

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



Last Sunday After Trinity

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S

27th October 2019

Collect for the week

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be
written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest
them that, through patience, and the
comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour
Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Today's Services

9:45 am Contemporary Worship
11:15 am Morning Worship
2:00 pm Baptism of Sonia Gross
6:30 pm Evening Worship

Diary For The Week

9:00 am	Morning Prayers	Mon 28
2:00 pm	Craft Group	
7:00 pm	Family Table Tennis	
9:00 am	Morning Prayers	Tue 29
9:00 am	Midweek Communion	Wed 30
		Thurs 31
9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Fri 1
8:30 am	Prayer Course	Sat 2
9:45 am	Contemporary Worship	Sun 3
11:15 am	Morning Worship	
6:30 pm	Evening Praise	

PREACHING THEMES FOR TODAY

9:45 am Confession — Forgive Us

11:15 am Wandering without Restraint

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22;
Luke 18:9-14

6.30 pm Evening Worship

2 Timothy 2:1-7;
John 14:15-26

Luke 18:9-14 The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax collector

Jesus told this parable highlighting someone who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt

Two men went to the temple to pray, a Pharisee and a tax collector. The Pharisee could rightly list his qualities but unfortunately he regarded himself as better than others. Can any of us say before the Almighty that we are superior to anyone?

The tax-collector stayed at the back. He was conscious before God that he was a sinner and felt humble and unworthy before the greatness of the Almighty.

Are we shocked and scandalised by this parable or do we discover a Pharisee in our hearts too? Sometimes we just cannot avoid feeling morally superior and holier than others or even to a particular person, however much we try not to. We may feel we may tick all the boxes, *unlike others*.

The Pharisee is not actually condemned by Jesus. In fact, many of the things he does are good, however, his prayer is less acceptable to God because he trusts in his own righteousness, whereas the tax collector throws himself wholly on God's mercy. One is centred on God; the other is centred on himself. The Pharisee derives his satisfaction from the fact that he does not commit the sins that other people do. But what matters is not avoiding this and doing that, but rather handing oneself over to God's mercy.

We could humbly ask for light to see and feel the deep roots pride that we have in our hearts, and for the grace of real humility. We could spend some time just repeating, perhaps the rhythm of the publican's prayer that earned him peace with God: 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner'.

We should remind ourselves that God never tires of forgiving us, but do we tire of asking him for forgiveness?

Churches Together in Redditch are holding **24 Hours of Prayer** from 7:00 pm on Tuesday 5th November at Redditch Baptist Church. Information cards available in the Huband room. To sign up for a 1-hour slot, visit bit.ly/24signup or call 01527 450444 between 7:00pm and 10:00pm.

This is the last week to donate shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child! Leaflets available in the Huband Room. Some of the instructions have changed since last year. Please bring filled boxes to church by **Sunday 3rd November**. You can also order a shoebox and contents online if you prefer.

Sunday 24th November 9:45am Service is our Messy Christmas service! Donations of toys will be collected for Birmingham City Mission. See flyer for details.



"ALWAYS KEEP ON PRAYING" for:

Juan Carlos and Penny Marces in Peru: For more men to join the church and for the various courses they plan to hold.

Those who are sick: Graham Twist, Betty Wood, Tia, Kate Bainbridge, Chris Tilley, Andrew Johnson, Alex Street, Peter Barcham, Joanne Heaselgrave, Joanne Goodwin, Erica Dilger, Michael Hawkins, Mark Brunner, Glynis Horton, Linda Grummet, Janet Tegg, Steve Thomas, Heather Berry, Jane Gray and Kenny Morgan.

Our Nation: Pray for our government at this critical time. For our MP Rachel Maclean and our local councillor Juliet Brunner.

Parish Prayers: Allensmore Close, Matchborough; Batsford Close, Wirehill; Tredington Close, Woodrow; Edgmond Close, Winyates

CPAS: Pray for those leading and attending the Buck Stops Here conference, particularly that the clergy attending might be able to take what they have learned and use it to benefit the areas in which they serve.

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: During October we are praying for Christ Church, Matchborough. Please pray for the members of the church and local community who are sick, lonely or suffering. We continue to seek the Lord as we prayerfully reach out in God's love.

Bonfire Night, 5th November: 6pm tea in the Huband Room, followed by a 7:15pm walk down to the lake for the Arrow Valley "Firework Spectacular!"

Saturday 9 November 10.00 - 12 noon: Fairtrade coffee morning, Fairtrade goods and crafts with cake and drinks. A speaker from Tearfund will also speak at this event.

"Happily Ever After" pantomime by Duggie Dug Dug will be at Christ Church at 4pm on Sunday 1st December. Tickets will be available shortly.

St Peters Christmas meals: this year will be held at The Southcrest Manor Hotel. Men's meal—Monday 2nd December. Ladies meal—Monday 9th December, 7:15pm for 7:30pm. £14.95 for 2 courses, £16.95 for 3 courses, tea and coffee included in both. Please sign up on list in the Huband Room, £5 deposit required.

The Tearfund Quiz raised £235! Thanks to all who took part and who made cakes!