

## Thought for the Day

'They are filled with new wine'

'These are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning'

Words from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2 verses 11 and 15.

I wonder how you would act or act differently if the Holy Spirit suddenly descended on you and you found you could speak to people in new ways? Perhaps you too would appear drunk or perhaps it would be hard to explain how you were acting because it was so new, so strange. It is no wonder that people who thought that the disciples appeared drunk. The whole passage struggles to describe what happens on the day of Pentecost so it is no surprise if we too struggle to understand the arrival of the Holy Spirit.


Pentecost comes 50 days after Easter, traditionally 50 days after the Passover and is closely linked to the Jewish festival of Shavuot. It also has many medieval traditions linked to it – you may remember it as Whitsun (White Sunday) when the young girls and those being baptised wore white to church. There would be fetes, singing, walks and all manner of festivities.

I wonder how you will spend Pentecost this year?

*Pauline Weaver*

### **Please Remember in your prayers:**

Mason Green, Paul Cowley, Siobhan and Darlene, June McCoy, Pauline Wells, Joyce Hancock, Maureen Black, Steven Fearon, Greta Lacey, Gabriella Young, Matthew Coulter, Margaret Roper, Eddie Matthews, Mary Barnes, Kate Charalambous, Donald Bullas, Kath Baylis, Angela Brady, Lorraine Langdon, Annette Dickers, Byrnic McMullen, Claire Phillips, Thelma and Neville Mitchell, Dinah O'Flaherty, Olyn Brady, Carol Devic, Carole Griffiths and Jean Hooper.

**Those Who have died and those who grieve for them:** James Ross, Otis Dennis and Constantine Williams. 

## Notices

**PRAYER MINISTRY** – Will be available after the service in the Lady Chapel on 31st May 26. If you would like prayer at other times, please approach one of the Ministry Team.

### **THE RETURN OF KINGS NORTON FESTIVAL**

A reminder of the items we are looking for – donations please of any of the following:

Toiletries – new and unopened

Bottles – of anything! in date and unopened

Jigsaws – complete please

Items for the tombola

Toys – new or excellent condition

Hand Crocheted or knitted items suitable for selling.

Please put any donations on the table in the baptistry or bring to the Parish Office.

### **B30 AND SOUTH BIRMINGHAM FOODBANK**

B30 and South Birmingham Foodbank

Donations of food remain critically low, with us buying 50-75% of our weekly needs. Our purchasing team are finding every way possible to get best value for money, as well as reviewing the food-parcel contents with the front-of-house team. Sainsbury's, Aldi KN and Bookers Stirchley are all partners within our overall purchasing plan. Our most urgent needs are tinned spaghetti, jam/honey, rice (500g), tinned fish (things other than tuna preferably) and gender-neutral shampoos.

Thank you for all your support: prayer and donations, both financial and of food.

### **FIRST FRIDAY HYMNS**

On the first Friday of the month in St Nicolas, from 11-12noon. Exploring well known, new and forgotten hymns, linked with a theme or church season.

### **OPEN CHURCH**

We are looking for more volunteers to help run our Open Church sessions on a Wednesday and Saturday mornings. If you are interested, please speak to Shane.

<b>THIS WEEK</b>	
<b>SUNDAY 24TH MAY</b>	9.00 am Matins (David Ash) 10.30 am Morning Praise (Pauline W & Ruth H) 6.00 pm Holy Communion (Rev Stephen Mayes)
<b>MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	2.30 pm Handbells (Please speak to Sylvia if interested)
<b>TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	6.00 -8.00pm Junior Choir (Please speak to Sylvia if interested)
<b>WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	10.00am-12.00pm Open Church 10.00am-12.00pm Knit & Natter @ Hawkesley Church B38 9TR.
<b>THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	9.00-11.00am Tiny Tots 10.00-12.00pm Churchyard Team
<b>FRIDAY 29th MAY</b>	7.15-8.30pm Adult Choir Practice (please speak to Sylvia if interested)
<b>SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	10.00 am – 12.00 pm Open Church
<b>SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY</b>	9.00 am BCP Holy Communion (Rev Mark Bennett) 10.30 am Holy Communion (Rev Mark & Cate Bennett) 6.00 pm Celtic Service (Steve W & Mervyn McG)

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2026 Kings Norton Festival  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October Craft Fair

# 24th May 2026

## St. Nicolas, Kings Norton

### Pentecost

### Incorporating Hawkesley LEP

Part of the Church of England



#### **TODAY**

Acts 2:1-21 p.115

John 7:37-39 p.97

#### **NEXT WEEK**

Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-end p.678

Matthew 28:16-end p.32

#### **Collect for the Week**

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,  
ignite in us your holy fire;  
strengthen your children with the  
gift of faith,  
revive your Church with the breath  
of love,  
and renew the face of the earth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**QR To Donate! Alternatively, donate at the back of church or using our donation boxes!**



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