

Birthdays this month

8th March – Marilyn Hyland

11th March – Julie-Ann

21st March – Jo Patterson

24th March – Stacey Rose

26th March – Margaret James

28th March – Sarah Morton-Williams

29th March – Emma Wilkinson

This fortnight's ECO tip!

Buying flowers for Easter? Or cut flowers for the house any time? Have you ever checked where they have come from? Flowers are often flown round the world, and grown in places where water is diverted from thirsty villages to feed the flowers to sell to the western world. Consider buying British or local European flowers, and enjoy the changing seasons

Electoral Roll

We are heading to the time of year when we renew the electoral Roll. This is the voting roll of the church, but also therefore indicates a commitment to the church, and a membership of it. If you are not on it, please do consider being so. If you have changed your personal details please let us know. Please speak to Mthr V or Marilyn Hyland.

Thank you to the eco team!

And most especially to Keith! We have installed new bird boxes, bug houses and rain butt (rain butt donated by South Staffs Water) around the back of the church. It looks lovely, well done everyone.

Advance notice: Book Swap

26th April and 3rd of May will be Book swap weeks! Don't throw out your read or unwanted books, bring them to church and swap them for some others. Donations to the eco group, but no charge for books. Spare books are donated to Charity.

THE PSALM RESPONSE

With the Lord there is mercy, and plenteous redemption

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S. Margaret, Hasbury

22nd March 2026

Passion Sunday



Jesus, restoring Lazarus, as he always will and always does. Calling us from the places of grief, and dead ends, and loss, and dry bones, and tears... with his Voice, his Presence, his own Spirit within us. Come out.... He says, and live again.

In This Week's Scripture...

*“Mortal, can these bones live?” ...
... “O, my people, I will put my spirit within you
and you shall live...”*

Ezekiel 37: 3, 12

In today's readings: We meet Ezekiel in a valley full of old dry bones – a whole vision of humanity with all life and love and flesh and joy gone from them. The people cry out 'our life is dried up, because our hope is gone'. We meet Mary grieving at the tomb of her beloved brother.

Sometimes the world can feel like this – like a weary, dried out place, where life and joy are worn away by warfare, by grief, by exhaustion, by stress, by disappointment and fear. We can feel like all energy and possibility has gone.

BUT... we can take heart. Today's readings speak of Hope, as the Lord breathes his Spirit onto these dry bones, and brings life out of what seemed way way past restoration. As he meets Mary at her brother's tomb, and reaches into Death itself with Life, in a foreshadow of how all our deaths and losses will be touched by his resurrection and Life.

We can bring to God all we carry and all we can't carry, and know that the power of his Love can bring good from bad, life from death. In him, we can become people of Hope in our world. People who can meet all the brokenness, with a Hope founded on our experience of the One who meets us there, and leads us through in his strength and life. And who gives us, even from the Cross itself, his Spirit, to bring Life Impossible – made possible in 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. Margaret's*

Wednesday 7pm Festal Mass for The Annunciation
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)

Quiet Time for Lent – next week

Saturday 28th 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 Holy Week.

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

This Wednesday: The Annunciation

Wednesday sees one of the most beautiful feasts of the year. The day we celebrate the Angel Gabriel bearing a message from God to Mary, and the conception of our Lord Jesus. It is such a feast of hope, of life and love, and the promise of what we cannot even see, but is there, within each other, within the world. In traditional circles of the Church it would be called a *Holy Day of Obligation*, and I do encourage you all to come along to pray together at mass at 7pm – why not bring some cake to share afterwards and we can have a cuppa and a little chat and time together to celebrate.

A note from Mthr V: I cannot encourage you enough to come to worship together through the Holy Week Journey – I promise you the more you come, the more you will receive. The worship is beautiful, and if you haven't been to some of it before, make this the year. I especially commend the Thurs, Fri and Saturday worship... meet Jesus in his journey, and he will meet you in your heart. The Saturday night worship is not to be missed – it's party worship, and followed by prosecco and chocolate, and cake ... it's the worship that converted + +Rowan Williams to the Anglican Faith... so it must be something pretty special

Worship for Holy Week and Easter

29th March – Palm Sunday

11.15am Holy Communion with procession of palms

30th March – Holy Monday

7.30pm Holy Communion at S. Kenelm, Romsley

31st March – Holy Tuesday

7.30pm Holy Communion at S. Peter, Lapal

1st April – Holy Wednesday (Spy Wednesday!)

10 – 11.45am Messy Church at S. Margaret's for preschool and Junior school age children – all are welcome

7.30pm Holy Mass at S. Margaret, Hasbury

The Triduum – The Three Days of Easter

2nd April – Holy Thursday

7pm Holy Communion at S. Peter, Cradley - with footwashing, stripping of the altars, prayer vigil at the Garden, and optional prayer walk to S. Margaret's, bearing the Blessed Sacrament to the place of repose there.

3rd April – Good Friday

10am – 11.15am Messy Church at S. Peter, Cradley for preschool and Junior school age children – all are welcome

12pm – 1pm Good Friday reflections at S. Peter, Cradley with Mthr V and Karen – let us reflect on the Love that meets us on the cross

2pm Traditional Good Friday worship at S.

Margaret's Hasbury – with passion reading, and ante communion. (communion with wafers blessed on Holy Thursday, after which the church has no blessed bread and wine – but is without this presence of the Body and Blood of Jesus until he rises again at Easter)

4th April – Easter Eve

8pm – 9.30pm Easter Eve mass at S. Margaret's - with Holy Fire, Reading of the story of our faith, renewal of Baptism Vows, and Festival Communion – all finished with prosecco and cake, and easter eggs. *Please bring and share cake...*

5th April – Easter Day

11.15am Festival Holy Communion for Easter Day