

Birthdays this month

20th September – Fran Hunter, James Wilkinson,
Janet Gazey, AND Mave Goldby!
3rd October – Lyn Roberts
24th October – Richard Homer

This fortnight's ECO tip!

Why not think about ditching cling film? Tin foil can be washed and recycled in our council area, and there are widely available bees wax wraps (washable in cold water) or stretchy silicone covers to put around food or containers – or of course simply use boxes with lids 😊

Why do we? ... Communion

Why do we pour water in the wine? This is partly simply to weaken the wine on a practical level so people don't get inebriated (especially the priests who may consume several chalices...). But there is are deeper theological reasons. Water and wine, symbols of the great sacraments – of the water of baptism, and the blood of the Eucharist. Of the water and wine that flowed from the side of Christ on the cross. And of the love of Jesus that brings us always into his renewal and re-birth. As the priest pours the water into the wine there is a prayer that is prayed: "through the mystery of this water and wine, may we share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share our humanity". As the water of humanity and incarnation mingle with the wine of the banquet of heaven and the blood of our Lord, so we are drawn into one life with him.

A Book to read?

It was so lovely that many of you enjoyed reading *The Liturgy of the Ordinary*. I have made a recommendation for Francis Spufford's *Unapologetic* – I know some have already begun to read it, do feel free to join in / lend it to each other. If people want to have a chat over a cuppa about it, I would be delighted to organise one!

THE PSALM RESPONSE

To you O Lord, I will lift up my soul

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S. Margaret, Hasbury

27th September 2026

26th Sunday in Ordinary



In This Week's Scripture...

“ ‘For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone’, says the Lord God. ‘Turn, then, and live’ ”

Ezekiel 18: 32

Are you a procrastinator? Most of us are, to some extent. Through weariness, lack of confidence, lack of motivation, or the bruises of the world.

Sometimes it is just hard to get started on something, even if we know it is right. Our reading today meets us in this space.

Every day, God invites us to join him in the joy of being in the warmth of his presence, joining in the work of gathering the fruits of love in the world.

Every day, we have a chance to respond. Jesus lays down a challenge today, to step up – to take his hand and join in the action of love. And through joining in the action, to form our hearts to feeling the motivation, and through feeling the motivation, to join in the action... in an upward spiral of love that pulls us from our places of fear and prevarication, and into the fullness of life.

And if that feels too hard a call...reach out and take his hand. The Lord who once said ‘take up your mat, and walk’ says that to us too. And he has power and authority to share with us. When things are too much for us to conquer, we can stand in his power. When fear or exhaustion holds us back, we can love in his life-giving energy.

So, dear sisters and brothers – let us rise – This Day – to join in the harvest of love. And in so doing, to become ourselves part of the harvest.

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
1pm Baptism at S. Margaret's

5.15pm evening prayer on zoom (click link)

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

Tuesday

7.30am Holy Communion at **S. Peter's** followed by optional tea and toast breakfast

Wednesday

7pm Half hour 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

11.15am Holy Mass with hymns

5.15pm evening prayer on zoom (same link)

Our next Free Talk : Oct 3rd

Retired librarian and records manager, Nigel Metcalfe, serves us an irresistible talk showcasing the history of the biscuit from Roman times to today, the history of major biscuit producers as well as of individual biscuits. He also considers when a biscuit is not a biscuit and which biscuits are the most dunkable. Free Refreshments. All welcome!

Bible Hour – gentle share reading

Thank you to everyone who came last week! Do join us every fortnight from Friday 9th October at 1pm in **S. Margaret's Church** – share a cuppa as we explore the Gospel of Mark

10th October Board Games morning

10.30 – 12 noon for young people of Year Six – Year Eleven. Do come along and make new friends and have some retro fun!

Lovely Candles to buy...

We have a selection of beautiful (donated) candles at the back of church to buy for Church funds, suggested donation £2 each.

Harvest Festival Worship: October 4th

11.15am in our usual worship, and with donations to the Foodbank. This will be followed by our usual soup and roll, and scones harvest lunch. There is a sign up sheet at the back...

Richard Cresswell's funeral service

October 7th at 12 noon here at S. Margaret's, leading on to Stourbridge Crematorium, and then back to church to celebrate his life. All are welcome, and please do pray for him and for Susan, Helen and Ruth at this time.

S. Luke's Mass: October 20th 7pm

S. Luke is the patron saint of healing (he was a doctor), apostle and evangelist. Party mass, with opportunity to light candles and for optional anointing for healing for yourself, or anyone on your hearts. Followed by a fish and chip supper £10 per adult, £7 per child / student. Sign up at the back....

All Souls' Day 7pm November 2nd

The All Souls' mass of remembrance and thanksgiving with the opportunity to light candles, and the reading out of names. If anyone is able to offer a cup of tea and some biscuits after the All Souls' service that might be a nice outreach of love to those who come.

Oh Crumbs!

Please do feel free to spend time in the church during the day, and to bring a sandwich, or nibbles if you like, too! But please do clear up your crumbs. Unfortunately, there has recently been a lot of crumbs dropped in church, which, if left, encourage ants and mice. If you see crumbs, even if you haven't dropped them, please do sweep them up.

Flower decorations

Susan and Jane are co-ordinating an eco friendly flower offering for Christmas – they are collecting the white plastic bags from inside your cereal boxes, or any plain white carrier bags.

Old TV?

Mthr V would love to have a group watching of *The Chosen* in church during the time before Advent (and thereafter) ... does anyone have an old TV they want to get rid of, or one they could bring and lend to us for the evenings together?

Fairtrade Coffee Morning this week

To celebrate Fairtrade week. All the refreshments at our usual coffee morning will be Fairtrade and there will be information to look at about Fairtrade.