Birthdays this month….

4th November - Gavin Pearson
8th November Deborah Price
11th November - Maisie Pearson and John Preston
12th November - Stephen Barlow
20th November – Angela Duffill
25th November – Debbie Edginton (bells)
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!

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.

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

Lord, help us know your voice

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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: 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
5.15pm evening prayer on zoom (click link)
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5589842329
Tuesday 24th November
7.30am Holy Communion followed by optional tea and toast breakfast
Wednesday 25th November
7pm Half hour said mass at S. Margaret's
online livestream Compline – click link below
Mthr. Victoria Facebook https://www.facebook.com/victoria.barlow.750
Next Sunday
9.30am Holy Communion with children's group and Toy Blessing
5.15pm evening prayer on zoom (same link) – led by Fr. Jesse, and ***only if there is a good reason not to come to Advent Carols!***

Next Week: Advent Carols 6.30pm

A good way to claim a little Advent from the Christmas preparations. An hour of beauty 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. Can anyone help with refreshments after?

Concerts:

Thank you to James and all who helped with the Silent Movie concert. 84 people in attendance, and donations of £430.69. Thank you to everyone for the lovely warm welcome you shared to so many people. The next concert is 23rd January 2pm: Majestic Memories with Damon Willetts and Clare Noakes – songs of the 20th century

Christmas Fayre : November 28th

Please let Lynn know if you can offer to help in any way during the day, or in preparation for it.
Donations are being gathered for the following:
Raffle, Bottle Stall, Chocolate & Sweet Tombola , A Prize Everytime, Gift Stall, Hampers Raffle, Cake Stall

Shoebox Appeal: Thank you

A huge thank you to Doreen for organising this beautiful outreach of love once more! This year we beat last year's total with 129 shoeboxes collected! Thank you so much to everyone, including the generous families at our church school. Further opportunities to share love as we head toward Christmas are the weekly FoodBank collections – and the Toy Service – see below.

Toy Service: November 29th

As usual we will be collecting toys for the Women's Refuge, for children who have so little this year in hard times. New toys, please, unwrapped.

Margaret Wood

Our dear sister Margaret died peacefully and is now in the arms of the Lord who loved her. Her funeral will be here at S. Margaret's 8th December at 10.15, going on to Rowley Crematorium. Please pray for Dale, Nicola and Mandy at this time.

Advent and Christmas Dates….

November 29th: 9.30am Advent Sunday – please bring gifts for families (see separate notice above)
Nov. 29th 6.30pm Advent Carols (for the season of Advent)
10th Dec. 10.30 – 12 noon Coffee and Carols ***at S Margaret's***. Carols at 11.30. Hamper raffle.
11th Dec 7.15pm concert with the Feel Good Choir – £7 per adult, £3 per child - for tickets contact Georgina_cope@hotmail.co.uk or on 07791551249
13th Dec. 9.30am Gaudete! Wear Pink to church!
18th Dec. 7.30pm Brassy Christmas with West Midlands Concert Band at **S. Margaret's**. FREE entry, donations of money and mince pies welcome, please. One of the best nights out of the year. Bring your neighbourhood.
20th Dec. 6.30pm Candlelit Community Carols
24th Dec. 6pm Family Crib and Christingle Service
24th Dec. 10pm First mass of Christmas
25th Dec. 9.30am 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.