



The Catch



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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S

7th May 2017

Collect for the week: Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.
AMEN

Today's Services

9.45am Café Style
 11.15am Holy Communion
 2.00pm Baptism of Ava Rae Bennett
 6.30pm Evening Praise

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

9.00 am	Morning Prayers	Mon 8
9.30am	Scramblers	
2.00pm	Craft Group	
9.00 am	Morning Prayers	Tue 9
10.00am	Mary Housegroup	
9.00am	Holy Communion	Wed 10
2.30pm	Pastoral Care Team	
9.30am	Informal communion & coffee morning @ St John's	Thu 11
10.00am	Little Miracles	
9.00am	Morning Prayers	Fri 12
3.00pm	Wedding of Sophie Evans & Connor Gardner	
6.00pm	Ignite	Sat 13
7.00pm	Bell Ringing	
9.45am	Contemporary Worship	Sun 14
11.15am	Morning Worship	
6.30pm	Communion with anointing	

PREACHING THEMES FOR TODAY

9.45am Café style

The Lord is my Shepherd

Psalms 23

11.15am The Good Shepherd

Psalms 23

6.30pm Building the Temple

Ezra 3. 1-13

Ephesians 2. 11-22

Dear All,

Just as in the days after Jesus' resurrection, these are challenging times for followers of Jesus. When our faith is challenged, it is important to remember that God measures success not by circumstances but by obedience.

The Lord asked Baruch, the servant of the prophet Jeremiah: "Do you seek great things for yourself?" (Jeremiah 45:5). Rather than seeking "great things" for ourselves, we should seek God's will for today, secure in the knowledge that his will for us is better than our dreams for ourselves.

C. S. Lewis notes that God isn't looking to find the best "job" for us. In fact, God has a purpose for our lives, then He creates us to fulfil that purpose. God is able to use your life for future purposes you cannot imagine today. Will you let him?

Blessings,

Canon Garth Nathaniel

Bishop of Worcester's Peru Appeal: Following the recent flooding in Peru the Bishop of Worcester launched an appeal to support the relief work undertaken by the Diocese of Peru. As we had such a good response to the Gift Day we decided to contribute £500 to this fund.

Christian Aid Week 14 - 20 May 2017

This year there are plenty of opportunities to get involved with Christian Aid Week at St Peter's. These are:

Saturday 20 May **SPONSORED WALKS:** Worcester Cathedral to St Stephen's Church or some shorter walks along the route. Please contact Sue Johnson or John Legge.

Saturday 20 May **AFTERNOON TEA** at St Stephen Church. Please contact Heather Berry.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Please speak to Felicity or Lesley if interested in any of these.

- Bake cakes or scones for the Tea
- Offer lifts to a few walkers
- Street Collections
- Pray for Christian Aid's work with refugees

“ALWAYS KEEP ON PRAYING” for:



Juan Carlos and Penny Marces in Peru: Their work at Jesus el Nazareno, pray for those who are affected by the recent flooding and mudslides;

Those who are sick: Lily-Mai Bishop, Ellen Davies, Kathy Eden, David Kollar, Barbara Sayer, Malcolm Smith, Alex Street, June Wilsnagh, Chris Tilley, Claire Stearn, Betty Wood;

Those recovering from surgery: Michael Able, Cherry Gilks;

Those who grieve: Family of Brian Eaves, former vicar of Christ Church;

India : Pray for the many Christian agencies being affected by recent Indian legislation restricting funds entering the country. Pray that they may be able to continue their work in India;

Our Nation: For the General Election in June, for the Government now negotiating Britain’s exit from the EU;

Migration Crisis: For Alice (Hilda Russell’s granddaughter) working with Syrian refugees abroad;

Parish Prayers: Dolben Close, Winyates; Flaxley Close, Winyates Green; Ansley Close, Matchborough; Lapworth Close, Greenlands; Merevale Close, Matchborough;

CPAS: Their new initiative “Venture in Schools” starting in May as part of taking the gospel into schools, their work as a “Patronage Society” offering support enabling mission and training leaders.

Building on that successful day of 25th March we will be holding another work party on Sat 17 June from 9-30 am, when hopefully those who were unable to come in March might join us to continue improving the Church grounds.

Car Parking: Please ensure that you only use the 2 levels of designated car parking. Please do **NOT** use the spaces beyond the wall. We can also use the parking at GKN and on the lane. If you’re not sure please ask.

Summer Fun Day taster Saturday 24th June 2pm – 5pm

Attractions include: Afternoon tea, Barbeque, Bouncy castle, Guest appearance by Marshall from Paw Patrol, Free face painting, Free ladies nail painting, Open Church, Open tower, Treasure hunt, Showcase Church activities and much more.

Helpers welcome to organise table tennis, organise children’s games, to supervise on the day or if you have a great idea please speak to Linda Nicholas, Heather Berry, Judy Bainbridge, Lesley Barcham or Jacqui Street.

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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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*