

**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

The Third Sunday of Lent

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S

24th March 2019

### Collect for the week

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
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

**9:45 am Jesus teaching His followers**  
Matthew 22

**11:15 am Lent: A call to repentance**  
Isaiah 55:1-9  
Luke 13: 1-9

**6.30 pm Have you ever said NO to God**  
Isaiah 6:1-8 Luke 5:1-11

### Today's Services

9:45 am Contemporary Worship  
11:15 am Morning Worship  
6.30 pm Evening Worship

### Diary For The Week

9:30 am	Morning Prayers	<b>Mon</b>
9:45am	Scramblers	<b>25</b>
2:00pm	Craft Group	
9:30am	Morning Prayers	<b>Tue</b>
12:30pm	Lent study to include soup and roll	<b>26</b>
9:30am	Morning Prayers	<b>Wed</b>
10:30pm	Coffee Morning	<b>27</b>
7:30pm	Lent study	
9:30am	Communion at St John's Greenlands	<b>Thurs</b>
		<b>28</b>
9:30am	Morning Prayers	<b>Fri</b>
7:00pm	Bell ringing	<b>29</b>
		<b>Sat</b>
		<b>30</b>
9:45am	Celebration	<b>Sun</b>
11:15am	Holy Communion— Celebrant The Revd Ian Evans, Preacher James Lawrence, CPAS	<b>31</b>
6:30pm	Celtic Communion Celebrant Revd Paul Lawlor	

## Lent Reflection

Those of you who are following our Lent course using the Lent with New Daylight have read this week of the significance of places. We have read of Abraham, Joshua, Moses and Isaiah all of whom together with all the prophets had memorable experiences.

Ranging from a burning bush to the world's first cairn when each tribe of Israel carried a stone across the river Jordan and placed them to form a pyramid. We can all remember our first church and how long we worshipped there. However which of our spiritual highs do we remember and are indelibly engraved in our memories?

I have been fortunate to visit Israel twice and on one visit we were taken out in a boat to cross Lake Galilee. When we reached the middle of the lake the boatman without any warning switched off the engine so that we could experience a profound calm which Jesus' disciples experienced after Jesus calmed the storm. I have never felt so much at peace.

Except for another time at Ffald-y Brenin, a Christian retreat centre in Pembrokeshire. Jill and I had gone there for a few days with the intention of getting close to God in prayer for healing of Jill's cancer. One evening we were in the beautiful chapel. There was only one lit candle. After we had prayed for a while we became aware that the chapel was flooded with light, I looked up to the skylight and saw the most beautiful bright full moon you could imagine. I am sure it was God's way of saying although things look bleak I will shine my light into your lives.

Is there a memorable place in your lives you can return to where you called on the Lord? Also why do you think certain places echo our spiritual experiences?

Blessings, Phil Wilson

**Garth and Jenny** thank you all for your prayers, texts, cards and goodwill messages.

**Shirley Butcher:** There will be a service to celebrate Shirley's life on Weds 3rd April here at St. Peter's at 12:00 noon. Coffee and cake will be available from 11.15am -12pm where you can meet the family. Please stay after the service, the family will stay briefly before leaving for a short service at the Crematorium before returning again to church but fully understand that you may need to leave before that. Please wear some colour, such as a scarf, shirt or tie etc but please wear whatever you are comfortable wearing. Mum would just be pleased you were there. Family flowers but if you would like to make a donation to Dementia UK there will be a donation point available on the day.

**Lent with New Daylight:** Please join us for Lent study . Tuesday 26th March at 12:30am to include soup and roll and Wednesday 27th March with sung worship and refreshments. This weeks study:

**Place— Friendship and Struggle**

**Readings to focus on:** John 11:1-3 A Place of Friendship  
Mark 14:32-36 A Place of Struggle

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### "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, Imran Shergill, Christine Nash, Glynis Horton, Linda Grummet and Janet Tegg.

**The Bereaved:** Please pray for the family of Shirley Butcher

**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:** Kenchester Close Matchborough, Ardens Close Winyates Green, Kempsey Close Woodrow, Shawbury 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 pray for all of the Easter services and activities that are being planned in the Churches across the town of Redditch.

**Christian Aid Week:** For this year's Christian Aid Week we are looking for people living in the parish who would be willing for their letter box be a drop off point for the donation envelopes. Other people would deliver envelopes in the areas around the drop off points but not collect them, there would be instructions on the envelope about where to drop it off. To volunteer, or for more information speak to Felicity, Lesley or John Legge.

**Passion Play on Wednesday 17th April at St Stephen's church:** They are still looking for actors, especially to play some of the disciples but also for other roles (e.g. "extras" for crowd scenes). If you, or anyone you know, would like to audition, please contact Elaine Whitfield on 0783664445.

**Traidcraft Exchange:** 40 year celebration tea on Sunday April 7th from 4-6p.m. In the Huband Room. Please come and join us. Friends and family welcome