

Birthdays this month

1st September – Charlie Rose

3rd September – Jamie Rose

This fortnight's ECO tip! Internet

Did you know that AI is quite destructive for the environment? Data centres that power AI models consume vast amounts of electricity, contributing to carbon emissions, especially where fossil fuels dominate. A single AI query can use up to 10 times more electricity than a standard online search. AI infrastructure also requires significant water for cooling, and centres are built taking vast acres of natural habitat.

What can we do? Limit use of AI to where it is most helpful, and avoid using it for simple recreation or by accident. Turn off AI searching on your browser, and only use it when you intend to. Try using *Ecosia* instead of your normal browser – an internet browser that ploughs normal advertising profit into planting trees.

Why do we? ... Communion

Why does the priest wash their hands during the laying of the altar? This is not to wash the hands for cleanliness! I promise you I do wash my hands, and they are clean. This is a symbolic washing. Whilst the water is poured, the priest prays a prayer “Lord, wash away my iniquities and cleanse me of all my sins – it is in your grace and yours alone that I stand”. It is a prayer that as we come to the great privilege of saying Jesus’ words and standing in his place, and feeding ourselves and the people... we might through his grace be blessed. It reminds us of our humility as priests – and is also a visual symbol to the people. We need this as we are no more worthy of such a great privilege as anyone else would be. We need his blessing and forgiveness, before we undertake such an act.

THE PSALM RESPONSE

Lord, show me the Way of life

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S. Margaret, Hasbury

6th September 2026

23rd Sunday in Ordinary



In This Week's Scripture...

“Love your neighbour as yourself”

Romans 9

We can only really love each other, if we learn to love ourselves first.

If we learn to look in the mirror at ourselves, and see ourselves with God's eyes of love – the eyes that see us and know us completely – all the beautiful and graceful parts, and all the parts that we worry about and wish he didn't see - We learn that we are fully known... and yet we are still fully loved.

When we accept this extraordinary love of God it sets us free from fears and gives us a firm foundation on which to stand, and helps us to grow into that love.

Learning to look at the human image like that in the mirror and see God love us like that, helps us to learn to look at the human image with kindness, forgiveness and love. We are called to look outward with that same love. To love our neighbours as ourselves, in all their fragility and imperfections, also, with that all-holding love of God that we ourselves receive. And as we do, we bless them, in the same way God blesses us. and we all grow together in grace and gifts. And so a community of love grows ... in his Name.
For the Name of God is Love.

Wherever two or three are gathered together in my Name, says the Lord, I am in the midst of them.

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 Holy Mass at **S. Peter's** followed by optional tea and toast breakfast

Wednesday

7pm Half hour said Holy Mass at S. Margaret's
NO 9pm Online livestream Compline this week

Thursday Evening Prayer 3pm – speak to Susan Cresswell for more details and location!

Next Sunday

10.30am Team worship at S Peter, Lapal

1pm Baptism of baby Leonardo, one of our messy church family.

5.15pm evening prayer on zoom (same link)

Team Worship Next Sunday : Lapal

Next Sunday, 13th September, there will be no morning worship at S. Margaret's. You are all invited to come together at S. Peter's Lapal to worship at 10.30. The rather wonderful Revd Andy Todd will be presiding and preaching – so it is a real treat. The worship will be to celebrate the Halas Parish. Evening zoom will be held as usual.

A book to read over summer?

The Liturgy of the Ordinary, by Tish Harrison Warren. It is a very gentle book, full of blessing and reflection. Why not gather over a cuppa on **Friday 18th September 11.30am** to share responses?

Talk series.

Thank you to Alison and Team for organising this, and to Andrea for her fascinating talk. £90 was raised for Church funds, following costs. Thank you all for your generosity. The next talk is October 3rd October, where Nigel Metcalf presents on A history of Biscuits!!

S. Peter's Harvest Quiz 25th Sept

Cradley Sports & social. Contact Mthr V to book!

Our Mam's birthday: 8th September

Party Mass! 7pm followed by Chinese takeaway.

Message Mthr V urgently if you want to come. I'll update on cost shortly, and will book food this Sunday evening.

Eco Celebration – September 12th

5pm we have a half hour service of praise and thanksgiving to celebrate our GOLD eco award, and all the work that has gone into that. We shall then share together in tea and scones. We have special invited guests to welcome, and it would be a wonderful late summer evening together.

Please sign up at the back so we can organise refreshments.

Bible Hour – gentle share reading

September 25th onwards every fortnight at 1pm in Church – bring a sandwich if you like, share a cuppa and we shall open the book and look at a passage of the gospel of Mark.

There is also a sign up sheet at the back - to try to find the right time for a monthly bible hour for people who can't do Fridays!

S. Peter's Free Concert: Sept. 9th

2.30pm. Andy Quin is an internally renowned virtuoso improvising concert pianist and organist, who has performed on radio and tv. Andy will treat us to improvisations on well known film and TV themes, musicals, 'Great American songbook' and much more playing both the organ and piano.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

19th September 2pm – Linda is hosting a Macmillan coffee morning at S. Margaret's. Please do come along to support her and this wonderful cause. All donations of cake **and help on the day**, will also be hugely appreciated. Please speak to Linda. All money raised will go to Macmillan

Messy Church this month

19th September at S. Margaret's

26th September at S. Peter's

10am – 11.45am ending with free refreshments.

This is for pre-school and primary school age children. Free crafts, prayers and time to make friends and learn about the faith together. All are welcome, please spread the word. All on the theme of Baptism this month!