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!

We are in the season frosts and frozenness… have you got a bird bath? Why not put out a simple dish for the birds, make sure that it is not frozen on these cold mornings, so that our feathered friends can get their morning 'cuppa'. Even better, when its not too cold, why not fill your bird bath with water from your rain butt…?

Why do we? … Advent project?

Say the Creed together every single week? The creed is our statement of faith, forged over centuries, holding all the basics of what we believe. Why not take the Creed over Advent and reflect on it, line by line, seeing what you believe about each statement? Do bring any questions or doubts to Mthr V, who delights in answering difficult questions – or at least working on them together! We say the Creed together because we stand together in faith. We rest in those around us as we make a corporate statement that holds all our wobbles and questions in one greater companionship. Together, we believe. Together, we discover.

Bible Hour – gentle share reading

December 4th 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 help us know your voice

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S. Margaret, Hasbury

22nd November 2026

Christ the King



In This Week's Scripture…

"I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayrd, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and strong I will destroy. I will feed then with jusitce. I, the Lord, have spoken"

Ezekiel: 16 - 19

Today, on the last Sunday of the Church Year, we remember the Year that has been. All of the celebrations and blessings, and all of the tough times and griefs large and small. And… we give thanks. We give thanks for the Love of the Lord that has walked every step, every day, with us.

And we give thanks for his promises to never leave us, to care for us, to guide us, to guard us. To be our shepherd, and we his beloved sheep. To teach us how to share his love in the world, and to be sheep and shepherds to each other.

*And we give thanks for his divine **I WILL** – the supreme confidence we can place in the Lord that he can deliver on his promises. That his is a power that is greater than all the things in the world that try to train-wreck love. That in the end, love endures, and love wins.*

As we say I WILL in his grace, we reflect at the end of this year – where have we been good sheep, open to being vulnerable, honest, to receiving from God and from each other – to knowing we need God and each other. And where have we been good shepherds, sharing the love and gifts entrusted to us with those with whom we share our journey.
It's all in the loving, says Jesus. It's love at the end of the day – given and shared – that WILL change the world.

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, 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

11.15am Holy Mass with hymns and Toy blessing, followed by refreshments

5.15pm evening prayer on zoom (same link)

Next Week: Advent Sunday

Begins the new church year. Why not **wear purple** as we begin our year in reflection and excited anticipation? Have you ever considered making an Advent resolution? It is new year after all! Why not think of a way to invite Jesus newly into your heart… in reading, study, prayer, love, wonder, hope or any other way. Speak to Mthr V if you would like to reflect with someone on this.

Next Week: Advent Carols 6.30pm

A good way to begin your Advent and claim a little Advent from the Christmas preparations. An hour of beauty **at S. Peter's** with candles, music and advent hymns… time to give space for that longing, and to re-connect with that excited anticipation. All are welcome. We have a little pop-up choir too, so come to support our very own musicians, and enjoy the music. Bring some mince pies for after if you would like to!

Next Week: Advent Sunday 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 are available from Fran or Jane.

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!

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. 4.30pm 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. 7.30pm 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.
Please see noticeboard, or attached list, to see all that is going on that you may not know about during this Season of Incarnation and to hold it in prayer.

Date for the Diary: January 6th

Yes, I know, but things just after Christmas always get missed. Party Mass! 7pm at S. Margaret's. For the Epiphany of the Lord with the Blessing of the Doors, followed by Chinese takeaway. Cost is usually about £10 per head for the takeaway, the mass is – of course – a free gift of God. Do come and party together.