

## Birthdays this month

8<sup>th</sup> March – Marilyn Hyland

11<sup>th</sup> March – Julie-Ann

21<sup>st</sup> March – Jo Patterson

24<sup>th</sup> March – Stacey Rose

26<sup>th</sup> March – Margaret James

28<sup>th</sup> March – Sarah Morton-Williams

29<sup>th</sup> March – Emma Wilkinson

## This fortnight's ECO tip!

Consider a water hippo? These water saving devices are widely available and easy to fit. They are simple bags which sit in your toilet cistern and save two-three litres with each flush. If everyone in the UK fitted one it could save around 600 million litres of water and day and over 65 million kg of CO2 each year.

## Revd Chris

Please keep Revd Chris in your prayers as he begins his phased return to work. Revd Chris would like to thank you for all your prayers during this difficult time, and says he is glad to be back.

## Free First Aid for those who care for children : 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## THE PSALM RESPONSE

**O Lord, protect us and guide us**

## Contact?

Vicar: Mthr. Victoria Barlow  
[mthrvictoria@halasteam.org.uk](mailto:mthrvictoria@halasteam.org.uk)  
or text/ whatsapp 07585264050

Parish Office [parishoffice@halasteam.org.uk](mailto:parishoffice@halasteam.org.uk)

Safeguarding Officer Sarah Seddon  
[sarahwhiley82@hotmail.com](mailto:sarahwhiley82@hotmail.com)

Follow us on Facebook: S. Margaret of Antioch, Hasbury  
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100088868160324>

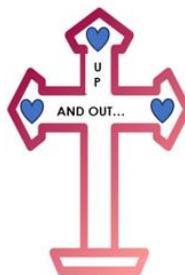
on the web: Please take a look at our *A Church Near You* Page which holds up to date information about all services, events and notices [St Margaret - A Church Near You](#)



# S. Margaret, Hasbury

1<sup>st</sup> March 2026

Second Sunday of Lent



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

***“Now the Lord said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you’***

Genesis 12: 1

***“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up”***

John 3: 14

*Lent is a home-coming journey. Calling us to take time out to reflect, and to come home... both to ourselves – to who we are truly meant to be – and to God, to a closer relationship with our Lord – home to his love.*

*But if we are to come home, then we must also set out! Lent is often called a journey, because it is supposed to take us somewhere. To reflect on where we are, and what direction we might need to travel in, and to set our feet upon the road.*

*Often we get caught in complacency, or cynicism or despair – too busy, too cosy, or too overwhelmed to step forward. Are we ready to put our hand in the Lord’s and to leave what is familiar, and to set out on a journey of discovery – or re-discovery? What might we need to lay down, to re-think, or to take up, in order to come to a place of arrival? And how do we know the way to go?*

*Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness for the people of Israel to reflect on their brokenness and be met in God’s love and forgiving grace. To look up, and set out.*

*Jesus says to us today, to look up and out. To look up at him, and reflect on his cross. On the love he poured out there, and the evils and brokennesses of the world that were nailed there, and overcome in his love. And to look out – to look out in the compassion and grace we find there to share, and in boldness to step out on the journey with him.*



## Welcome! Is there anything you need?

**gluten free?** If you need a gluten free wafer at communion, please let the welcomers know

**T loop:** available at all worship

**Toilet:** right at the back of the church to your left

**Children:** are most welcome! There is a play 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

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

## Next Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March: FREE talk!

2.30pm - 3.30pm. Internationally respected Revd Professor Hugh Houghton will be giving a fascinating and energetic talk opening up the journey of the scriptures for us - from papyrus to paper - what is the story of our Word and where can we place our trust in scholarship, the amazing journeys of translation and study that have led to the bible as we know it today. Followed by chance to chat and refreshments to share. All are welcome. Please do invite your friends 😊

## Lent Events / Worship

**7<sup>th</sup> March:** at S. Margaret's Revd Hugh's talk – see separate notice

**17<sup>th</sup> March:** at S. Peter's Charles Morgan leads a time of reflection and prayer at 7.30pm

**28<sup>th</sup> March:** 10.30 – 12 noon: Quiet time at S. Margaret's, led by Mthr V.. come for it all, or pop in and out. Poetry, silence, space and reflection for the beginning of Passiontide.

*And why not try one of the mid-week Worship? Holy Communion on a Tuesday or Wednesday? A little extra time for the Lord?*

## Church Treasurer's Ally

Fran is looking for an ally. Someone to walk alongside her and to learn a little about how to be a church treasurer. You don't have to be an accountant, or registered book-keeper, (Fran isn't) just someone with some patience – and some sort of computer access. Fran is not standing down as treasurer, but she would like to one day, and is also worried about times when she might be unwell or away, and tasks might need completion. It is essential that we find someone to walk alongside her, and it would be easier for whoever takes over one day, if they get chance to be trained up a bit and walk alongside Fran now .... Please do consider whether this is something that you might explore.

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> March we meet to discuss chapters 6 - 8. Everyone is welcome

## Reading Group

For those who have been reading *The Doors of the Sea* by David Bentley Hart this Lent... we are meeting Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm in church to discuss what we have discovered up to p.39. Everyone is very welcome, whether or not you have read the book!

## 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Dunblane

March 13<sup>th</sup> is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Dunblane Massacre – the largest mass shooting in the UK with 16 children and 1 teacher killed. We remember and honour all those who died, and hold especially in our hearts little Charlotte Dunn, who was a pupil at Cradley school before moving to Dunblane shortly before the massacre. The terrible events of that day led to the Snowdrop Campaign, which led to the change in law in 1997 banning the private ownership of the majority of handguns in the UK, Snowdrops were Charlotte's favourite flower, and are the flower that was a sign of hope, flowering at the time of the shooting.

There will be a short time of worship at S. Peter's Cradley on March 13<sup>th</sup> at 3pm, where we shall bless a memorial, and pray for healing and peace in a world so torn apart by violence.

## Concert for S. David's Day!

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported this event, and brought friends or family. It was lovely to see the church so full and warm with smiles and joy. Especial thank you to those who helped out in all the tasks and made it happen !