

Birthdays this month

5th December – Wendy Whiley
6th December – Christopher Barlow
16th December – Revd. Rachel
19th December – Sarah Seddon
25th December – JESUS!
26th December – Hannah Barlow
28th December – Vanessa Curley (nee Karlsson by then)

This fortnight's ADVENT ECO tip!

Wrapping presents? How about re-using old paper, or newspaper / old sheet music / wallpaper? Try using old scarves / pillowcases or fabric scraps for a classy present wrap. How about leaving Sellotape behind, and trying ribbons, string, crepe paper streamer, or sticky recyclable paper tape (available from Amazon) to fasten your gifts? Avoid shiny foil wrap and plastic wrap, which destroy huge batches of paper recycling, when they get mixed up in it.

Would you like this sheet via email?

please let Mthr V know and she can add you to the mailing list. This will reduce paper usage (for the environment and for cost).

Epiphany Party Mass & Chinese Takeaway! (food from the Orient!)

6th January Epiphany, 7pm Party Mass with Chinese Takeaway – please sign up to indicate interest at the back of church. We hope this will be a fantastic celebration to keep the festivities going for the Christmas – Epiphany season.

Revd Chris

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

THE PSALM RESPONSE

Come, Lord, as Judge and Redeemer

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on the web: Please take a look at our *A Church Near You* Page which holds up to date information about all services, events and notices [St Margaret - A Church Near You](#)



S. Margaret, Hasbury

7th December

Second Sunday of Advent



In This Week's Scripture...

"They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain"

Isaiah 11: 9

In today's readings we set peace and justice alongside each other. Isaiah gives us a two-fold picture of the justice of God, and of the fruits of that in love, peace and harmony.

John the Baptist thunders out judgement at the riverside. Judgement is something so often mis-used. We judge each other, and bear the scars of others' judgements.

Yet God's Judgement, recovered for us by the light of Advent Love...

sees us as we are, and loves us in our being. And... it calls us to what we can be.... and loves us into becoming.

It tells us the truth that what we do matters, and who we are matters. That we matter, to God.

Maranatha, Come, Lord Come

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 week:

Tonight: 5.15pm evening prayer on zoom (click link)
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5589842329>

6.30pm Gentle Christmas at S. Peter's Cradley

Tuesday: 7.30am said half hour holy Mass followed by optional Tea and toast

Wednesday: 7pm half hour said Mass

9pm Online livestream Compline – click link below

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

Thursday: 3pm Evening Prayer

Next Sunday:

11.15am Holy Mass with Hymns

5.15pm evening prayer on zoom (click link)

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

6.30pm Community Carols

Mince Pie donations....

It would be lovely to be able to offer mince pies after the Brassy Christmas, the Community Carols and at the Coffee and Carols. If these events are as well attended as we hope that is a *lot of people!* Could you donate a box, or a few boxes, of mince pies? Bring them early and pop them in the plastic collection box at the back of church...

Reverse Advent Calendar: Foodbank

Advent Foodbank Collection is THIS WEEK. This link [Christmas 2025 - Black Country Foodbank](#) will give you ideas for Advent or Christmas donations, including the Advent Foodbank Calendar. The next collection will be January 4th

Advent Gift – please give if you can

You will notice there is a letter for you all in named envelopes from our Church Wardens, launching the Advent Gift Appeal. Please do take these and reflect on them carefully, and if you could make a one-off donation of however much, it will make a huge difference to our financial viability

Christmas Cards

Please consider sending a card to the whole congregation at once, in order to reduce the cost on the environment, and to support local charities. There will be a noticeboard at the back of Church from Advent Sunday onward for this purpose, and please put any donations into the box that will be there on Sundays. Please vote on the sheet for where you would like the money to go.... Marilyn Hyland will be selling Christmas Cards for a donation to church funds and Hannah Barlow will be selling them to raise money for her Year Abroad next year in Estonia, Germany and France. Please do consider 'buying local' and supporting them!

Vanessa & Neil's Wedding

11am 20th December. All welcome to support them in this cosy little wedding, as they enter into Holy Matrimony, and share a cuppa and bring and share cake afterwards. Why not come and celebrate!

What's on – THIS WEEK !!

5th December – 7.30pm Free Brassy Christmas

Concert with singalong carols from the West Midlands Concert Band. Refreshments, raffle, and lots of fun. Do come and bring the family. Donations are welcome to cover costs, and for Church

6th December – 2.30pm A Black Country Christmas

– enjoy Susan and Linda presenting the Nativity in Black Country... hear the story that touches all time and place in the language of this land 😊

7th December – 6.30pm Gentle Christmas at S.

Peter's. A Gentle Carol service for all who are finding the season difficult, journeying with grief, or just want some reflective space. Carols, Readings and Poetry to help us explore the deep love of Christmas. An opportunity to hang a named bauble on the tree. Refreshments afterwards

8th December 7pm – Windsor School Carol Concert

9th Decmbr 9am Hasbury Nursery Crib, led by Susan

10th December – 10.45 Mothers' Union Carol Service at S. Peter's, all welcome

11th December – 10.30 – 12 noon Coffee and Carols with Hamper Raffle. Our usual coffee morning takes on a festive feel with coffee, refreshments and chat from 10.30 - 11.15am, lots of sing-a-long carols and some Christmas bible readings from 11.15

12th December Experience Christmas Year Six, Lutley

12th December 2pm – 3pm Christmas StoryTime – a time for pre-schoolers and their parents / carers. Exploring the Christmas Story, with story telling, song and activity, chance for a chat and refreshments, and to play. All Welcome

13th December 10am – 12 noon Messy Church at S. Peter's - space for preschoolers and primary age children, to explore the Christmas story through activity, song, crafts and prayer. All are welcome – bring the family, invite neighbours and friends 😊

For Future events see the glossy leaflets at the back of church for S. Margaret's, or for both Churches click [Events - St Margaret of Antioch - A Church Near You](#) **for S. Margaret's AND** <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/18744/service-and-events/events-all/> **for S. Peter's**