

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
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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

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Presentation of Christ in the
Temple

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S

3rd February 2019

Today's Services

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

Diary For The Week

9:30am	Morning Prayers	Mon
9:45am	Scramblers	04
2:00pm	Craft Group	
7:30pm	Table Tennis	
9:30am	Morning Prayers	Tue
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9:30am	Informal Communion	Wed
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9:30am	Informal Communion at St Johns Greenlands	Thurs
7:30pm	St Peters DCC	07
9:30am	Morning Prayers	Fri
7:00pm	Bell ringing	08
8:30am	Bible Society, Big Story Conference Room	Sat
		09
9:45am	Contemporary Worship	Sun
11:15am	Morning Worship	10
6:30pm	Communion with Anointing	

Collect for the week

Almighty God,
By whose grace alone we are accepted
and called to your service:
Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and
make us worthy of our calling;
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

PREACHING THEMES FOR TODAY

9:45 am **The Big Story**
Redemption

11:15 am **Malachi 3:1-5**
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

6.30 pm **Haggai 2:1-9**
John 2:13-22

Rector's Reflection

Dear all,

Today's reflections are the words of the epistle reading for Candlemas, I quote from Heb.2:14,15 taken from the New Living Translation:

"Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying".

The Candlemas story and readings are full of references to death. But the good news in the readings is that God came in the flesh so that He could die on the cross, and in death defeat not just death, but the one who held the power of death, Satan himself.

Could Jesus have avoided the Cross? Yes, but it was only on the cross that He could defeat death, and because He did this, we can live our lives free from the fear of death.

Candlemas closes the season of celebrating the incarnation of God become man, when we behold His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father. Soon the prophecy made in the temple when Jesus was presented there, will come to be fulfilled when Jesus is betrayed, tried, and sentenced to death on the cross. But He rose triumphant over sin and death, and set us free from the fear of death.

We have life because HE lives!

Canon Garth Nathaniel

Wednesday lunchtime communion: After consulting with St Peter's Pantry attendees it has been decided to hold the Wednesday lunchtime Holy Communion at a new time. Holy Communion will now take place at 12:00 noon before the lunch.

Traidcraft: The next Traidcraft stall will be after the 9.45 service on Sunday February 17th

"ALWAYS KEEP ON PRAYING" for:

Juan Carlos and Penny Marces in Peru: For Juan Carlos leading Jesus el Nazareno with general Diocesan responsibilities. For Penny with responsibilities for children's work.



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, Imran Shergill.

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: Atherstone Close Matchborough, Otter Close Winyates Green, Martley Close Woodrow, Tillington 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 continue to pray for Christian unity .

Jill Napier: Many of you will remember Alaric and Jill Napier who worshipped here with us some years ago. Alaric has let us know that Jill died last weekend. Alaric created the trolley that moves the chairs in the Huband Room, and also compiled the St. Peter's Book. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Anglican Church in Morogoro: Feckenham Church have produced a cookery book to raise funds to help rebuild the Anglican Church in Morogoro. It was washed away by a rainstorm in February '16. We have a Diocesan link with Morogoro and Bishop John has written a forward for the book. Felicity Melley has a copy of the book which you can look at. The book is of a professional standard and is priced at £10. Please see Felicity Melley.

Electoral Roll: *The Electoral Roll will be completely revised this year, forms will be available this month.*