



The Catch



Weekly News sheet for St Peter's Church, in the Parish of Ipsley

Last Sunday before Lent

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S

26th February 2017

Collect for the week: Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross; give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Today's Services

- 9.45am Contemporary Worship
- 11.15am Morning Worship
- 6.30pm Evening Praise

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

9.00am Morning Prayers 9.30am Scramblers 2.00pm Craft Group @St. Peter's	Mon 27
9.00am Morning Prayers 10.00 am Mary House Group	Tue 28
9.00am Holy Communion 10.30am St. Peter's Pantry Coffee Morning 7.30pm Service of Ashing & Communion	Wed 1
9.30am Informal communion & coffee morning @ St John's 10.00am Little Miracles 7.30pm D.C.C.	Thu 2
9.00am Morning Prayers 6.30pm IGNITE 7.00pm Bell ringing practice	Fri 3
	Sat 4
9.45am Café Service 11.15am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evening Praise	Sun 5

PREACHING THEMES FOR TODAY

9:45am Series: **Our Identity in God**

Today: **Christ Our Cornerstone**

11:15am Series: **Men of Faith**

Today: **Jabez: Rising above your circumstances**

1 Chronicles 4 verses 9 & 10

6:30pm Series: **Paul to Timothy**

Today: **Advice to a young pastor**

1 Timothy 4 verses 11-15

Dear All,

This week sees the start of the season of lent. Lent gives us an opportunity to give special attention to our spiritual discipline. Can I commend to you the spiritual disciplines of prayer and fasting? As a person who loves his food, I find that the discipline of fasting helps to focus the mind on why I am doing it, which is to spend time in prayer and allow the Holy Spirit to help me in searching my heart so I can grow spiritually. Fasting is a biblical discipline where people were beset with the same physical challenges as we are today.

In Joel 2:12, we are urged “Even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.” (NIV) This then leads to the promise “And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.” *Joel 2:28,29*

Seeking the Lord with you this Lent, Canon Garth Nathaniel

Fairtrade Fortnight 27 February – 12 March 2017

This year the focus of Fairtrade Fortnight is *it's time to put Fairtrade in your break*. By buying Fairtrade food, tea and coffee when we are shopping and serving Fairtrade drinks here at church we support farmers and producers by ensuring their get a fair price for their goods. Take a break with Fairtrade this year!

Churchyard Clear Up on Saturday March 25th from 9 am. Help from as many people as possible would be greatly appreciated. Also DCC has approved work to be carried out to replace concrete mortar with lime mortar to areas of stonework on the exterior East wall of the Church. In the East end bay there are roses which will need to be removed. If anyone has a vested interest in these roses would you please make it known to Joanne in the office.

Advance Notice: the electoral roll will be revised from 11th March and forms will be in the foyer. If you have any questions please speak to Chris McLaren.

“ALWAYS KEEP ON PRAYING” for:



Juan Carlos and Penny Marces in Peru: Juan Carlos at Jesus el Nazareno Church and the congregation as they grieve the loss of 3 year old Tiago and Faustin (64) and for Penny and the appointment of a new rector at the cathedral;

Those who are sick: Michael Able, Lily-Mai Bishop, Ellen Davies, Kathy Eden, David Kollar, Barbara Sayer, Christine Slough & Sam - sister & niece of Shirley Butcher, Malcolm Smith, Alex Street, June Wilsnagh,

Those recovering from surgery: Chris Tilley, Ruth Melley;

For those who grieve: Rhoda Lingard and her wider family on the death of her brother;

Compassion: The Indian government has revoked the charitable status of over 11,000 organisations including Compassion India. No other support has been put in place and this leaves 1,000's of people abandoned. Pray that this situation is quickly changed.

Our Nation: for the Prime Minister, the government & Members of Parliament for wisdom as they prepare for Britain to leave the EU; for the security personnel who work hard to keep our country safe during these trying times; for our local MP Karen Lumley with her continuing health concerns;

Migration Crisis: for Alice (Hilda Russell's granddaughter) working with Syrian refugees abroad especially those facing harsh weather conditions;

Parish Prayers: Blakemere Close, Wolverton Close, Allensmore Close, Danzey Close, Garway Close.

- **Parish Ash Wednesday Service** will be on Wednesday 1st March here at St. Peter's at 7:30pm.
- **Lent Course** will begin on Tuesday 7th march at 12:30pm with soup & sandwiches at the start. There will be an identical course running on Wednesday evenings starting on 8th March at 7:30pm. This years theme is Growing Faith, Growing Witness.
- **Film night - Saturday 4th March - 7 pm start in the Huband room** We will be showing the film - Knight and Day featuring Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz. It has a PG -13 rating. Ice creams will be provided. Please bring comfy chairs if you want them!! Also social activities leaflets are now out with a variety of activities for everyone. Please do get involved, support these events and get to know members of your church family. There is something for everyone!

The Weekly Catch:



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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PASTORAL CARE TEAM:

9.45am Service Rhoda Lingard
Lynne Davis
11.15am Service Chris McLaren
6.30pm Service Heather Berry

If you have any concerns please contact the above and let Chris McLaren as team leader know as well.

HOUSE GROUPS

Tues am: Chris Tilley 528914
Tues pm: Linda Nicholas 451635
Tues eve: Judy Bainbridge
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Wed eve: Judy Evans 404522
For further information please contact the group leader.



Children's Activities @ St Peter's

Kids Zone twice a month in
St. Peters@9:45

Weekday Clubs:

- *Scramblers for 0-5 years on Mondays*
- *Little Miracles: twins, triplets and more 0-5 years on Thursdays*
- *Ignite for 7-11 years on Friday evenings*