

Thought for the Day

Last week we had the story of Jesus walking on water and I reflected on the link to the importance of being able to float. The RNLI and the Fire Service have a simple five-point strategy:

Tilt your head back

Relax

Move your hands and legs

Your legs might sink - that's ok

Find your float - practice in a safe location

Peter is afraid and panics and Jesus rebukes him for his lack of faith.

This week we move to stories of healing with the story of the Canaanite woman. Jesus recognises her faith and heals her daughter. Having last week heard Jesus challenge Peter's faith when he sinks in the water, he readily recognises the woman's faith. Two stories about faith, one that wavers and one that is resolute.

Meanwhile, the disciples think that the woman is a nuisance and try to send her away. They, like us, have questions, doubts and often don't understand. That's ok too. Like learning to float we have to find our own way. Pauline

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, Angela Brady, Annette Dickers, Byrnicie McMullen, Claire Phillips, Thelma and Neville Mitchell, Olyn Brady, Carol Devic, Jean Hooper, Val Fletcher, Roger, Kazia and family and Andrea Cohen-Richards.

Those Who have died and those who grieve for them: Sheila Watkin and Mavis Pushon Bovolo 🌿

Notices

PRAYER MINISTRY – Will be available after the service in the Lady Chapel on 16th August. If you would like prayer at other times, please approach one of the Ministry Team.

ORGAN UPDATE

Phase 1 of the organ work is complete and means we have a functioning organ for our two Weddings at the end of the month. Phase 2 starts at the very beginning of September and may take up to 3 weeks as it is more complex, as the pipes and other fittings which need through cleaning my deep inside the organ.

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will not be manned between 14th August and 24th August. It will be covered on an ad hoc basis between 24th and 1st September.

PCC MEMBERS

Please note that September's meeting has moved from 14th September to 21st September. Please amend your diaries accordingly.

B30 and SOUTH BIRMINGHAM FOODBANK

Our demand continues to outstrip giving, so we are buying in 30-50% of our stock. Our most urgent needs are gender neutral shower gel, toothpaste, tinned soup and tinned fish. Thank you for your support.

THIS WEEK	
SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST 2026	9.00 am BCP Holy Communion (Canon Rob Morris) 10.30 am Holy Communion (Rob Morris & Fay Fearon) 10.30 am Morning Praise at Hawkesley (Dorothea M) 6.00 pm Evening Prayer (Sylvia Fox & Ruth Howman)
MONDAY 17TH AUGUST	No handbells this week Handbells restart on 24 th August at Hawkesley Church
TUESDAY 18TH AUGUST	Junior Choir on holiday in August
WEDNESDAY 19TH AUGUST	10.00am-12.00pm Open Church 10.00am-12.00pm Knit & Natter @ Hawkesley Church B38 9TR.
THURSDAY 20TH AUGUST	9.00-11.00am Tiny Tots 10.00-12.00pm Churchyard Team
FRIDAY 21ST AUGUST	Choir on holiday in August
SATURDAY 22ND AUGUST	10.00 – 12.00 pm Open Church
SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST	9.00 Matins (David Ash) 10.30 am Morning Praise (Ruth Howman & Pauline W) 6.00 pm Holy Communion (Rev Stephen Mayes)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Joint service on **30th August** at Hawkesley Church 10.30 am. There will be no 10.30 am service at St Nicolas.

Heritage Week 12, 16 and 19th September Church will be open 10.00 – 2.00 pm.

Saturday **10th October** Craft Fair

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16th August 2026

St. Nicolas, Kings Norton

The Eleventh Sunday After Trinity

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TODAY

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 p.156

Matthew 15:21-28 p.16

NEXT WEEK

Romans 12:1-8 p.157

Matthew 16:13-20 p. 17

Collect for the Week

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking
your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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