Birthdays this month

12th November – Stephen Barlow & Benjamin Curley
20th November – Karen Tracey
We pray for you on the anniversary of your nativity, and for the gift you are!

This fortnight's ECO tip!

As we head into *that season* and you're buying your Christmas cards – Marilyn's (on sale at the back of church) are all upcycled, and good for the environment! Why not also consider this year cutting down on plastic or disposable purchases for decorations and using natural cones, berries and paper decorations? Avoid buying foil or plastic-coated wrapping paper, and stick to 'stuff that rips' (which is recyclable) or recycled papers…

Why do we? … Communion

Use red altar cloths and robes at this time of year?
It is for the urgency of Kingdom Season. The readings call us to reflect and prepare ourselves for advent and the coming newborn King, and call us to face deep issues such as judgement and repentance, as we make our hearts ready to welcome him.

Bible Hour – gentle share reading

November 20th 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.

THE PSALM RESPONSE

Lord, you are my refuge,
in you I put my trust

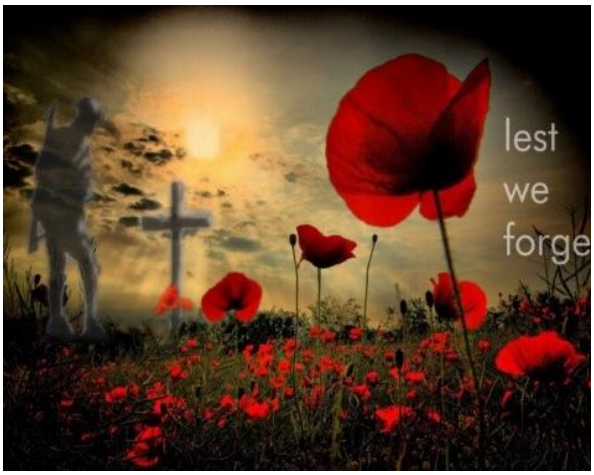
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S. Margaret, Hasbury

8th November 2026

Remembrance Sunday



In This Week's Scripture…

"Wisdom is radiant and unfading… she hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding."

Wisdom of Solomon 6: 12, 13, 15

As we stand amongst all we bring to this week, with Remembrance and Armistice, and all the pain and loss of wars through the ages and around the world… we give thanks, and we pray for wisdom.

For wisdom to understand and hold the pain.
For wisdom to grow in healing and peace.
For wisdom to seek for justice.
For wisdom that comes from God.

Re-membering. It is the opposite of dis-membering. As we remember, we bring together all the stories, all the sorrows, all the pain. We honour and hold together those whose lives and stories have been broken, holding them together in our hearts; in God's love, where no-one is lost, and all are alive.

And as we do so, we commit ourselves, re-membering ourselves, and all peoples, to into the Love of God, into people of hope and re-conciliation; people who stand for peace through justice;
the Body of Christ, praying, loving, acting and speaking for and with all our sisters and brothers in creation, in the name of Peace and Healing.

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 10.50am Holy Mass with Act of Remembrance, followed by refreshments

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

10.30am Holy Mass with hymns

5.15pm evening prayer on zoom (same link)

Armistice Day

Mthr V and the year six children of three local primary schools will gather at the Cradley Church war memorial just before 11, for a brief act of remembrance, followed by Holy Communion at 11.15, hosted by the Mothers' Union. Everyone is welcome to join together at the war memorial and / or to stay for Communion.

Team Worship: November 15th!!

Worship will be held at S. Margaret's on this date *BUT* **at 10.30am**. Please do come along to welcome our sisters and brothers from around the parish. It would be lovely to see as many as possible worshipping together as a whole parish. If anyone fancied upgrading the biscuits ….

Presents for families in prison

Will be blessed on **November 29th** (Advent Sunday) and taken to the families in prison. Please bring donations of any **new** toys, unwrapped, please.

Christmas Hamper Raffle!

Huge thanks to Fran and Jane for organising this for us again. Tickets for the hampers (this year there will be a selection of smaller hampers) are available from Fran or Jane. Donations are needed to make up the hampers – sign-up sheet at the back.

21st Nov: Meet Bishop Hugh – please!

Bishop Hugh is touring the diocese, communicating his vision. He is in our deanery at Holy Trinity Wordlsey at 4pm (finishing at 6pm). Everyone is invited, and it would be lovely to put forward a good show of life and energy from our deanery. Please do come and hear – Bishop Hugh is a very inspiring speaker. Do let Mthr V know if you need a lift.

Buying Christmas Cards?

Marilyn's home-made Christmas cards are available NOW from the back of church at a *very* helpful price – and all proceeds go to the Church! What's to not love! Do have a look and get your stocks in early!

Congratulations! Debbie and Martin

Congratulations to Debbie and Martin, who were married here at S. Margaret's yesterday- it has been such a joy getting to know you, and we are all praying for you in this new chapter of your life together. May God bless you both !

Advent and Christmas Dates….

November 29th: 11.15am Advent Sunday – please bring gifts for families of prisoners (see separate notice above)

Nov. 29th 6.30pm Advent Carols (for the season of Advent) at ***S. Peter's, Cradley.***

10th Dec. 10.30 – 12 noon Coffee and Carols. Carols at 11.30. Hamper raffle, lots of fun.

12th Dec. 6pm: Halesowen Choral Society concert

13th Dec. 11.15am Gaudete! Wear Pink to church!

13th Dec. 6.30pm Community Carols – bring a friend, donations of mince pies really welcome please.

18th Dec. 6pm Brassy Christmas with West Midlands Concert Band. FREE entry, donations of money and mince pies welcome, please. One of the best nights out of the year. Bring your neighbourhood.

24th Dec. 4pm Family Crib Service

24th Dec. 8pm First mass of Christmas

25th Dec. 11.15am Christmas Day Mass

Please pray for all the schools also coming in to visit during Advent, that they may find love, welcome, and glimpse God's Goodness here in this place.