

Birthdays this month....

11th May – Lynn Steward

15th May – Sam and Layla Turner

22nd May – Julia Pearson

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 recycle your soft plastics at larger supermarkets? This includes chocolate bar wrappers, crisp packets, many films and wrappings. Have a look on the packaging of anything soft and you will see the information there about recycling – often it will say “DO NOT RECYCLE – recycle with bags at larger supermarkets!” – so don't be taken in by the start and throw it in the bin!

Foodbank Donations

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

29th August - Cardiff! 8.30am – 9pm

Cost would be around £20 per person, to cover the cost of the coach. **Please contact Mthr V if you would like to come, or bring anyone, as we are now finalising the numbers for this trip**

Celebrate with the bell-ringers!

Thursday 21st May is an open night of ringing where people are welcome to come to listen to the bells and have a go at ringing themselves, and share in celebratory refreshments together to celebrate S. Dunstan, patron of Bell-ringers

Pray for our teenagers

We are entering exam season. Please pray for our teenagers at this time 😊

THE PSALM RESPONSE

Let us offer our hearts to the Lord

Questions / Contact?

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S. Peter, Cradley

9th May 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter



A view through a rainy window, with the eyes that uncover beauty and glory – God's presence and transforming love all around us in the everyday.

“a man may look on glass, and on it stay his eye... or, if he pleaseth, through it pass, and then the heavens espy”

(George Herbert)

In This Week's Scripture...

“...they would search for God and perhaps grope for him, and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘in him we live and move and have our being’ ”

Acts 17: 22 - 31

In our reading today Paul finds the altar to an unknown god – he sees it as the yearning of many of the Greek philosophers and faith groups at the time to connect through their ideals and gods to the Ultimate Truth, the Ultimate Presence.

He encourages us to look through everything and everyone and see the love and life of God shining through. For nothing can truly ever obscure it. And wherever we yearn for love and life that blesses us and helps us to grow, we shall find God there, drawing us to himself. And to take courage to step into the unknown with him.

Jesus says he will reveal himself to us – Easter tells us where there is love, nothing can stop him – and he will give us the fruits of the Spirit to help us to recognise him, and to share the love which we find.

For the world may be rainy, and the journey may be tough, but all is saturated with glory and the promise that all can be healed, all can be transformed, and there is a grounding truth that cannot be changed, that draws us in – God himself, who we recognise and find through his Living Word – Jesus our Lord and Brother.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

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 for the Coming Week

This Sunday 9.30am Holy Communion with hymns
5.15pm evening prayer on zoom (click link)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5589842329>

Tuesday 7.30am half hour said Mass at S. Peter's followed by optional tea and toast

Wednesday 7pm simple said Mass at S. Margaret's
9pm Online livestream Compline – click link below

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

Thursday 5.15am proclamation of dawn and Holy Communion for the Ascension here at church, followed by breakfast. Also livestreamed on
<https://www.facebook.com/victoria.barlow.750>

Next Sunday

10.30am Team Worship here at S. Peter's, followed by APCM and bring and share lunch

5.15pm evening prayer on zoom (same link)

13th June 11am – 3pm: Summer Fayre

Lynn needs bookings asap from anyone who wants to hold a stall at the craft fayre. Volunteers for help on the day, and to set up the evening before are, as ever, much needed, and appreciated. Please do also come, and invite your friends, to support.

The Ascension of our Lord: 14th May

40 days after Easter we celebrate Jesus' Ascension into heaven, and his promise that we too will one day be lifted into heaven. We will keep the tradition and celebrate at dawn! There will be Holy Communion at 5.15am. Followed by breakfast. All are welcome. This act of worship will also be livestreamed on Mthr V's Facebook page, as last year, for those who might find it more blessing to join us from home.

Safer Recruitment Forms

In our parish we have a very good process with safeguarding, and hold it as a priority – to keep everyone safe, and make sure everyone is able to flourish. We have got slightly behind on safer recruitment with a wonderful growth in people volunteering for things. If you volunteer for anything that is outward facing, you will find me bringing you a Safer Recruitment Form. This is a simple one page form that asks name, address, and two references (one can be from within the church family, but one should be from outside the church family) – please do ask your references' permissions before giving their names. We don't take up all references, but we shall take up some. This is something we have to do for volunteers who are new to the parish, but we have decided as a parish it is more fair if it is done for everyone. If you have any concerns or questions about this, please do speak to Mthr Victoria or to Sharon Turner, our safeguarding officer.

Next Week! Team Worship & APCM

Worship will be at S. Peter's Cradley at 10.30am.

The worship will be followed by the short APCM meeting. This is the formal meeting for the election of officers in the Parish. It should also contain the presentation of accounts, and will contain the district accounts – the Parish accounts are unfortunately not yet finalised, so the Parish finances will happen in a separate meeting. Please do come along and support. Following the meeting is a **Bring and Share lunch**. Please do bring, and share! There is no sign up sheet – just bring whatever you like *but please remember no nuts, and a list of ingredients to help those with allergies.*

Unfortunately, I have again been scheduled with a baptism on that day – this time at S. Margaret's, so please forgive me as I race off shortly after the meeting to come back to Hasbury for the joy of baptism. Please pray for Myles as he comes to Holy Baptism.

Thank you for the concert help

Thank you everyone for your help with the concert – and especially to James for organising it – we received £293.30, and were blessed to welcome so many people (102!) to the church in love and joy.

Other dates for the diary

16th May SPC, 30th May SMH – Messy Church

6th June 2.30pm – S. Margaret's Talk on Birmingham Back to Backs

20th June 10.30 - 12pm S. Margaret's Bee Friendly Coffee Morning