

Birthdays this month

1st January – Gordon Crewe

10th January – Jean Thomas

12th January – Lesley Layton

26th January – Ryan Bevan

This fortnight's ECO tip!

Why not join (or re-visit) your local library? About 650 million physical books are printed each year, in the UK alone, and many only read once, or given up on altogether. Halesowen Library run a fabulous service including ordering in books. Why not reduce your footprint whilst exploring some new finds 😊. This also keeps the library open, providing much needed services for so many, including social, educational, warm space and computer facilities.

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).

Revd Chris

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

Why not share the gospel of Luke?

Wander in the Word. A great way to prepare for Lent: Let's open the scriptures, and read and see what we find! Friday 6th February we meet to discuss chapters 4 – 6. Everyone is welcome to this gentle time.

Black Country Foodbank Thankyou

for the Christmas donation of 42.6kg of food and 10.7kg of non-food, enough for 85 meals and 11 toiletry packs. The next collection will be Feb 1st.

THE PSALM RESPONSE

**Let the peoples praise you, O God,
let all the peoples praise you**

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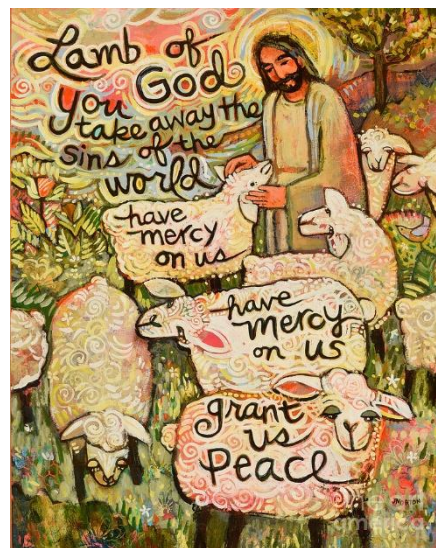
on the web: Please take a look at our *A Church Near You* Page which holds up to date information about all services, events and notices [St Margaret - A Church Near You](#)



S. Margaret, Hasbury

18th January 2026

Second Sunday of Epiphany



Lamb of God – Jen Norton

In This Week's Scripture...

“When Jesus turned and saw them following him he said... ‘What are you looking for?’ ”

John 1: 38

*Our hearts are restless ‘til we find our home in him
(S. Augustine of Hippo)*

Jesus asks the disciples what they are looking for, and their response is to ask him where he is staying.

What are we looking for? Often we don't really know the words, or the solutions, but we do know that we will find what our hearts most long for ... in him.

Where are you staying? they ask. ‘Come and See’, he replies. In this Epiphany season we are invited to come and see.. to follow him, and to find him, to glimpse his glory, and the limitless pouring of his love. To follow him, and find him, in the places where he meets us and the places where he leads us. To see his love, and to join him in the sharing of it with a world that needs it so much.

*To come and see the beauty and the delight and the hope and the healing, the peace, the wisdom, the guidance, the Cross... the Resurrection.
And to make his heart our home.*



Welcome! Is there anything you need?

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

Toilet: at the back of the church to your left, behind the kitchen

Children: are most welcome! There is a children's area to the front right of the church, where children can play, supervised by their accompanying adult. Do keep them with you in the main seating area if you prefer. Please do not worry if they want to wander round the church, or if they cry!

Dyslexia friendly and Large Print : orders of service are available at most services at the welcome table.

Worship This Week:

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. 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 – speak to Susan Cresswell for more details and location!

Next Sunday

11.15am Holy Mass with Hymns and

5.15pm evening prayer on zoom (same link)

Team Worship: 15th February

Please note there is team worship this day at S. John, Halesowen at 10.30am. There will be no worship at S. Margaret's on this morning.

Grit Bin Coffee Morning

Saturday January 24th 10.30am

Come and meet Alex Ballinger and discuss with him and the team any concerns about Grit Bins, and urge Dudley council to take swift action! Why not have a free cuppa and a chat with the neighbours whilst you're here 😊

RSPB Garden Birdwatch: Friday 23rd – Sunday 25th January

As part of our Stewardship of God's Creation, and our Gold Eco Award, we are for the second year running, encouraging everyone to take part in the RSPB garden bird watch. Spend one hour counting the birds you see in one location and submit your findings to the RSPB. Find out more and register at [Big Garden Birdwatch](#) – or there will be forms you can handwrite and post at the back of church.

Free First Aid for those who care for children : 20th March 10am – 2pm

Delivered by trained and experienced First Responders, from FireMed Solutions and covering a range of first aid topics from CPR to common medical emergencies and more. All free and with a cuppa. *Please note this is not an accredited course, simply a first aid class.* For more information on how to book please ask Mthr V.

Vintage Valuation and Buying Day

Provided by T. Baker & Co, who are offering free valuation of your antiques and curiosities by expert valuers, and the option *with no obligation* to sell. All are welcome to pop in between 10am – 3pm and talk with the team

Save the Date: Our Next Talks

PLEASE NOTE ALL THE TALKS ARE NOW FREE ENTRY (donations welcome)

February 7th 2.30 – 3.30pm.

Mick Perrier, who has played the organ for us a few times over recent years, and is Birmingham Diocesan Music Advisor, serves on the RSCM Committee, and has a long pedigree of church music making for nearly half a century.... Presents a talk about organs, church music, and worshipping through music called "Living life forwards; understanding it backwards: tales from the Pipeface." All are welcome.

March 7th 2.30 – 3.30pm

The Revd Professor Hugh Houghton is an internationally respected and recognised speaker and Professor of New Testament Textual Scholarship at the University of Birmingham in addition to being one of the editors of the Greek New Testament for the United Bible Societies. In this richly illustrated, very understandable and accessible talk and engaging talk, he explains the story of our scriptures - how the text of the New Testament has been transmitted to the present day. A wonderful way to start the Lenten Journey together.

Candlemas : Monday 2nd February

If you missed the delights of the Epiphany mass and shared food... how about coming together for Candlemas – as we celebrate the end of Christmastide, and the blessing of the light? I am hoping to offer a Festal Mass, followed by shared puds and fizz! Do sign up at the back to indicate interest so we can see if it is a viable enterprise, and also indicate whether you are able to bring a pudding to share.... (not everyone needs to).