

Birthdays this month

3rd October – Lyn Roberts

24th October – Richard Homer

*We pray for you on the anniversary of your nativity,
and for the gift you are!*

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 is a blessing to fall where the blood of Abel fell and to redeem the brokenness of humankind.

Baby Loss Awareness Week

Begins 9th October. Please do be gentle with each other, as often such losses are hidden and carried close in the heart. Please do feel free to come into church and light a candle.

THE PSALM RESPONSE

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want

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S. Margaret, Hasbury

11th & 18th October
27th & 28th Sunday of Ordinary



The Wedding Clothes ...

In This Week's Scripture...

"Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?"

Matthew: 22: 12

There is a dress code

People often ask me if there is a dress code to come to church and I always say "no!". Come as you are – come in love, for love. But I suppose, really I am lying. There is a dress code. And it is to wear a heart open to learning to receive and share love.

In today's gospel we are invited to share in the love of the Lord, broken and shared for all. We receive that love at Holy Communion at the wedding feast of Jesus, where he welcomes us like a bridegroom welcomes his bride. We also receive it every single moment of every single day. But, at the feast, the Lord spots a person without their wedding clothes on... and he throws them out. All is not lost, as Jesus himself describes the one bound and thrown into the darkness of fear and isolation, we remember that he joins that one in the binding and the isolation of Good Friday, and the promise is he will bring us all through somehow wearing the Robes of the Cross... and into the Easter Banquet.

Our faith calls us to wear the robes of love, not just to talk the talk, but to walk the walk. To wear the Habit of Love, and to make a habitation of Faithfulness. As Jesus does with us, taking on our human skin as his clothing.... Indeed as his very being. We are called to join in his life in this world, and share in his joy. Right now, every moment.

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 Weeks

This Sunday 11.15am Holy Mass with hymns

5.15pm evening prayer on zoom (click link)

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

Tuesday 13th

7.30am Holy Communion at **S. Peter's** followed by optional tea and toast breakfast, this mass will be at S. Margaret's the following week.

Wednesday 14th

7pm Half hour said mass at S. Margaret's

NO online livestream Compline – but this will return the following week. 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)

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 for the returns for the Diocesan Mission Statistics. These are used to judge the health of the church.

Therefore we count in a different way. 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 helping us to complete these complicated forms!

Saturday's Talk

Thank you to everyone who made this happen / came to support. A total of £85.35 was raised, as well as love and friendship being shared

Bible Hour – gentle share reading

October 23rd and 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.

Halloween Light Drop 6pm – 8pm

Spread the word! We are holding our Light Drop again this year. October 31st for children from preschool to end of High School. Space to share the light that shatters the darkness. Activities for all ages, hot chocolate (and sweets). All are welcome. If you're free to help then please let Mthr V know

Richard Cresswell's funeral service

Thank you to everyone who came to pray Richard across the threshold, and to celebrate and honour his life, and to support Susan and the family, and to everyone for their very generous donations to the church and Severn Valley Railway.

Walk to Church Sunday: 11th October

S. Margaret's are again taking part in the National Walk To Church Sunday campaign, to encourage people to walk to church (or car share if walking is impractical) to consider the effect of our carbon footprints, and to take time to share together or to see the beauty of our local area as we travel.

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

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. Message Mthr V Urgently if you would like to come (cut off is Sunday 10th – **Today**)

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. All are welcome.

Our next talk: 7th November 2.30pm

Chris Millward (co-founder of Team4Nature) speaks on restoring Nature, and the power of community, speaking of projects of conservation he has participated in, and sharing ideas of small changes we can all make in our garden / local area. Bring a friend!

Printing

Does anyone have friendly contacts with some professional printers to print this year's Christmas flyers for a reasonable cost?