

Birthdays this month

28th June - Valerie Jackson

30th June – Jill Gibbon

7th July – Freda Parkes

17th July – Jenny Jones

This fortnight's ECO tip!

How about going retro? Most single use biro pens take hundreds of years to degrade in landfill, or cause noxious fumes when incinerated. Why not rediscover the joys of re-fillable fountain pens, and glass ink bottles? Or explore options for pens or pencils with paper cases?

Why do we? ... the sign of the Cross

Currently we are exploring what we do around making the sign of the cross in church ...

The sign of the Cross is one of our most ancient prayers, going back to at least c. AD 250. It is a prayer of the body, for when prayers with words are hard to find, or to communicate deep truths that words cannot capture. It can be prayed for ourselves - wrapping us in the love of the Trinity, or for others, invoking that love when we see things of sorrow or distress – or can be used in giving blessings. We make it from head (our personality and intellect), to stomach (where the ancients believed our decision-making happened), to chest (the heart for emotions) – body, mind and soul wrapped in the Love of God. It reminds too of the cross of Jesus, and of his self-giving love – given *for* us, and *through* us, as we pray it for ourselves and others – that such love may be in our hearts and show through our lives. Why not try it quietly and prayerfully this week, the ancient and simple prayer, letting your body pray for you. In future weeks we will explore when we might make the sign of the cross at church – and why!

THE PSALM RESPONSE

**Lord, hold us fast
in your love and your truth**

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S. Margaret, Hasbury

28th June 2026

14th Sunday in Ordinary



In This Week's Scripture...

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple – truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward”

Matthew 10: 40, 42

Often, life is full of blessings, and there is such joy and hope abounding around us. But sometimes, life can feel like it is just a case of ‘getting on’. Doing the next small thing. And that really none of it makes a lot of difference. Sometimes it is tempting to seek an easier path – to look for simple solutions or fall for empty promises as we seek meaning and fulfilment.

The prophet Jeremiah reassures us today, with a simple message to hold fast, and to have peace in God no matter what. To know that he always travels with us, and if we keep looking to him, we will find our peace. The world may tempt us with all sorts of shadows and glitter, but the place of our strength, and our consolation is firmly with our eyes on the Cross.

Jesus reassures us too, in the Gospel – if we have God at the heart of all we do, we will find it enough, he says. And even the tiniest actions of love are blessed in his name, and truly make a difference. Water for a child – or an animal – in this hot weather, can be life-giving. What a beautiful analogy for us. But how do we also make sure we root into, and share, water for the soul. One small thing after another – doing the next thing, in God, with love – will change the world and bring joy to the weary heart.

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 bi-weekly between S. Margaret's and S. Peter's, followed by optional tea and toast – please see website or ask Mthr V if you're not sure which church we are in!

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)

Advance Notice: QUIZ!! August 15th

Keep the date in your diary for our next quiz with QuizMaster Tim! 7pm

Ricky and Claire's wedding today!

Please pray for Ricky and Claire and the family as they come for their wedding later today 😊

Bottles for the Patronal Tombola

Bottles of **anything** (but in date, please!). Please give them to Fran, Linda, Barbara or Mthr V. Can we make 80 bottles? Yes! If everyone brings something! Please bring them by July 4th if possible.

EVERYONE: Gentle Glitzing– 21st July

We cannot afford to pay Lucy any further hours to clean, so it is really important that everyone does their little bit to help. In the words of Charles Osgood: *There was an important job to be done, and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it....*

July's 'gentle glitzing' will be Tuesday July 21st 2pm – 3pm. Kettle will be on. Come and do a tiny bit...

Patronal Festival 10th – 12th July

Flower Festival Friday 2pm – 4pm, and Saturday 10.30am – 12.30pm, with refreshments, a tombola and raffle, and some simple crafts for families.

Do come and share in making the church look beautiful, either after the coffee morning on Thursday, or on the Friday morning. All are welcome to come and make flower arrangements / put flowers in vases. Flowers are not provided, so please bring your own flowers and vases, and come and join in making the church look glorious. Kettle will be on. And then bring your friends and family to enjoy the fun on Friday and / or Saturday.

Sunday 12th July will be our Patronal Festival Service, followed by fizz and cake. Do bring some cake or nibbles to share on this festival day 😊 (Remember *no nuts!*)

Talk series...

Our next talk is **4th July at 2.30pm**. John Hall, will take us through some of the major events in human, geological and cosmological history, and some of the surprising issues along the way, including a reconciliation of science and Christianity

Joint Confirmation at Cradley!

Bishop Hugh will be visiting us at S. Peter's Cradley at **9.30am August 16th** for the confirmation of Neil Curley and of Jessie and Sarah from S. Peter's. Confirmation is a wonderful response to God's love and a commitment to continue to grow in the faith, and an act where you are anointed by the bishop and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are prayed upon you. **If you would like to explore confirmation** and to be confirmed yourself, then please speak to Mthr V.

PLEASE PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW. There will be no worship on this morning at S.

Margaret's. Please can everyone make sure to be at S. Peter's (let us know if you need a lift), to pray for Neil, Jessie and Sarah, and to welcome our bishop. It would be wonderful to have celebratory cake and drinks after the service – I'll donate pink prosecco if you bring the cake (Mthr V).

Serving in the Chancel

Our servers team is struggling, especially with James and Hannah off to other realms in September. Have you ever considered serving? Why not speak to Mthr V, or to Janet Briggs and explore a little? It's a wonderfully friendly team, all training given, and please don't worry about making mistakes! We all do! All God wants is a loving heart, and the best we can do.