

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!

Do you drink soft or alcoholic drinks? Did you know that the most ecological form of packaging is a can? Plastic bottles are really bad for the environment, and glass is heavy to transport, and although it recycles it doesn't recycle as well as aluminium. Aluminium is light, and recycles endlessly, and the process is simple – did you know every piece of Aluminium ever made is still in use! Why not consider buying cans instead of bottles.... (you can also bring them into Church to be recycled by Cradley Can into money in our community)

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**

THE PSALM RESPONSE

**Send forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth**

Questions / Contact?

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S. Peter, Cradley

24th May 2026

Pentecost



In This Week's Scripture...

*“He breathed on them, and said to them,
‘receive the Holy Spirit’...”*

“Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them”

John, Acts 2: 3

The Holy Spirit – the Advocate, the Comforter

The Advocate: the one who speaks for truth and justice, standing firm against the deceits and oppressions of the world. The Comforter – the encourager, the strength-giver (Latin – comfort – literally ‘with strength’).

Jesus meets the disciples, locked in fear and uncertainty in the Upper Room. And he breathes on them.

When we breathe in, we breathe the breath of God, who breathed it first for us. Our breathing in the world is gift enough, just being who we are meant to be, in the grace of God.

Be who you are meant to be, says Catherine of Siena, and you will set the world on fire.

In Acts we encounter the Holy Spirit in energy – in wind, in flame, and in the gift of communication, and sheer joy.

Together, we are called to be advocates for love and justice, hope and life. In a love that is the mothertongue of all language of hope and possibility, and steadfastness, compassion, grace, and peace.

*A flame is given, a beacon of hope, to pass on to those we meet along the way.
Come, Holy Spirit, set our hearts on fire...*

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>

Next Sunday

9.30am Holy Communion with Hymns

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. **Please can we also have donations for the bottle tombola.... Bring them to church as soon as you can, and give them to Doreen!**

May 31st 4pm - New Date for APCM

In the APCM last week it was discovered that there were a few needful pieces of information that were not yet fully available. Therefore the APCM has been re-scheduled to May 31st at 4pm at **S. Peter's Cradley**. Do come along if you can – it is an important meeting with the election of officers, and approval of accounts, alongside various other items. The meeting will be followed by tea and coffee, and biscuits. If you would like to bring some cake to share, that would be lovely.

District Church Council members

Will remain the same until the APCM on May 31st. Our current DCC is Angela, Charles, Gavin, Glenn, Hannah, James, Lynn, Sandra

Safer Recruitment Forms

If I have given you a safer recruitment form, please don't forget to return it. Chasing every person individually for these would take me hours. Please also remember to fill in the references section – one can be from within the church family, and one should be someone outside the family. Any questions, please do ask

Other dates for the diary

30th May– Messy Church at S. Margaret's

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

Rex Rose RIP

The funeral service for Rex Rose will be Thursday 28th May at 1.30pm here in church. Rex used to be an organist first at S. Catherine's and then at S. Peter's many years ago. He died peacefully with his daughter beside him recently, and has gone to rejoin his wife, Jean, and the Lord who loved him. If anyone remembers Rex they are most welcome to come to the funeral.

Pray for our teenagers

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

Why do we? ... the Gospel

A new series of notices sharing some 'why do we' questions. If you have any questions, why not send them to Mthr V for answering!

Why do we process the Gospel into the middle of the Church? The Gospels are the four books of the New Testament which contain the accounts of Jesus' earthly ministry and teachings. The word *Gospel* means 'good news'. It was the word for the news that went ahead of the Emperor to announce him coming in the Roman Empire... now we use it for the Word of God, that announces the Lord and his Living Word. We process it to the centre of the Church, held high to honour it as the Presence of Jesus in Word... and into the middle, because he is Emmanuel, God with us – in the middle of us, always, our Incarnate Lord.