



The Catch



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

Eleventh Sunday After Trinity

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S

27th August 2017

Collect for the week: O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity; mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 Esther— a girl who saved her people

Esther 2-9

11.15am Choices

Psalm 46

Judges 6:1-27

6.30pm Light of the world

Matthew 5:13-16

John 9:1-7

Today's Services

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

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

9.00am	Morning Prayers	Mon 28
10.00am	Open Church	
9.00 am	Morning Prayers	Tue 29
10.00am	Open Church	
9.00am	Holy Communion	Wed 30
10.00am	Open Church	
9.30am	Informal communion & coffee morning @ St John's	Thu 31
10.00am	Summer Fun Playgroup	
10.00am	Open Church	
9.00am	Morning Prayers	Fri 1
10.00am	Open Church	
7.00pm	Bell Ringing	
10.00am	Open Church	Sat 2
9.45am	Contemporary Worship	Sun 3
11.15am	Morning Worship	
2.00pm	Baptism of Katelyn Rose Russell	
6.30pm	Evening Worship	

Whose Voice are you going to listen to?

This summer I spent a week at New Wine and while I was there one of the speakers asked a question that has really stuck with me. "Whose voice are you going to listen to? In 1 Kings 18 and 19 Elijah shows he is the prophet of God. Elijah stands up to the prophets of Baal and God shows his mighty power by setting his sacrifice on fire. After this Elijah should be happy, God has shown that nothing can overcome him. But Elijah listens to the wrong voice, he listens to the voice of Jezebel who threatens to kill him. Elijah is scared and ran away.

This man who had just seen what God could do but was now so scared he was no longer listening. Do we listen to God; do we do what he asks us to do? Are we like Noah who built an ark in the desert or like Moses who brought the people out of Egypt to the Red Sea because that is what God said to do?

Or are we like Elijah sometimes we listen to the wrong voice and we need reminding that it is God we should be listening to. Once Elijah got it wrong God didn't give up. He sent an angel to give him food and water and to tell him to sleep so that he would be fit for the journey to mount Sinai where God meet with him again. God spoke to Elijah on that mountain not in the wind, or the earthquake or fire but in a gentle breeze. This summer whose voice will you listen to?

Catherine McLaren

Last of summer activities

Do join us for this brilliant train trip to the awarding winning geology museum and / or Barber art gallery at Birmingham University. Free entry to both. Bring picnic or eat at university. Meet at Redditch rail station on Saturday 2nd September at 11.20 for 11.32 train. Contact Sue Johnson 07881388900 if any questions.

St. Peters Open Church: We still need folk to help next week for Open Church. If you can give an hour or two to welcome our visitors or maybe help in the kitchen or the craft activities please sign up on the lists in the Welcome Area. This is a great opportunity for all who would not normally come into church to experience the special atmosphere and the presence of a loving God. At least 4 members have joined our church after attending an Open Church event.

If you are able to donate homemade cakes please write that down as well. Please pray for all who come into St. Peters next week.

“ALWAYS KEEP ON PRAYING” for:



Juan Carlos and Penny Marces in Peru: Juan Carlos as Diocesan Archdeacon and Pastor of Jesu el Nazereno, Penny as Lay Minister in charge of the English speaking congregation at the cathedral and responsibilities in AMA, (women's work);

Those who are sick: Lily-Mai Bishop, David Kollar, Malcolm Smith, Claire Stearn (Tony & Noreen Yardley's daughter), Betty Wood, Cherry Gilks, Joseph Breen (Lynne's Grandson), Chris McLaren, Tia Evans (contact of Garth), Nicholas Wilsnagh (Karen Hanley's brother), Kate Bainbridge;

Those recovering from surgery: Chris Tilley;

Those who grieve: The family & friends of Kathy Eden, the family & friends of Rev. David Rogers (former vicar of St. Leonard's & Rural Dean);

Our Nation: For our MP Rachel Maclean & the Government involved in Brexit negotiations, for our security services, working to keep us safe;

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

Parish Prayers: Eastham Place, Woodrow; Kineton Close, Matchborough, Cardington Close, Winyates; Landor Road, Greenlands; Flaxley Close, Winyates Green;

CPAS: Their new initiative "Venture in Schools" which started in May as part of taking the gospel into schools, their work as a "Patronage Society" offering support enabling mission and training leaders;

For the Alexandra Hospital– Staff, patients & chaplaincy team especially in view of the poor report from the Health Commissioner and the Clinical Commissioning Groups vote to reorganise services at the Alex, Kidderminster and Worcestershire Royal Hospitals;

World: For all affected by public violence & those dealing with the aftermath;

- **Cleaner Volunteers:** Could you join the rota to clean the church on Friday mornings? The number of people cleaning the church is getting less and more help is needed to maintain the church building. Please contact the office if you can help.
- **Family Table Tennis:** We all had a great evening last week. Four children aged between 9 and 12 joined the adults and they were exceptionally good. We plan on having another Family Evening in the October half term. John Butler was thrilled to win the 'Round the Table Tournament.'
- **The funeral for Rev. David Rogers** is at 11am on Thursday 31st August at St. Martin's Church, London Road, Worcester. There is a coach from St. Stephen's, please contact Rev. Paul Lawlor for details.

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
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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:

- *Little Miracles: twins, triplets and more 0-5 years on Thursdays*