



The Catch



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

14th Sunday after Trinity

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S

22nd September 2019

Collect for the week

Almighty God,
 whose only Son has opened for us
 a new and living way into your
 presence:
 give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
 to worship you in spirit and in truth;
 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

Today's Services

9:45 am Contemporary Worship
 11:15 am Morning Worship
 6:30 pm Evening Worship

Diary For The Week

9:00 am	Morning Prayers	Mon 23
9.45 am	Scramblers	
2.00pm	Craft Group	
9:00 am	Morning Prayers	Tue 24
9:00 am	Midweek Communion	Wed 25
10:30 am	Coffee Morning	
6:45 pm	Baptism Preparation	
7:30 pm	Healing Service	Thurs 26
9:00 am	Morning Prayer	Fri 27
8.30 am	Prayer Course	Sat 28
9:45 am	Celebration	Sun 29
11:15 am	Holy Communion	
2:00 pm	Baptism of Alexander Edward Charles Stearn	
6.30 pm	Celtic Style Communion	

PREACHING THEMES FOR TODAY

9:45 am **Lord's Prayer**
 Petition—Give us this day the
 food we need

11:15 am **Stewardship 4—Tithing
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Reflection

Breaking down the barriers *Mark 7:24-37*

Jesus' response to a gentile mother, frantic about her daughter's illness, sounds cruel, and out of character. But perhaps in this interaction there is a delightful shared humour.

Jesus is surrounded by his disciples protecting him from the crowds. The woman pushes through to Jesus even though the men try to shield him from her. Perhaps he catches her eye and they share each other's frustration at not being able to talk directly. Something about this woman tells Jesus he can risk humour. He nods at his obstructive (Jewish) disciples who perhaps seem like children demanding his attention and says those difficult words "... it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.". Instantly she returns an irresistible response and even in the chaos she knows within her, before he speaks, that her daughter is well, the demon banished.

After the healing of the deaf man with a speech impediment the people proclaim with wonder that Jesus "makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak". Do they also proclaim that he breaks down the barriers between Jew and Gentile? For us that's good news. But what happens when we realise that Jesus also wants to break down the barriers we put up between ourselves and those we consider unworthy to share our food? Do we recognise those barriers?

Prayer

Loving Father of us all, give us grace to share who we are and what we have with those in need; give us courage to break down barriers of fear and prejudice. fill us with your Spirit that we may proclaim with wonder the good news of your kingdom. Amen.

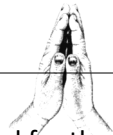
Harvest Sunday is 6th October, there will be a food collection of tins and packets which will be given to Foodbank. There will be envelopes available for cash gifts to Tearfund.

Healing Prayer Ministry; dates for your diary: September 26th, October 24th and 28th November, 7.30 pm at St. Peter's. All welcome

Dates for your Diary: Tearfund quiz **Saturday 19 October at 7.00 pm** in the Huband Room, come on your own or with a team. Refreshments available, £2 entrance.

Saturday 9 November 10.00 - 12 noon coffee morning, Fair-trade goods and crafts with cake and drinks. A speaker from Tearfund will also speak at this event.

Congratulations to Lesley Barcham who has completed the Bishop's certificate 2018/2019



“ALWAYS KEEP ON PRAYING” for:

Juan Carlos and Penny Marces in Peru: For more men to join the church and for the various courses they plan to hold.

Those who are sick: Betty Wood, Tia, Kate Bainbridge, Chris Tilley, Andrew Johnson, Alex Street, Peter Barcham, Joanne Heaselgrave, Joanne Goodwin, Erica Dilger, Michael Hawkins, Mark Brunner, Glynis Horton, Linda Grummet, Janet Tegg, Steve Thomas, Ramola Vasa, Heather Berry, Hilda Russell and Iyra Dutton.

Those who have died: Please pray for Janet Cottril and the family as they mourn Basil, also for Janet’s son in law Simon whose mother has recently passed away

Our Nation: Pray for our government at this critical time. For our MP Rachel Maclean and our local councillor Juliet Brunner.

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: Croome Close Matchborough, Abbotswood Close Winyates Green, Longdon Close Woodrow, Woodcote Close Winyates

CPAS: Pray for the staff training that takes to place this week and that the Holy Spirit inspires everyone about the impact and potential of CPAS’s work.

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: During September we are praying for Easemore Road Baptist Church. Pray for the Marriage Course starting on Wednesday evenings in September, led by Pastor Andrew Diaper. Especially pray for those who lead the course and those who will attend each week. Also pray for Open the Book as the school year begins.

Messy Church: Thank you so much for your prayers and Pringle cartons. We had a great time last Saturday creating a very large Ark as we told the story of Noah. Our theme was 'New Beginnings' For a variety of reasons the number of helpers has reduced, please consider if you can help at Messy church in Woodrow once a month. Helping hands are needed in the kitchen, setting up and putting away equipment and helping with the Messy activities. Please speak to Reg or Rhoda if you can help.

Table Tennis: After a thrilling 3 set match the winner of the in house tournament was Rex, who narrowly beat John much to his disgust. Our next tournament will be mixed doubles, do join us if you want a little gentle exercise. All equipment is provided. Free coffee, tea or cold drinks. Alternate Monday evenings at 7.30, Check dates with Rhoda or see the Catch



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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