

Birthdays this month....

21st October – Paul Millward

31st October – Samuel Brookes

Do let us know your birthday, so we can pray and thank God for the gift of you all on your nativity

This fortnight's ECO tip! Internet

Are you a baker? Most supermarkets now sell re-washable reusable linings for cake tins and trays, cutting down on that baking paper / tin foil usage – why not try them out? 😊

Why do we? ... Communion

Raise the chalice and host up high at the end of the long thanksgiving prayer (the Eucharistic Prayer)?

This is twofold – partly to gather and raise up all the prayers of priest and people that have comprised the whole time of worship, in that one great sacrifice at the altar that joins heaven and earth, and Jesus' death on the cross to our offering of our hearts. Also, however, partly, we raise the body and blood of Jesus (the bread and wine) up high to remind us of him raised up on the cross, and to allow our hearts to seek to join him there. It reminds us too of the "serpent lifted in the wilderness" – our sins and brokenness raised up in Jesus for his healing. The blood that flowed from the cross in a blessing to fall where the blood of Abel fell and to redeem the brokenness of humankind.

Richard Cresswell's funeral service

Will be October 7th at 12 noon 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.

Foodbank Donations

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

THE PSALM RESPONSE

**With all creation,
we rejoice in you, O Lord**

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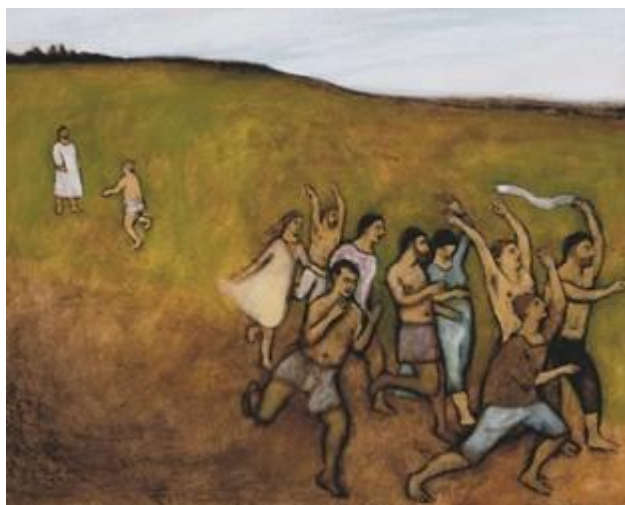
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S. Peter, Cradley

4th October 2026

Harvest Festival



Ten lepers healed by Brian Kerhisnik

In This Week's Scripture...

"One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice"

Luke 17: 15

A harvest of gratitude

I wonder what would happen if we wrote down all our fears and worries on one piece of paper, and all the things for which we are thankful on another? I wonder which would be the most full?

The world is full of so many frightening and worrying things – personally, in our churches, communities, and our global community. And these worries can make us close down our hearts, and withdraw into ourselves, worrying about how to have enough, how to protect ourselves and those we love. Fear closes hearts.

It can also close our hearts to the blessings God pours upon us. We can become consumed by our worries and hardships. But, when we open our hearts to give thanks – as Jesus did even on the night before he died ("he took bread, and gave thanks") – no matter what gets broken, love still holds all. Suddenly, in thanksgiving, we recognise the abundance and presence of God. And, in recognising that, our horizons expand instead of contract. We become people who can see further, trust further, risk further in hope and faith. And so we bring home a harvest of love, generosity, sharing, strength, friendship and healing....

***Come, ye thankful people, come...
let us bring the harvest home.***

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 and children's group

5.15pm evening prayer on zoom (click link)

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

Tuesday

7.30am Holy Communion at **S. Margaret'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>

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5.15pm evening prayer on zoom (same link)

All Saints' and All Souls'

A note to save the date! This year All Saints' Day actually falls on a Sunday (1st November), so we shall celebrate with the saints at 9.30am as usual. There will also be a non-Eucharistic All Souls' service of remembrance and thanksgiving at 4pm, with the opportunity to light candles, and the reading out of names. If you would like to attend to a Communion service for All Souls' there will be one at 7pm at S. Margaret's on **Monday November 2nd**. 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.

Bible Hour – gentle share reading

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



Board Games morning - S. Margaret's

10th October 10.30 – 12 noon for young people of Year Six – Year Eleven. Do come along and make new friends and have some retro fun!

October Count

The Church of England requires that we always count the worshippers at our acts of worship, to keep track of statistics (and help planning). But in October we record our worshipping numbers differently for the Diocesan Mission Statistics. These are used to judge the health of the church. Instead of only counting the number of people at each act of worship, we also count the number of people who are worshipping in the church across a week. For this purpose we only count each person once, no matter how many times per week they attend, so if you attend a midweek service you will be asked to raise your hand in the notices if this is the first act of worship in this church that you have attended this week. Thank you for bearing with this, this month.

Open Meeting FOR ALL....

We are holding an open DCC meeting for all the church family, on Saturday 10th October 2.30pm – 3.30pm with tea and cake, to pray about future financial stability and mission, share ideas, and see what sort of plans we can make to sustain this beautiful place of worship and community for the future. **Your ideas and prayers are essential**

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....

Lighting and speakers

The DCC has been investigating extra speakers in the church to speak into the side aisles, as some people have said they cannot hear. Also new LED lighting for the chancel, as the current lighting keeps blowing the fuses (and costs a fortune to run)... and repairing our projector, which is integral to our concert series, and often used by the school. The church is running at a significant deficit, so please pray as we make hard choices about what we can afford, and what we need to finance, and ways in which we can finance them. These works will then require faculty (buildings) permissions from the Diocese, (with the exception of the projector), so it will be a medium-term project. If anyone is willing to help with obtaining quotes and diocesan permissions please speak to Mthr V.