

Birthdays this month....

21st February – Tanya Hill

23rd February – William Morgan

28th February – James Brookes

We thank God for the gift of you all on your 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!

Do you have a rain butt? Why not use the water during the winter too, for vases of cut flowers, or to water indoor plants?

THE PSALM RESPONSE

...whose love endures for ever

S. Peter, Cradley

8th February

Sexagesima / Racial Justice Sunday



Hope is the thing with feathers

That perches in the soul,

And sings the tune without the words,

And never stops at all.

In This Week's Scripture...

"For in hope we were saved"

Romans 8: 24

'Do not worry' says Jesus. It's a hard call, with our own life experience and with the news around the world. We know, from experience, that life can sweep you under... Just Like That.

Today is Racial Justice Sunday... and we look with thanksgiving for ground gained, and with hope for a more equal justice still to come.

Martin Luther King wrote

We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope

Life teaches us that there is much brokenness. So how dare we hope? Hope is founded on experience. Our lived experience is that Jesus has shown himself selflessly pouring himself out in every human situation, working within for life. Why do we hope? Because we know his power to deliver. It's like labour pains, says S. Paul. Life birthed from darkness. In this we hope.

When life brings storms, we focus our gaze on Jesus, who will get us through, and we hope - defiantly. For hope tells us that what is good and life-giving will endure, and will win through, in the Grace and Strength of God. And we proclaim that hope as a light into a world struggling through darkness

For, as S. Paul says – who hopes for what is seen? But, nonetheless, by hope we are saved.



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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

Team Worship 10.30am at S. John, Halesowen

Team Worship Next Week: 15th Feb.

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

Palm Crosses

Please bring in your palm crosses now, to make the ash for Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday: 18th February

Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes –

11.15am here at S. Peter's

or 7pm at S. Margaret's

Please do come together to begin our Lenten Journey together. Ash Wednesday is a beautiful time of worship, bringing all the broken dreams and hurts to the Lord who meets us in our ashes. Bringing ourselves to be reminded of our mortality, and our need of the Lord. Acknowledging our common humanity, and our connection to all of creation.

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

Chris' funeral will be here in Church on Thursday 26th February at 10.45am. All are welcome. Please keep Meryl and the family in your prayers

Save the Date: Talks at S. Margaret's

PLEASE NOTE ALL THE TALKS ARE NOW FREE ENTRY

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.

Barn Dance: 27th 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

FREE S. David's Eve Concert

Saturday 28th 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.

Children's Chapel

The DCC have decided to restore the children's chapel as it was originally donated, with the altar, plinth and uprights, a new carpet, and new children's furniture. We shall also be purchasing a new (second hand) nave altar so that the children's altar can become a focus for the children in their prayer and a special space of relationship with God.

S. Peter's Handbells

We have all enjoyed the handbells ringing during worship recently. The handbell ringers are a wonderful group of people, who enjoy learning together. Have you ever considered having a go? Why not pop along on a Thursday evening and try it out. You're sure of a warm welcome. Speak to Chris Ashmore or Lizzi Braypoole for more information. They also have a new Facebook page – so give them a follow to see some lovely photos, and videos – click the link here... [\(1\) Facebook](#)