

## Thought for the Day

Happy Easter

He is risen!

Mary Magdalen, Simon Peter and the disciple Jesus loved, discover the empty tomb. John throws in little details to the story – ‘the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself’. John whose writing is so concise often adds in these little details. Initially they seem a little odd and out of place. But this little detail says a lot. The body missing from the tomb is no accident, it is a deliberate act where somebody, presumably Jesus himself, takes the time not just to discard the burial robes but to roll one up, the one that had covered his face and place it down. Despite this the disciples did not understand and went home. Mary Magdalen remains and encounters the risen Christ. May we all be like Mary and encounter the risen Christ. Alleluia!

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, Don and Family, Lorraine Langdon, Darcey, Annette Dickers, Byrnice McMullen, Claire Phillips, Thelma and Neville Mitchell, Dinah O’Flaherty Olyn Brady and Ken Tinkler.

**Those Who have died and those who grieve for them:** Lyn Taylor 

## Notices

**PRAYER MINISTRY** – Will be available after the service in the Lady Chapel on 5.4.26, 19.4.26, 3.5.26, 17.5.26 and 31.5.26. If you would like prayer at other times, please approach one of the Ministry Team.

**PARISH OFFICE** – Please Note that the Parish Office will be closed from 3<sup>rd</sup> April-10<sup>th</sup> April and will reopen on 13<sup>th</sup> April.

**BROKEN JEWELLERY** - Last call for unwanted/broken silver and gold items for fundraising for the church heating. All donations are being kept securely offsite and will be taken to the jewellery quarter after Easter.

**Evening Service 12<sup>th</sup> April:** Note from Steve Wright - Monday 13 April will mark the fortieth anniversary of the service where I was officially Recognised as a Methodist Local Preacher. I am stepping back from a regular preaching ministry with a new focus on working with our local schools. I will be preaching at the 6.00pm service on the 12th and would be delighted if you could be there.

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

Plans for the Festival are well underway and now we need your help. For the stalls that we are running we need donations – so time to have a hunt in those cupboards or add an item to your shopping list please.

We need donations 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

Nearer the time we will need plants and cakes but not yet! (or the plants will need watering and the cakes might get eaten.....)

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

**B30 AND SOUTH BIRMINGHAM FOODBANK** -Our stock levels remain very low – with us buying at least 50% of our needs each week. Aldi Kings Norton is becoming a very important partner as we work with them on bulk ordering. **Our most urgent needs** are rice (500g), tinned soup, am/honey, tinned spaghetti and soap (bar or liquid).

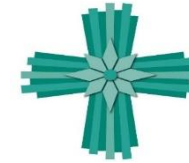
THIS WEEK	HOLY WEEK
<b>SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	9.00 am BCP Holy Communion (Rev Hugh Houghton) 10.30 am Holy Communion (Rev Rob Morris) 6.00 pm Taizé Prayer (David Ash)
<b>MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	Bank Holiday
<b>TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	6.00 -8.00pm Junior Choir (Please speak to Sylvia if interested)
<b>WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	10.00am-12.00pm Open Church 10.00am-12.00pm Knit & Natter @ Hawkesley Church B38 9TR.
<b>THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	9.00-11.00am Tiny Tots 10.00-12.00pm Churchyard Team
<b>FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	7.15-8.30pm Adult Choir Practice (please speak to Sylvia if interested)
<b>SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	10.00 am – 12.00 pm Open Church including Knit and Natter @ St Nicolas.
<b>SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	9.00 am Matins (Sylvia Fox) 10.30 am Morning Praise (Pauline W & Dorothea M) 6.00 pm Communion & Anointing (Rev T Morton)

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2026 Kings Norton Festival

## 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026 St. Nicolas, Kings Norton Easter Sunday

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### READINGS TODAY

Acts 10:34-43 p 126

John 20:1-18 p 111

### NEXT WEEK

Acts 2:14a,22-32 p.115

John 20:19-end p.112

### Collect for the Week

God of glory,  
by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death  
and hell:  
fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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



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