

## Birthdays this month....

1<sup>st</sup> September – Charlie Rose

3<sup>rd</sup> September – Ann Southwick, Jamie Rose

30<sup>th</sup> September – Catherine Morgan

*We thank God for the gift of all on your nativities*

Do let Mthr V know your birthday so we can pray for you, and celebrate together!

## Notice-sheet on email?

If you would like to receive this noticesheet on email, to save costs and paper, then please let Mthr V know and you will be added to the circulation list.

## Would you like to sponsor the tower floodlighting?

If you would like to sponsor the tower for a minimum donation of £10 for a night in celebration or remembrance - in a colour of your choice, please ask Mthr V or James for a sponsorship form. **Please check the date is free with Mthr V before paying**

## 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 😊

## THE PSALM RESPONSE

*Lord, let us know your love*

## Questions / Contact?

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# S. Peter, Cradley

**14<sup>th</sup> 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 (click 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>

#### **Next Sunday**

10.30 Team Worship at S. Johns

5.15pm evening prayer on zoom (same link)

### **Wedding Themed Heritage Open Day**

**A huge thank you** to everyone who helped and made this weekend so special in so many ways! It has been lovely to welcome so many people through the doors and share a little of the love and story of this place together. Especial thanks to James for being the energy behind it.

### **Harvest: 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

This is our harvest festival, followed by special refreshments. Our church family is BIG, only the way of life is that we can rarely come all on the same day. 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.

### **Harvest Quiz & Supper: Sept 26<sup>th</sup>**

At the Sports and Social. Quiz and Fish and Chip

Supper and all are welcome – bring a friend!

Adults £7.50, children £3.50, contact Lynn to book

### **Revd Chris**

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

### **Ring, Rejoice, Remember**

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2pm – 3pm. Why not get in there early and sponsor your two minutes of ringing in remembrance or celebration? Sponsor forms are available where the tower light sponsor forms are, at the back of church.

### **Team Worship: 21<sup>st</sup> Sept. Next Week**

This is the Halas Festival Team 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.

### **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 10<sup>th</sup> 10am**

### **Outward Giving**

A percentage of the total church giving goes to external charities as we share the love of God in that way. Christine Adshead is our representative to the Halas Parish Outward Giving Committee... and is looking for suggestions of charities to which we can donate. Please give her ideas for local charities that you feel would benefit from our support.

### **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 12<sup>th</sup> December has now moved to 16<sup>th</sup> December, hoping more people can be available.

