

## **Birthdays this month....**

7<sup>th</sup> January – Ken Coffman

*Is there really only ONE January birthday?*

*We thank God for the gift of Ken on his nativity*

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.

## **Revd Chris**

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

## **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.

## **THE PSALM RESPONSE**

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

## **Questions / Contact?**

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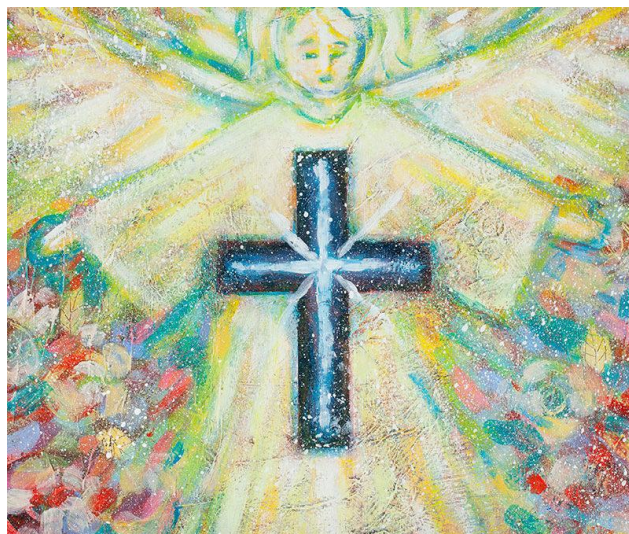
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# **S. Peter, Cradley**

**25<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Third Sunday of Epiphany  
The Conversion of S. Paul**



*It might be a dazzling light, it might be love at the heart of things – how is God showing himself to you today?  
(Image from Jen Norton)*

## ***In This Week's Scripture...***

***“Then Peter said in reply, ‘Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?’ ”***

Matthew 19: 27

Today in Epiphanytide we remember and celebrate the conversion of S. Paul. Epiphany is a time when we reflect on the ways the Love that was given to us at Christmas is revealed in our lives and our surroundings. The ways that God continuously reveals to us the depths and mystery of his grace and love.

When we remember S. Paul, we think of a man who was already a believer, but who, in this revelation, encountered the Lord in a new way, and experienced a conversion of heart.

A conversion of heart that saw the grace and freedom and wideness of imagination of the Love of Jesus – calling us to cross divides and bridges, to take new risks, to find deeper trust. Your own conversion journey may not be one of blinding light and the Voice of God himself, but perhaps a gentler journey of realisation and encounter, of imagination and possibility. Can you remember when you first started to believe? What new encounter might we have if we re-open our hearts today?



## **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

**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! They may also wish to try out our Junior Church, which meets in the vestry most weeks. (parents are welcome to accompany their child, but leaders are fully compliant with safeguarding regulations)

## **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 Communion followed by optional Tea and toast at S. Margaret's

**Wednesday** 7pm said Mass at S. Margaret's

**9pm Online livestream** Compline – click link below

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

### **Next Sunday**

**9.30am** Holy Communion with Hymns

**5.15pm** evening prayer on zoom (same link)

## **Team Worship: 15<sup>th</sup> February**

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

## **Candlemas : Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

I am hoping to offer a Festal Mass at S. Margaret's, celebrate the end of Christmastide, and the blessing of the light, 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).

## **Funeral for Sylvia Price**

Sylvia's funeral will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> February here at S. Peter's. Rest Eternal grant unto her O Lord.

All are welcome. Please keep Debs, Elaine and the family in your prayers.

## **Easter Eggs for the Women's Refuge**

Once again we are collecting Easter Eggs for the families at the Women's Refuge. Please can donations come into church before *Palm Sunday* so they can be delivered in time.

## **RIP Chris Poole**

Many of you will know Chris, Lizzi's father in law, Meryl's husband, who used to sit at the front of church with Meryl. Chris and Meryl have been life-long worshippers at S. Peters, other than a brief spell in Spain. After a long battle with dementia Chris is now at rest with the Lord. We will share the details of his funeral in due course. Please pray for the family at this time.

## **Save the Date: Talks at S. Margaret's** **PLEASE NOTE ALL THE TALKS ARE NOW FREE ENTRY (donations welcome)**

**February 7<sup>th</sup> 2.30 – 3.30pm.**

Mick Perrier, who has played the organ for us a few times, and is Birmingham Diocesan Music Advisor, amongst other roles .... Presents an amusing and delightful talk about organs, church music, and worshipping through music, human relationships and unexpected graces.

**March 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Barn Dance: 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. 7pm for 7.30pm**

At the Sports and Social Club. Led by the amazing Eve and Geoff. £7.50 per adult, £3.50 for under 16s, ticket price to include a chip butty, and cake. Bar available. Family ticket (2 adults, 2 children) £20. Please book in with LYNN – urgently

## **Birthday card for Amelia**

Birthday cards for little Amelia who is dying of cancer and wants to break the world record of 8000 birthday cards to be brought in asap please as she may not make her 8<sup>th</sup> birthday at the start of March. Give them to Mthr V or to Cynthia.

## **FREE S. David's Eve Concert**

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February at S. Margaret's – The West Midlands Concert Band return to delight us with music for a SpringTime Evening with a welsh flavour for S. Davey. Free refreshments, including welshcakes.... Sign up at the back to indicate interest, please.