

Birthdays this month....

20th April – Rowan Hill
20th April- Judith Morey
22nd April – Isaac Pearson
23rd April – Becky Brookes
29th April – Christine Adshead

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!

This fortnight's ECO tip!

Did you know you can reduce the Carbon Footprint and the time taken to bring a saucepan to the boil by 30% by keeping the lid on the pan? Shallow water in a wider pan will also increase the speed of cooking / heating!

Foodbank Donations

Don't forget we collect for the Foodbank every week at S. Peter's. Every little helps those in need.

S. Peter, Cradley

19th April 2026
Third Sunday of Easter



In This Week's Scripture...

“Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road...?”

Luke 24: 32

THE PSALM RESPONSE

**I will walk in the presence of the Lord in
the land of the living**

The Christian Faith is a story of pilgrimage and journey, but one we never walk alone. There is One who walks with us, who meets us when the road is at its darkest, and things make the least sense and our energy is low, and hope is in crisis. Who meets us even unseen, and unrecognised - and shares encouragement and insight, who gives us food for the journey. One who is our companion on the journey, and calls us into pilgrimage together. Giving us a song of hope to sing, and strength within us.

Companion – ‘com’ meaning ‘with’, and ‘pan’ meaning ‘bread’. The Bread of Life who is our food for the journey.

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In our story today, Jesus calls his disciples ‘slow of heart’. It is an encouragement to us, and a hint – we are to see with our hearts, to know with our hearts, to trust our hearts. For our hearts know the truth. Because every moment they will reveal to us the hidden Lord, in plain view. Our Companion on the journey, who teaches us to be companions ourselves to those we meet along the way. Alleuia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed, Alleuia!

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)

Sarah and Krystal's baptism

Welcome to the family, Sarah and Krystal! What a joy to share with you both.

Next Week! Worship at 9am followed by ADCM

S. Peter's Annual District Church Meeting will be held following our 9am worship. Do come along to worship and stay afterwards for this short meeting to give thanks for what has been, to pray for what will be, and to support those who are being elected into church roles this year with your love, encouragement and prayers. Stay afterwards to share together in community fellowship.

Church Heating : a note from Paul

By now I would usually have ordered a delivery of kerosene for the heating at church. Because of the increased price of oil and the uncertain situation in the Middle East I have held off from doing so. I'm only heating the church when necessary and hope that we can count on warmer weather from now, and an end to hostilities asap. (Huge thanks to Paul, as ever, for all his care for us)

Day Trip to Cardiff!

Cost would be around £20 per person, to cover the cost of the coach. **There is a sign up sheet at the back with more details, and information, for you to indicate interest in coming on this trip.** We would aim to leave from S. Margaret's at 8.30am, and return by 9pm. We would spend the day in Cardiff where people would be free to roam in their own way, travelling to Fr. Jesse's church for evening prayer and a cuppa and cake before returning.



DCC – could this be you?

We have one vacancy on our District Church Council. This is the body elected by the Church Family to represent them in all decisions we take as a journey of faith together. The church does not run itself, but is formed of all of our prayers and dreams, and held in all of our love and responsibility. Everyone has gifts to bring, and wisdom to share – and if you think that's not you, then it even more probably is! There are four meetings a year, which are usually held in the evening, but may be held on a Saturday if that is more convenient for this year's team! Do prayerfully consider if this might be something to explore this year – do speak to a member of the current and re-standing DCC (Sharon, Lynn, Glenn, Angela, Christine Ashmore, Gavin, Christine Adshead, Paul) – or Mthr V – if you have any questions. You need to be over 16, and on the electoral roll.

Free Talk: Revd Georgina Byrne

May 2nd 2.30 – 3.30pm FREE entry, and refreshments. Donations welcome.

Many of you will remember Revd Georgina, who used to be a team Vicar in our team, with special responsibility for S. Kenelm's. She went on to serve as Canon at the Cathedral, and as Dean of Women's ministry, before now working part time as a lecturer at Queen's Theological College. In her spare time she is a published author of very acclaimed novels, which some of you have read, under the name Georgina Clarke. She comes to present a talk about Faith and Fiction- about her novels, faith in crime fiction and also what religious people – vicars, priests, monks and nuns – actually do and why they might make good sleuths.

Our Next Concert: 9th May 2.30pm

The Midlands Fretted Orchestra are coming to bless us! This award winning local community ensemble is made up of guitars, banjos, mandolins and ukuleles, and will present a programme of orchestra favourites to include folk, blues, gypsy jazz and classical pieces, plus well known film and tv themes. *Please do come along, bring a friend... and let James know if you can help with refreshments and welcome.*

Cradley Can: Crushing it ...

Thank you everyone who is donating to Cradley Can. And to Glenn, who is kindly taking the cans up to the Laurels for us. We have good news! Glenn can have more space in his car, as we have been told we can crush the cans! So it will be even easier for us to crush our targets 😊 Please place donations in the box in the porch.