



The Catch



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

1st Sunday of Lent

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S

1st March 2020

Collect For The Week

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days
in the wilderness, and was tempted as
we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in
obedience to you Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power save;
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 for ever.
Amen

PREACHING THEMES FOR TODAY

9:45am LENT: Journey to the Cross
Journeying with Jesus to a
Wedding
John 2:1-11

**11:15am Death Through Adam
Life Through Christ**
*Genesis 2:15-1, 3:1-7;
Romans 5:12-19;
Matthew 4:1-11*

6.30pm
*Psalms 50:1-15;
Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 16-25;
Luke 15:1-10*

Today's Services

9:45am Café Service
Leading: *Richard Morrell*
11:15am Holy Communion
Leading: *Canon Garth*
Preaching: *Linda Nicholas*
4:00pm Families@4
6:30pm Evening Worship
Leading: *Pam Butler*
Preaching: *Phil Wilson*

Diary For The Week

Monday 2nd

9:00am Morning Prayers
9:45am Scramblers
2:00pm Craft Group
7:00pm Table Tennis

Tuesday 3rd

9:00am Morning Prayers

Wednesday 5th

9:00am Midweek Communion

Friday 7th

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

Next Sunday:

9:45am Contemporary Worship
11:15am Morning Prayer
2:00pm Baptism of Jaxon Moss
6:30pm Communion with Anointing

Rector's Reflection

Dear all,

As Adam and Eve walked in the garden caring for the plants and the animals and each other, their cup of joy was full. God would walk with them in the cool of the day. I wonder what they talked about? Maybe they just walked in silence experiencing the deep love of God for them? They were responding to His love. For His part God would enjoy the fellowship and friendship they offered of their own free will and it was received by Him with great joy.

Then temptation struck. It appealed to their natural inclination to inquisitiveness, the desire to taste more. It came with other dark thoughts and suspicions about God. What else was He hiding from them if what the serpent said was true? They had a choice whether or not to believe God, who they had spent many long hours over their lifetime with. The very moment they made the bad decision to choose to doubt God's word and His promises, that relationship became flawed. In the mesmerising eyes of the serpent and seductive lies of its mouth they lost the sight of the beauty of the creator of the world Himself. In that moment they lost the reflection of the glory of the Lord and no longer reflected the light of His presence. They saw themselves naked and vulnerable. They could not even recognise the image of The One engraved on them. How could He ever forgive this betrayal?

It took the Word of God becoming flesh like them to show that their frail flesh could once again hold the glory of God's presence and experience His graceful, loving forgiveness with the fullness of His presence. This Lent spend time with the God who came to redeem you, learn to get to know Him better and allow yourself to experience and own His loving gaze on you.

In Christ,

Revd. Canon Garth Nathaniel

Several switches have been interfered with resulting in heating not coming on at appropriate times. If you do need to switch something on or off, please return it to how it was found or let someone know. If you are unsure of which switches do what please ask the Churchwardens or a member of the Buildings Management Committee.

Our new kitchen is finished! You can still make a gift toward it through envelope giving or the bank. Contact Pam, our treasurer, for more information.

The cupboards that were taken out have been moved up to the top-floor landing as storage for catering equipment. If you need to use these cupboards for storage, please ask one of the wardens.



“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: Winward Close, Matchborough; Prestbury Close, Winyates Green; Bushley Close, Woodrow; Tillington Close, Winyates

CPAS: Pray for all those attending the “Leading Against the Odds” conference on Wednesday. Pray that everyone will come away with renewed courage and confidence for gospel ministry.

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: This month we are praying for Oasis Christian Centre, particularly for Pastor Robin as he is on his sabbatical at the moment. Please pray that he might come back refreshed and also for Pastor Rachel, Pastor Josh and the other leaders as they lead the church while Pastor Robin is away.

The Lent Course: “Talking Jesus” starts on Tuesday! We are holding two sessions a week so that as many people as possible can attend. Join us weekly on Tuesdays at 12 noon including a light lunch or Wednesdays at 7:30pm, both in the Huband Room.

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

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

If you have not already signed up to the Parish Giving Scheme please make a note of the new address to send your completed forms to effective from Monday 2nd March 2020. The new address is:

**Parish Giving Scheme
76 Kingsholm Road
Gloucester
GL1 3BD**



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

Additional Notices

Feb 24th - March 8th is Fairtrade Fortnight so why not challenge yourself to see how many Fairtrade products you can use or consume during a day and maybe donate a small amount/item to Fairtrade Exchange.

The Christian Aid Lent 'Count your Blessings' booklets are available in the Huband Room. There's also a version for children. Alternatively you can find them on their Website.

Fairtrade Easter eggs: As Easter is fast approaching please consider giving Fairtrade eggs, there are a range of options in the new catalogue, available in the Huband Room. Please let Felicity know what you'd like to order ASAP as they usually run out of some varieties quite quickly.

Churches Together in Redditch are holding an Open Gathering at 7:30pm on Monday 2nd March at Redditch Assemblies of God Church. This is an opportunity for all church members and leaders in CTiR to meet together for worship, prayer, fellowship and food.

Christian Aid Week 10-16 May 2020: As well as the bring and buy plant sale and lunch on Saturday 9 May there will also be two walks on the same day, a longer morning walk of about 8-10 miles and a shorter afternoon walk of about 4-5 miles. Both walks start and finish at church so you can enjoy the lunch and plants before or after your walk. More details will be available soon. For more information please chat to Felicity, John Legge, Lesley and Judy Bainbridge.

Please pray for Pat Hale who is undergoing treatment for cancer.

John and Pam Butler remain our point of contact for updates. Meals are taken care of for this week, but if you would like to offer a meal at some point in the future please contact Chris McLaren.