

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 IN ST PETER'S:

We have a very supportive Pastoral Care team. If you have any concerns, need prayer or someone to talk to or who can help you in a practical way please contact the Rector, Canon Garth Nathaniel, either by leaving a phone message on the office phone or directly via the Rectory.

HOUSE GROUPS

Tues pm: Linda Nicholas 451635
Tues eve: John Butler 520051
Wed eve: Judy Evans 404522
For further information please contact the group leader.



Children's Activities @ St Peter's

Godly play 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at

St. Peters@9:45

Weekday Clubs:

Scramblers for 0-5 years on Mondays
in term time.

Cool Zone

for 7-11 years—6:30 pm

Christ Church Matchborough

Youth Club 7:30 -9:30 at Christ Church



The Catch

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

Epiphany

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S

6th January 2019

Collect for the week

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only son to the peoples of the earth:

Mercifully grant that we, who know you know by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face;

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.

Today's Services

9:45 am Sunday Cafe
11:15am Holy Communion
6:30am Evening Worship

Diary For The Week

9:30am	Morning Prayers	Mon
9:45am	Scramblers	7
2:00pm	Craft Group	
9:30am	Morning Prayers	Tue
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9:30am	Informal Communion	Wed
10:30am	Coffee Morning	9
9:30am	Informal Communion at St Johns Greenlands	Thurs
		10
9:30am	Morning Prayers	Fri
7:30pm	Healing service meeting	11
		Sat
		12
9:45am	Contemporary worship	Sun
11:15am	Morning Worship	13
6:30pm	Holy Communion with Anointing	

PREACHING THEMES FOR TODAY

9:45 am

11:15am

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

6:30am

Isaiah 60:1-9
John 2:1-11

Rector's Reflection

Dear All,

A Happy New Year to all! What has God spoken to you concerning this coming year?

As I sought the Lord for this coming year in the week after Christmas, He spoke to me. Some were for my personal life and some were for the ministry in the parish. There are two specific passages of scripture I want to share with you.

The first is Ephesians 6:10-20; especially vs 12 "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places" and verse 18 "**praying** at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints," (*n.b. read the whole passage*)

The second is 2 Chronicles 7:14 "if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and **pray** and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

The common thread in these verses is **prayer**. I find that we as a parish are a very busy parish, doing a lot of things, involved in a lot of things, but in contrast we spend very little time in corporate intercessory prayers. Whether we like it or not, there is a battle going on in the heavenly places and we are being called to join that battle on our knees. And it is in the heavenly places that we have the victory in Christ Jesus.

People of God in this church and in this parish, this is a call to prayer this year. Will you join me?

Blessings in Him for this coming year,

Canon Garth Nathaniel

Bible Course - exciting opportunity to look at the Bible as a whole picture. This course developed by the Bible Society will be run in the conference room on Saturdays for 8 weeks starting 19th January. Sue Johnson and Richard Sturdey will be your hosts and you will be treated to a continental breakfast from 8.30am to 9.00am. Study will take place from 9.00am -10.00am. There is lots of interactive material and each participant has their own manual. We will be following the materials in 9:45 service as well but the Saturday sessions are open to all congregations and will offer even deeper insight. Please sign up on the sheet in Huband room if you want to take this up so that we can order your manual. A great start to the New Year!

Next healing service: Thursday 31st January at 7:30pm

www.facebook.com/groups/StPetersRedditch/

"ALWAYS KEEP ON PRAYING" for:

Juan Carlos and Penny Marces in Peru: For a good balance of time between the diocese and rest time. For pastoral care—visiting and administering, for alpha and the children's ministry.



Those who are sick: Betty Wood, Tia, Kate Bainbridge, Chris Tilley, Andrew Johnson, Alex Street, Peter Barcham, Joanne Heaselgrave, Sue Thomas, Joanne Goodwin, Erica Dilger, Michael Hawkins, Mark Brunner, Shirley Butcher. **Thank God** for Sheila Twist's recovery, in answer to prayer.

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

Migration Crisis: For the protection of people and an end to the human trafficking circuits. For those returning to homes and livelihoods destroyed by war.

Parish Prayers: Garway Close, Matchborough, Flaxley Close, Winyates Green, Eastham Place Woodrow, Barrow Close Winyates.

CPAS: This week we are asked to pray for CPAS Patronage Churches in vacancy to thrive and grow while they go through the process of appointing a new leader.

World: Pray for all those who suffer. That we may seek God's guidance and discernment to the various ways of how we can help.

Chaplaincies; Chaplains and Volunteers in Retail and Industrial chaplaincy in Redditch, Prison chaplaincy, and Hospital Chaplaincy. Padres to the Air, Army and Sea Cadets.

Churches Together: Please pray for the ministry teams across the town of Redditch, for all of the services and activities and the Radiate Redditch project.

Table Tennis: Do you want to be fitter in 2019? Try a very easy activity - Table Tennis. We meet every two weeks, all ages, all abilities and you will be most welcome. Tomorrow we have a Family Night starting at 7.00 pm (finishing around 9.00). Its great fun, lots of chat and laughter and a little bit of table tennis.

Tearfund: The Christmas Greetings Tree raised £114.70 for Tearfund which, with the £335.30 from the coffee morning, makes a total of £450. Thank you to everyone who donated

Traidcraft: The next Traidcraft stall will be after the 9.45 service on Sunday January 13th

Flower Calendar: Do you like to see flowers in the church? The new flower calendar is now available, if you would like to donate the flowers on a particular Sunday that may be special to you, please sign up to contribute £15 or why not share with someone else. Sign up sheet in the Huband room.

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