

Birthdays this month....

3rd June – Esther Hill

6th June – Sharon Turner

22nd June – Marlene Grove

26th June – Emma Preston

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!

UK grown strawberries, raspberries, rhubarb, asparagus, peas, courgettes, new potatoes, and the early tomatoes are all among the seasonal delights of June. Have a look at where your fruit and veg comes from, eat more seasonally, and try to cut down the miles. Seasonal produce also supports local farmers and is generally thought to taste better. Take the opportunity too, if you can, to buy from local greengrocers or farm shops to cut down on packaging, and ... bon appetite!

Foodbank Donations

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

Summer Fayre

Thank you so much to everyone who helped today... it was lovely to welcome so many of the community, and we also raised a wonderful £825!

Next Saturday 20th June – Bee Friendly Fun

10.30 - 12pm S. Margaret's Bee Friendly Coffee Morning. Tea, coffee and cake. Honey tasting, family activities, a real bee keeper to ask questions to (no real bees!)... what's not to love! All free. But donations welcome. Pop in, and bring a friend 😊

THE PSALM RESPONSE

**Let us rejoice and give thanks to the Lord
our God**

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S. Peter, Cradley

14th June 2026

11th Sunday in Ordinary

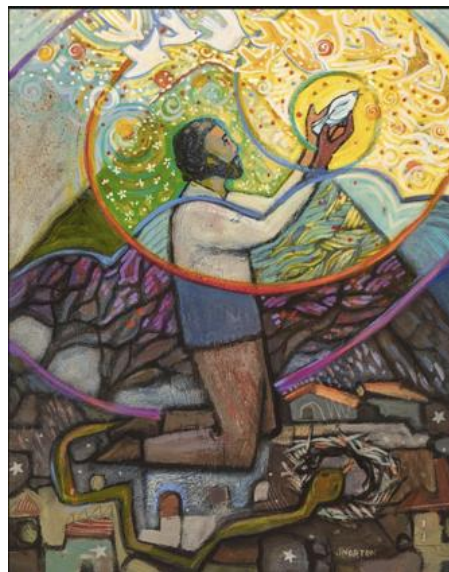


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In This Week's Scripture...

“you have seen... how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself... you shall be for me a priestly kingdom, and a holy nation”

Exodus 19: 4,6

In both of our readings today God is moved with Compassion and Love for his people – lifting us up when we are lost, and longing to guide us to safety. He calls us to share that compassion – from our own experience of his love, lifting us up, to lift those around us. To share in a holy ministry of bridge building, and blessing.

And if you think you're not holy enough, the Gospel writer reminds us of the Twelve Disciples in whose feet we tread. Twelve ordinary men, with their own fragilities and worries, strengths and weaknesses, journeys and scars. And of the gift of the Holy Spirit, who gives us everything we need to share love, healing and hope into a broken world, firm in the peace God gives us

“Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassionately on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world. You are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours. Amen.”

(A prayer of S. Teresa of Avila)

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. Margaret'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

9am Holy Communion with Hymns

Sunday 28th June – S. Peter's Day

Worship will be at 9am this year, not in the afternoon as previous years. Partly because Mthr V has a wedding at Hasbury in the afternoon! The liturgical colour is RED – why not look out some red party clothes. Do bring cake and any thing else to share as we celebrate our patron saint and give thanks for a year of God's grace together.

2.30pm 18th July – our next concert!

Sopranos Suzanne Millington and Patricia Head are joined by baritone Dave Coulson together with pianist Catherine Lack. They will present to you a programme of light classical music as well as a few more up to date pieces to give you an hour or so of musical entertainment. Do come and bring a friend, and as usual please help with refreshments and welcome if you can – speak to James 😊

Experience Peter: 7th July 9.15 – 11.15

Mthr V is desperately in need of helpers for this simple children's event with the school. Please let her know if you can help.

Thank you to Mark

A huge thank you to Mark (Judith's son) for completing this year's PAT testing – and for donating all that work to us free of charge! Mark is fully qualified to do this work and to issue our PAT certificate. Mark, you are a total star.

Confirmation and the Bishop!

Bishop Hugh will be visiting us here at Cradley at **9.30am August 16th** for a number of exciting reasons, including the confirmation of Jessie Morgan and Neil Curley (Neil is from S. Margaret's church family). 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. If you have questions then speak to Mthr V – or to John Preston, who was confirmed last year, loved it, and would be really happy to have a gentle chat with anyone who wants to ask him about it!

PLEASE PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW.

Please can everyone make sure to be here, to pray for Jessie and Neil, 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, tea and coffee.... (Mthr V). I am hoping it will be joint worship so I won't have to rush off!

Why do we? ... the Psalm

Currently we are exploring what we do around scripture in church ...

Why do we read a psalm every week? They are compulsory in the Church of England at the main act of worship on a Sunday. Why? The 150 psalms cover every human emotion, taking us from goodness, down into the pit of despair and rage, and back out into joyous light. Each psalm is either a song of praise, or moves from darkness to light. Psalm 88, in the centre, is the only one that remains in darkness, and after that the psalms gradually return more and more to praise. They challenge us to be as honest with God as the psalmists in every emotion we feel. They give us prayers for every time of our own lives, and remind us when we are joyous to pray with those who are struggling, and when we are struggling, to give thanks, celebrate with others, and hold fast in hope. Jesus often quotes the psalms, and indeed prayed them from the Cross.