



# The Catch



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

First Sunday of Lent

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S

5th March 2017

**Collect for the week:** Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we may know your power to save; 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 forever. Amen.

## PREACHING THEMES FOR TODAY

**9:45am Series: Do Lent Generously**

Today: Preparing to give God our best

**11:15am Series: Preaching Christ Crucified**

Today: Centrality of the cross  
Isaiah 53. 3-8 Mark 8. 17-33

**6:30pm Series: Learning from the good and bad**

Today: Rehoboam: Started bad, ended good

## Today's Services

9.45am Café Service  
 11.15am Holy Communion  
 6.30pm Evening Praise

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK

9.00am Morning Prayers 9.30am Scramblers 2.00pm Craft Group @St. Peter's	<b>Mon 6</b>
9.00am Morning Prayers 12.30pm Lent Course	<b>Tue 7</b>
9.00am Holy Communion 7.30pm Lent Course	<b>Wed 8</b>
9.30am Informal communion & coffee morning @ St John's	<b>Thu 9</b>
9.00am Morning Prayers 6.30pm IGNITE 7.00pm Bell ringing practice	<b>Fri 10</b>
	<b>Sat 11</b>
9.45am Contemporary Worship 11.15am Morning Worship 6.30pm Communion With Anointing	<b>Sun 12</b>

Dear All,

Lent is often seen as a time for giving something up. We can give up chocolate or some other luxury but of itself that doesn't achieve much, what matters is that by giving something up we make space to concentrate more on God. Our lives are so busy that we don't make time to think and pray; we are so occupied that we take for granted the many blessings we have received both spiritually and materially. So let's make time this Lent to realise how generous God has been to us and how we can respond.

A passage we might all reflect on is 2 Cor 9 vv 6-15, in which Paul encourages a spirit of generosity in the reader, for generosity doesn't only bring blessing to the recipients but also to the person who gives and results in thankfulness to God.

This isn't an appeal for more giving to the church, our generosity is not just about money it is also about giving time, care and love.

Stephen Mitchell

**Fairtrade Fortnight 27 February – 12 March 2017 – It's time to put Fairtrade in your break!** The future for Fairtrade producers who sell to customers in the UK is uncertain because of potential changes in international trade rules because of Brexit. If you want to support Fairtrade producers now and in the future, go to [www.traidcraft.co.uk/mpbriefing](http://www.traidcraft.co.uk/mpbriefing) to find out more and how you can write to your MP to ask them to make sure that the UK's new trade approach works for the world's poorest people.

**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.

**Skittles Evening:** 18th March at Beoley Village Hall, 6.30 for 7pm bring and share supper please £2.50 adults and £2.00 children. Good fun for all the family, all friends welcome

**Church Bookstall,** do you feel called to run the Bookstall? If so please let Sue Johnson know.

**“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:** 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:** Michael Able, Chris Tilley, Ruth Melley;

**For those who grieve:** Ian and Judy Evans on the loss of Ian’s Mum, Nellie; Rhoda Lingard and her wider family on the death of her brother;

**Compassion:** that the work done by Compassion and thousands of other charities in India can continue and the Indian Government will reinstate their charitable status.

**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:** Bodenham Close, Winyates; Ipsley Church Lane, Ipsley; Ansley Close, Matchborough; Kempsey Close, Woodrow; Gateley Close, Matchborough.

- **Lent Course** begins on Tuesday 7th march at 12:30pm with soup & sandwiches at the start. There is an identical course running on Wednesday evenings starting on 8th March at 7:30pm. This years theme is Growing Faith, Growing Witness.
- **WARM DAY** on Tuesday 7th march - 10.00 - 3.00 at Holland House, Cropton - Speaker: Rev Anne Hibbert (from The Well Healing Centre) Theme: The Healing Power of our Creator God, Cost £15.00 pay on the day Booking through Robert Latham or Richard Thorniley (See posters in the Hubband room) If you need a lift I have spaces in my car. Rhoda.
- **Gift Day - Advance Notice** We will be holding a Gift Day on Sunday 2nd April. We expect that we can then clear the loan for the Car Park. Once that is done we can begin to look at other work which needs to be done. Please take the time pray for the finance of the church.
- **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.

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.

### CONTACTS

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Notices for "The Catch" to: the office

### 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*