

Birthdays this month

4th May – Robin Parkes

20th May – Rachel Hall

30th May – Angela Woodhall

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....

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.

THE PSALM RESPONSE

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

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S. Margaret, Hasbury

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: 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 for the Coming Week

This Sunday 11.15am Holy Mass 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 half hour said Mass

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 Holy Hour and ...

Party! Corpus Christi 4th June 7pm

Each year on Corpus Christi (Latin for *Body of Christ*), we celebrate the Gift of the Sacrament to conclude our journey from Advent to Trinity. We shall celebrate with a **party mass** (wear your sparkle!) at 7pm, followed by fizz and cake....

Mass will be **preceded by a Holy Hour** – adoration of the Sacrament from 6pm (Time to simply sit quietly in Church and gaze on God, as he looks on you in love). Feel free to pop in and out, or to arrive any time to join together. Or just come to the Mass!

Gentle Glitzing– date for everyone

Thank you to everyone who came this week – the church looks lovely. We shall do this every month! Come along, have a cuppa, and wave a duster or dustpan and brush at a small part of the church to help 'top up' Lucy's monthly cleaning. **June's 'gentle glitzing' will be Thursday June 18th 10 – 11am**

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.

Adult seekers group

There are a few parents from amongst our Messy Church family who would like to come together to ask questions about the faith and explore together. If you would like to be part of this, to support and make friends with them, and / or to ask your own questions and explore together, then please let Mthr V know. This will be evening or weekend.

May 31st 4pm - New Date for APCM

There are some outstanding items of business from last week's APCM. Therefore there is another APCM meeting on May 31st at 4pm at **S. Peter's Cradley**. Do come along if you can. 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. **DCC members will remain the same until the APCM on May 31st**. Our current DCC is Alan, Alison, Barbara, Fran, Freda, Janet Gazey, Linda.

Church Wardens ...

Welcome to Linda and Barbara, who were duly elected in the first part of the APCM last week. May God bless your ministry amongst us, and our prayerful and care-full support of you in this role.

Huge thanks to David Hobbis, who is stepping down after five years' service as our Warden. David has done an epic job, with great grace, a pillar of strength and a whirlwind of energy. *Thank you!*

Jean Thomas and Georgina Roberts

Both of these, our dear sisters in faith, have died recently, released from their pain and joined with the Lord who loved them. When we have details for the funerals, we will share them. Please keep them, and their families, in your prayers.

Other Dates for the diary in May/June

30th May SMH – Messy Church

6th June 2.30pm – Talk on Birmingham Back to Backs

12th June 10am – Scripture Share – Luke Chapter 8

20th June 10.30 - 12pm Bee Friendly Coffee Morning

We are GOLD STANDARD!

We have received our Gold Eco Award from *A Rocha* for our eco work! Congratulations to everyone who has worked so hard for this. We are the 2nd church in the Diocese. More to follow on what this means, and how we shall celebrate! (and continue to grow!)

Bottles for the tombola, please

Bottles of **anything** (but in date, please!) for the tombola for the Patronal Festival. Please bring them any Sunday before the end of June, and give them to Fran, Linda, Barbara or Mthr V