

Birthdays this month

3rd October – Lyn Roberts

24th October – Richard Homer

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

This fortnight's ECO tip!

Bars of soap! Did you know using a bar of soap reduces your carbon footprint by 25% against a liquid soap on a per wash basis? And that they have been scientifically proved to be no less hygienic. The idea that liquid soap was more hygienic was actually a very successful advertising spin by the original brands of liquid soap... why not treat yourself to a lovely bar of soap this week?

Revd Chris

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

PCC this Thursday

7.30pm in S. Margaret's. Don't forget to come if you're on PCC! If you're not on PCC, please pray for the PCC that it may be blessed and fruitful in God.

THE PSALM RESPONSE

O Lord, protect and guide us

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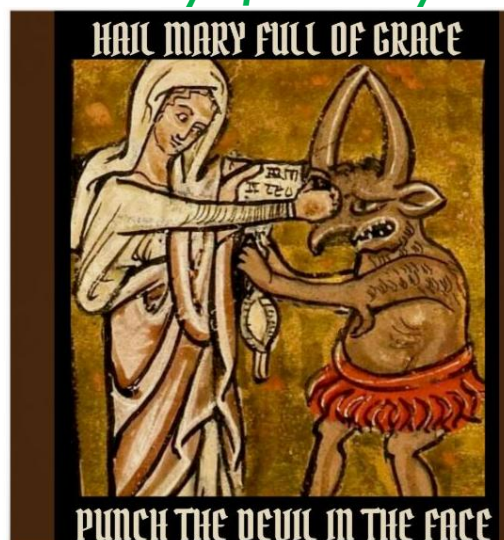
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S. Margaret, Hasbury

19th October 2025

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time



In This Week's Scripture...

"Though I have no fear of God, and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps giving me a black eye, I will grant her justice"

Luke 18: 4 - 5

Today's gospel tells the story of a widow, who is persistent and courageous in her search for justice. She speaks for all who are overlooked and unheard in our world.

Jesus reminds us that he takes his stand with the poor, the struggling and the overlooked. It is in the streets, and in the struggle that we will find him with his life, and strength. In his strength we stand together for justice and hope, and in his strength we can change hearts through the persistence of love and prayer.

Women throughout the ages, such as our Mother Mary, and this widow, have given the devil a black eye in the faith and strength of God. And now we are called to walk in their footsteps, both taking courage in our own individual stories, and in our ability to transform our world, and our communities in the love of Jesus

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. Peter'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

Next Sunday

11.15am Holy Mass with Hymns

5.15pm evening prayer on zoom (same link)

Party Masses! Dates for your diary

Party Masses:

1st November All Saints, 6.30pm Party Mass with Party Refreshments – cake and fizz

6th January Epiphany, 7pm Party Mass – **I would love to do 'food from the orient' for this – so Chinese takeaway? Thoughts and responses welcome.**

Luke's Gospel!

Luke is the gospel which tells of the Nativity of Jesus, as well as unfolding the Story of Jesus from a unique perspective of healing, touching and inclusion. Why not read it this coming season in the preparation for Christmas? And why not meet up for a cuppa to share what you find? We will be meeting to look at chapters 1 – 3 in S. Margaret's Church

Friday 21st November 10am

If you work in the daytime but would be interested in opening the bible together in an evening, then let me know – I would love to run an evening session.

Outward Giving

The parish allocates a percentage of giving to give externally in an expression of God's love. The giving this year has been approved by PCC this week : £500 each to USPG, Church Mission Society, Kids Clothes Project Brierley Hill, Water Aid, MAF flying for life, The White House Project, A Rocha UK, Black Country Foodbank, Blood Bikes, Crafting for Communities, Halas Homes... and £4331 to the Halesowen Welcome Group. If you would like to know more detail about Outward Giving please ask Mthr V or Christine Adshead.

Can you sing Carols at the Lutley Oak

December 20th in the evening? They have requested some people to come and carol sing in the pub and share a little bit of Christmas. Please sign up if you can come down for an hour in the early evening.

Our Next Talk: 1st November 2.30pm

Keith Edwards. Keith is an experienced and engaging speaker, and will share his adventures as an underground caver, including being a member of the Midlands Cave Rescue Organisation for which he has received Queen's Medals, and also as an award-winning cave videographer. All are welcome. £5 per adult, students and children free.

Baptism of Liam Wragg

Please pray for Liam and his family, as Liam comes for baptism today at 1pm.

October Count

The Church of England requires that we always count the worshippers at our acts of worship, to keep track of statistics (and help planning). But in October we record our worshipping numbers for the returns for the Diocesan Mission Statistics. These are used to judge the health of the church. Therefore we count in a different way. Instead of only counting the number of people at each act of worship, we also count the number of people who are worshipping in the church across a week. For this purpose we only count each person once, no matter how many times per week they attend, so if you attend a midweek service you will be asked to raise your hand in the notices if this is the first act of worship in this church that you have attended this week. Thank you for helping us to complete these complicated forms!

All Souls'

Our All Souls' worship this year will be in the place of our usual Sunday worship on Sunday November 2nd at 11.15am. There will be a sheet shortly on which to write names to be read out in prayer. This will be a Holy Mass for All Souls, with opportunity to light candles, and the reading out of names. All are welcome – please do invite anyone you know who may be in a journey of grief at this time. If you are unable to come but would like to attend worship, there is also a non-eucharistic service at S. Peter's Cradley at 4pm.

RIP Mark Woodhall

A truly lovely man, and deeply loved within our church family, who will be greatly missed. Mark died after complications in an operation on Tuesday. His funeral will be held at S. Margaret's, and we will share the date when we have it. Please keep his wife Angela, and family – and each other – in your prayers.
Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord.
May he rest in peace, and rise in glory.

