

Birthdays this month

1st September Charlie Rose

3rd September Jamie Rose

4th September Derek Hawksworth

5th September Chris Seddon

20th September - all of ...

Fran Hunter, James Wilkinson, Mave, and Janet

Gazey !

25th September Harry Hemingborough

Do let Elisabeth or Keith know your birthdays – or special celebrations, so we can celebrate together!

This fortnight's ECO tip!

Remember the four R's... Refusing, reducing, reusing and recycling. 'refusing and recycling stops waste before it starts, by saying no to single-use items and choosing durable reusable items instead. 'reusing and recycling' helps manage waste – for instance by reusing a glass jar to store food. However small, every action adds up 😊

Revd Chris

Please keep Revd Chris in your prayers as he continues time off for personal reasons.

Church is closed during the daytime

Due to the building work at the school, and various security concerns, we have taken the decision to close the church building during the week for health and safety reasons until both the building work is finished, and we have hopefully installed CCTV in the church. If you need access to the building, or have a need for prayer, please contact Mthr V or the wardens...

THE PSALM RESPONSE

Faithful God, we thank you and we praise you

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S. Margaret, Hasbury

14th September 2025

Holy Cross Day



My holding cross, held, touched, kissed and stained with lipstick

In This Week's Scripture...

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have everlasting life”

John 3: 16

The Cross is the central symbol of Christianity. A sign of God's love meeting us in both the darkness of Good Friday and the light and life of Easter Day. A reminder of his love that will go to any lengths for us, and his power to transform and redeem.

The Cross reminds us that God's love is physical and real, a place where his body meets ours, his love touches ours. It is a prayer for the body, from the Body.

Jesus re-claimed the Cross – a sign of pain, shame and religious cursing – as his own. He redeemed it to a place of grace, love and healing. Why not re-claim the Cross yourself this week? Make the sign of the cross, hold a cross, kiss a cross. Know that Jesus meets you there, body to body, love to love.

We don't adore the cross as a piece of wood, as a symbol of torture. But we do love it, as through it we see and feel the love of God – the cross with its vertical and horizontal lines - down from heaven and out to the world ...

... God meeting us down, and out... and lifting us in love.

gluten free? If you need a gluten free wafer at communion, please let the welcomers know

T loop: Please set your hearing aid to T-Loop to use the sound system effectively



Worship in the coming weeks:

Tonight: 5.15pm evening prayer on zoom c(lick link)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5589842329>

Tuesday 7.30am said half hour holy Mass *followed by optional Tea and toast at S. Margaret's*

Wednesday 7pm half hour said mass

9pm Online livestream Compline – click link below

Mthr. Victoria Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/victoria.barlow.750>

Thursday Evening Prayer 3pm at Lyn Roberts' house (please ask Susan for details)

Next Sunday

10.30am Team Worship at S. John's

5.15pm evening prayer on zoom (same link)

Daffodil Bulbs

The eco team have been planting! Please take a FREE daffodil bulb from the back of church, and nurture it... it will bless you! We hope that they will flower around Easter, and encourage you to bring the flowering pots back to decorate the church at Easter, before taking it home again to plant in your garden 😊

All Together Harvest :

28th SEPTEMBER

Harvest festival, with foodbank donations, followed by bring and share soup and cake as in previous years. Mthr V is suggesting Harvest as an **All**

Together Day, when we all mark this date in our diary as one to do our best to come to church at the same time, so we can rejoice to our fullest in each other – the fruits of God's love in our community. Please sign up at the back of church

Flowers for Harvest

Church will be open on the 27th September for everyone and anyone who can bring a few flowers and help to decorate the church for harvest. If you can bring your foodbank donations then too, it will make it easier to make the display at the front of church.

Read the book of Esther?

Why not come along to this friendly little group as we explore together some of our questions and responses? You don't need to be a 'bible reader' or have any expertise, or great wisdom.

Next meeting October 10th 10am

Next Week: 21st Sept: Team Worship

This is the Halas Festival worship, which will be held at S. John's, at 10..30am. There will be no worship at S. Margaret's on that Sunday morning. Please do speak to Mthr V or the wardens if you would need a lift to get to church.

What to do next in faith?

Is Confirmation for you?

If you are wondering what to do next in your journey of faith or feel you have rather lost touch with your faith in some ways, perhaps it might be good to explore confirmation or baptism. Both of these are steps of commitment and belonging, and also graces of God's blessing. Confirmation takes place at the end of November at the Cathedral, and I would love to draw together a group of people for confirmation. I currently have a small group of adults and teenagers. You must be Year Six or above, but there is really no upper age to this – everyone is welcome to explore. If you would like to explore this without committing to it, please speak to Mthr V

Children's Christmas events

You will see a sign up sheet at the back of church for Children's Christmas Events. Can you help to provide our school children with an encounter with faith this year by helping out at Messy Church, or experience Christmas? Please sign up if you can – the more the merrier. Please note the event that was on 12th December has now moved to 16th December, hoping more people can be available.

Exciting Coffee mornings!

The coffee mornings on the following dates will have a special theme:

2nd October, fairtrade

16th October, another visit from South Staffs Water to answer all your water-related questions!

Advance notice: Oct 18th

Party mass and fish and chip supper. This will be a festival mass to celebrate S. Luke's Day. S. Luke is the patron saint of healing (he was a doctor), apostle and evangelist. We will be holding a party mass, with opportunity to light candles for healing for yourself, or anyone on your hearts. This will be followed by a fish and chip supper, there will be sign up sheet shortly.

Water butt

Did you notice we have installed a water butt to the side of the church? This will enable us to water our pots and flowers more sustainably. Thank you to everyone who donated, and to the team for installing it!

