

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



Candlemas

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S

2nd February 2020

Collect For The Week

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day
presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
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 Café Service
11:15 am Holy Communion
4:00 pm Families@4
6:30 pm Evening Worship

Diary For The Week

9:00 am	Morning Prayers	Mon 3
9:45 am	Scramblers	
2:00 pm	Craft Group	
7:30 pm	Table Tennis	
9:00 am	Morning Prayers	Tue 4
9:00 am	Midweek Communion	Wed 5
7:30 pm	DCC Meeting	Thurs 6
9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Fri 7
4:30 pm	CYD Room Booking	
7:00 pm	Bell Ringing	
8:15 am - 4:30pm	CYD Room Booking	Sat 8
9:45 am	Contemporary Worship	Sun 9
11:15 am	Morning Worship	
4:00 pm	Baptism of Matilda Fereday	
6:30 pm	Communion with Anointing	

PREACHING THEMES FOR TODAY

9:45 am **2020 Vision**
Simon Peter: The One Who
Tests Me
Matthew 14:25-32

11:15 am **Light of Jesus Revealed**
Malachi 3:1-5;
Hebrews 2:14-18;
Luke 2:22-40

6.30 pm **Candlemas**
Malachi 3:1-5;
Luke 2:22-40

Rector's Reflection

Candlemas, the feast celebrating the presentation of Christ in the temple. Officially in the Church calendar this feast ends the Christmas season.

Mary and Joseph bring Jesus into the temple to fulfil the righteousness of the law by presenting Him together with a prescribed offering. This offering was a redemption price to buy back their "son" who belonged to Yahweh.

In the temple they met Simeon who was a man filled with the Spirit and waiting for the coming of the Messiah. God's promise to him was that he would not taste death till he saw the Lord's anointed one. Guided by the Holy Spirit, Simeon came to the temple and when he saw Jesus and reached out and held Him. He then spoke the words that revealed Jesus as the saviour of the world. "My eyes have seen your salvation" he said.

Consider the parallels with Jesus' baptism. When He entered the waters of baptism he did it to fulfil the righteousness of the law. John who was baptising Him, in other words holding him under the water spoke this testimony, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."

Consider another momentous event. The scene is the mount called Calvary. Jesus the Saviour of the world, the Lamb of God hangs there dying we are told, as the sacrifice for our sins. The testimony this time as the centurion who witnessed His death gave this statement, "Truly this was the Son of God." Matt 27.54

Today when Jesus comes into our lives to fulfil the law of righteousness, what testimony do you think you will be able to give of Him? We point to Jesus who is our Saviour and redeemer. May the righteousness of Jesus be fulfilled in me and in you. May our testimony flow in praise of Him.

Revd. Canon Garth Nathaniel

We are all praying for our sister in Christ Pat Hale who has recently been diagnosed with cancer.

To save Pat from being overwhelmed, we have asked Pam and John Butler to be the main point of contact for this period. If you wish to visit Pat, please contact Pam or John first as unexpected visitors can be extremely exhausting for her.

Parish Giving Scheme: If you have received confirmation that the start date for your Direct Debit will be March you may need to do one of the following:

1. Cancel your standing order once the payment for February has been made.
 2. Stop using the weekly envelopes when you have used the last one dated for February.
- If you have any questions, please contact Pam Butler.

"ALWAYS KEEP ON PRAYING" for:

Juan Carlos and Penny Marces in Peru: For their work with couples and with children and families.

Those who are sick: Pat Hale, Jenny Latham, Graham Twist, Betty Wood, Tia, Kate Bainbridge, Chris Tilley, Andrew Johnson, Alex Street, Peter Barcham, Joanne Heaselgrave, Erica Dilger, Michael Hawkins, Mark Brunner, Glynis Horton, Linda Grummet, Janet Tegg, Steve Thomas, Jane Gray, Kenny Morgan, John Knight, Iyra Dutton.

Our Nation: Pray for our local councillor Juliet Brunner and for our MP Rachel Maclean.

Parish Prayers: Felton Close, Matchborough; Gateley Close, Winyates Green; Eckington Close, Woodrow; Barrow Close, Winyates

CPAS: Pray for leaders of all ages in the Church, especially for those who are struggling to relate to each other because of generational differences. Pray for those mentoring younger clergy and for the teenagers taking part in CPAS' Growing Leaders course in local churches across the UK.

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: Give thanks for the season of Advent and Christmas which has seen the church community working closely together in mission and outreach, allowing hundreds of young people and adults to hear the Christmas story in many different ways.

We are having the kitchen refurbished in mid-February. We are holding a gift days for this on Sunday 2nd February.

World Day of Prayer 2020 is on Friday 6th March. A service is being held at St. Leonard's Church, Beoley at 7:30pm. An earlier service is being held at Emmanuel Church in the town centre at 2pm.

The 2020 Flower Rota is now available in the Huband Room. If you have sponsored the flowers for a Sunday payment can be given to June Wootton, Pam Butler or can be given to a steward who will pass it on for you. This should be done the week before your chosen date. Please also note that the cost of sponsoring a Sunday will be going up to £20 starting in April.

On **Saturday 9 May from 12 noon to 3.00pm**, we are holding a plant sale and lunch for **Christian Aid Week**. If you are a keen gardener and would like to contribute to the bring and buy sale with seedlings or cuttings that would be great. Otherwise come for lunch or join one of the two walks that will also happen on that day. More information to come soon.

