huband Room.

### Please pray for Pat Hale who is undergoing treatment for cancer.

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.

### You can still make a gift toward our new kitchen through envelope giving or the bank.

Contact Pam, our treasurer, for more information.

The cupboards that were taken out have been moved up to the top-floor landing as storage for catering equipment. If you need to use these cupboards for storage, please ask one of the wardens.

**The Lent Course: "Talking Jesus" has started.** We are holding two sessions a week so that as many people as possible can attend. Join us weekly on Tuesdays at 12 noon including a light lunch or Wednesdays at 7:30pm, both in the Huband Room.

### "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:** Pastor Robin Baker, 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.

**Our National Health Service:** Please pray for NHS staff at all levels during this stressful time.

**Parish Prayers:** Ansley Close, Matchborough; Kendal Close, Winyates Green; Bengrove Close, Woodrow; Winslow Close, Winyates

**CPAS:** Pray for all those attending the "Leading Against the Odds" conference on Wednesday. Pray that everyone will come away with renewed courage and confidence for gospel ministry.

**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 Oasis Christian Centre. Please pray for Pastor Robin as he was admitted to hospital on the 2nd March. Pray that the doctors would have wisdom and insight in treating him, as well as for healing from the Lord for Robin.

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

1. Cancel your standing order once the payment for March has been made.
  2. Stop using the weekly envelopes when you have used the last one dated for March.
- If you have any questions, please contact Pam Butler.

**If you have not already signed up to the Parish Giving Scheme please make a note of the new address** to send your completed forms to effective from Monday 2nd March 2020. The new address is:

**Parish Giving Scheme  
76 Kingsholm Road  
Gloucester  
GL1 3BD**

**The next Traidcraft stall will be after the 9:45 service on March 15th.** Come and buy/order your Easter eggs. There are new catalogues available in the stand in the Huband Room.

