



# The Catch



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

4th Sunday of Advent

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S

24th December 2017

**Collect for the week:** Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so that we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

## Today's Services

10.30am Morning Worship  
 3.00pm Nativity Service  
 4.30pm Nativity Service  
 11.15pm Midnight Communion

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK

9.00am	Christmas Communion	<b>Mon</b>
10.30am	Family Christmas Celebration	<b>25</b>
		<b>Tue</b>
		<b>26</b>
9.00am	Informal Communion	<b>Wed</b>
		<b>27</b>
9.30am	Informal communion & coffee morning @ St John's	<b>Thu</b>
		<b>28</b>
9.00am	Morning Prayers	<b>Fri</b>
		<b>29</b>
		<b>Sat</b>
		<b>30</b>
9.45am	Celebration	<b>Sun</b>
11.15am	Morning Worship	<b>31</b>

*Merry Christmas*

On behalf of Jennifer and our family, the Parish and Church Wardens, I would like to wish you and your loved ones a very joyful and peaceful Christmas. I pray that 2018, may be a year of seeing God's blessings enrich your life with His grace and truth. I would also like to thank you for your prayers and support during my time of recovery. I look forward to seeing you the New Year

Canon Garth

Dear All,

The true Christmas story is not about the tinsel, presents or the turkey, but about a God who cares for each of us and who gave the greatest gift this world could ever have – the birth of His Son. John starts his gospel “In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us”. To understand the meaning of what happened 2000 years ago we have to go right back to the beginning of time.

God created a perfect world and the pinnacle of his creation was humanity. Adam and Eve had a perfect relationship with God but were commanded not to eat from the tree of good and evil. However, they were tempted by the devil, disobeyed God and ate from the tree and their relationship with God was broken. That first disobedience is passed on through the generations.

At Christmas we celebrate God coming into our world in the person of Jesus Christ, something which had been predicted many years before and is now a reality. But if we leave Christ in the manger then we only get half the story. We also need to understand what Christ came to do. He led a perfect life, did amazing miracles, raised the dead, healed the sick, cast out demons and gave sight to the blind. He was nailed to a cross and rose from the dead to bring us back into a new relationship with Him.

If you know Jesus Christ as your personal saviour then this Christmas celebrate the greatest gift which has ever been given. If you don't – is there something missing in your life, a God shaped hole which you try to fill with other things, do you have a thirst that cannot be satisfied? All you have to do is come to God, admit that you are far from him, and believe in Jesus Christ. You can then receive the greatest gift of all – the past forgiven, freedom from guilt and shame and new life in Him. Revd Richard Harding

**Thank You!** A huge thank you to all the volunteers who work so hard behind the scenes so that the services and other events go as well as they do. Your dedication to St. Peter's is greatly appreciated.



**Collect for 31st December:** God in Trinity, eternal of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Diary for week beginning  
Monday 1st January 2018**

9.00 am	Morning Prayers	<b>Tue 2</b>
9.00am	Informal Communion	<b>Wed 3</b>
9.30am	Informal communion & coffee morning @ St John's	<b>Thu 4</b>
10.00am	Little Miracles	
7.30pm	DCC	
9.00am	Morning Prayers	<b>Fri 5</b>
9.45am	Sunday Café	<b>Sun 7</b>
11.15am	Holy Communion	
6.30pm	Evening Worship	

## **“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, Claire Stearn (Tony & Noreen Yardley's daughter), Betty Wood, Joseph Breen (Lynne's grandson), Tia Evans (contact of Garth), Nicholas Wilsnagh (Karen Hanley's brother), Kate Bainbridge, Chris Tilley, Val Cole, Andrew Johnson (Garth's nephew), Alex Street, David Vasa, Jenny Nathaniel, Barbara Sayer, Sheila Johnson;

**Those recovering from surgery:** Chris McLaren, Garth Nathaniel, Sam (Grandson of Erica Dilger), Felicity Melley

**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:** Easenhall Close, Matchborough; Kingham Close, Winyates Green; Kingstone Place, Woodrow; Larkfield Road, Greenlands; Blakemere Close, Winyates; Goosehall Close, Matchborough; Hollyberry Close, Winyates Green; Harpswell Avenue, Woodrow; Runcorn Close, Greenlands; Middleton Close, Winyates;

**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 serving the community;

**World:** For wisdom for all world leaders.

- **Coffee Morning:** The next coffee morning will be on Wednesday 10th January at 10:30am. Please join us for coffee, cake & fellowship.
- **Morning Prayers:** Each Monday, Tuesday Wednesday & Friday morning there is a short prayer meeting. Why not come along and join in?
- **New Years Day:** The Annual New Years Day walk will go ahead as usual. Monday Jan 1st at 12 noon. Meet at Wellfield Cottage, B97 5QG. 3 mile walk followed by home made soup at Sue's house. All welcome - even if it's just for the soup!!
- **Radiate Redditch Christmas Hub:** will operate from Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2017 right through to the morning of Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018; volunteers, donations and prayer are needed. More information available in the Huband Room or from Steve Mitchell.
- **Ellen Davis:** Ellen's medal has been found, obviously Ellen is very relieved.
- **21st January:** There will be a bring and share lunch after the joint service on January 21st.



**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 Linda Nicholas  
6.30pm Service Heather Berry

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

### HOUSE GROUPS

Tues pm: Linda Nicholas 451635  
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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:

- *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*