

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



4th Sunday before Lent

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S

9th February 2020

Collect For The Week

Eternal God,
whose Son went among the crowds
and brought healing with his touch:
help us to show his love,
in your Church as we gather together,
and by our lives as they are transformed
into the image of Christ our Lord.

Amen

Today's Services

9:45 am Contemporary Worship
Leading: *Richard Sturdey*
11:15 am Morning Worship
Leading: *Chris McLaren*
Preaching: *Canon Garth*
2:00 pm Baptism of Matilda Fereday
6:30 pm Communion with Anointing
Leading: *Canon Garth*
Preaching: *Pam Butler*

Diary For The Week

Mon 10th

9:00am Morning Prayers
9:45am Scramblers
2:00pm Craft Group
7:30pm Blue Monday Bell Ringing

Tues 11th

9:00am Morning Prayers

Weds 12th

9:00am Midweek Communion

Fri 14th

9:00am Morning Prayer
7:00pm Bell Ringing

Next Sunday:

9:45am EXPLORE
11:15am Holy Communion
6:30pm Evening Worship

PREACHING THEMES FOR TODAY

9:45 am **2020 Vision**
Simon Peter: The One Who
Humbles Me
Matthew 16:13-17:13

11:15 am **Loving Clarity to a Confused World**
Romans 1:18-32;
John 8:1-11

6.30 pm **The Unexpected Calling of Ananias**
Psalms 4;
Acts 9:10-19;
Mark 5:21-24, 38-42

Rector's Reflection

We don't like to wait patiently for God's answers to our prayers. Many Christians think that God should instantly answer us. Our flesh, like our culture, wants instant gratification. However God works out His will in our lives and shapes us through the process of His delay. If I can put it another way, if it is better for us to receive a quick answer to our prayers then God will definitely give it to us. Yet we need to understand that "better for us" does not necessarily mean physically beneficial to us as much as spiritually beneficial.

The Lord is always interested in growing or maturing us in our faith – bringing about the things in our lives that prepare us to be more like Jesus. So if an answer to our prayer is immediate, it is for our benefit. In the same way, we need to understand that when God delays answering our prayer it is to our benefit both spiritually and physically or materially.

Don't be discouraged and don't give up. In order for our faith to grow it must be tried and tested, before we see God bring deliverance and bring about His will.

God uses delays so others can observe your walk with the Lord over time. One of the greatest witnesses for Christ is when people see how a believer responds to a difficulty in his or her life! If they see you patiently waiting on God – filled with peace as you endure the trial – it helps them see that what you have in Christ is real!

Rev. 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.

If you would like to help out by cooking a meal for Pat and Dave, please contact Chris McLaren.

Our Lent Course, "Talking Jesus", is starting soon! A sheet is available in the Huband Room to vote on which day of the week you would like it to take place.

The next Traidcraft Stall will be after the 9:45 service on February 16th.

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.

Those who have died: For Ellie and Paul Sinfield, on the death of their mother, Monica Fieldhahn.

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

Parish Prayers: Cherington Close, Matchborough; Jays Close, Winyates Green; Doverdale Close, Woodrow; Cardington 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.

We're having our kitchen refurbished later this month. So far through our Gift Days we've raised over £6,000 of our £18,000 target! You can still make a gift towards this through envelope giving or the bank. Contact Pam, our treasurer, for more information.

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. Please contact Lynne Davis for more information.

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 Sue Coley, 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**, the Trade Justice Group 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.

