

## Thought for the Day

In this week's passage from the gospel of Luke, we hear of a child who was born in poverty, yet is the true Saviour, Christ Jesus. He is the true sign of God's consolation and redemption for fallen humanity. We are left in anticipation to watch as the child grows strong and filled with God's wisdom, blessed by God, and a blessing for humanity. Simeon and Anna encounters with the Christ child is a fulfilment of God's promise of our redemption through His grace and love for all of us. The prophet Malachi gives us some details about Jesus's ministry, and the main message of his book, is of God's promise that one day he will send a messenger to confront sin and evil, restore His people, and bring them healing and justice. We now ought to prepare ourselves for the promise of Christ's second coming, by living transformed lives as the beloved children of God.

**Fay Fearon**

### **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, Fiona Fendick, Kath Baylis, David Hanson, Lyn Taylor, Angela Brady, Don and Family, Lorraine Langdon, Darcey and Annette Dickers.

**Those Who have died and those who grieve for them:** Shirley Hamilton, Terry Firmedow and Robert "Gaffer" Styants 

## Notices

**January Fundraiser** – We invite you to bring any unwanted or broken gold or silver items which can be exchanged via bank transfer for money at the bullion store in the jewellery quarter. We will store donated items safely and off-site during January and February and take it all in one session. We have extended the fundraiser to include February too.

**Dorothea and Sylvia's Licensing** -Dorothea and Sylvia are being licensed as Readers on Saturday **7th February** at St Philip's Cathedral Birmingham at 11am. If you want to attend the service, please let both Dorothea and Sylvia know, so they can manage numbers (each Reader-to-be is allocated a certain number of seats). The online streaming of the service will be available on the Cathedral's YouTube page. This can be accessed by "googling" Birmingham Cathedral YouTube.

On Sunday **8th February**, Sylvia will be enabling Matins at 9am and Rev Mark Bennett will be with us for the 10.30am in which Dorothea and Sylvia will be sharing leadership, alongside Pauline. After the 10.30 service there will be a Bring and Share lunch. Please fill in the list at the back of church if you are able to bring some food. There will be hot samosas too.

**Stargazers** - we had to cancel our "Musical in a Day" on January 10th due to the ice and snow - but please put the new date of Advent Sunday (afternoon and evening of November 29th) in your diary.

**B30 and South Birmingham Foodbank** -Many thanks for your ongoing support. We were officially closed on Friday 9th - but still managed to provide 20 clients with essential food. A few hardy souls made it to both the warehouse and the distribution centre. We have had a serious surfeit of baby care items since November, so are sharing these with Baby Bank Central (Ladywood) and a family support project run by St Germain's Church, Edgbaston. Our most urgent needs remain tinned fish (particularly non tuna), tinned meat and meat products, rice (500g) and tinned spaghetti.

**1<sup>st</sup> February 2026**  
**St. Nicolas, Kings Norton**  
**Candlemas**

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<b>THIS WEEK</b>	
<b>SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	9.00am BCP Holy Communion (Rev Hugh Houghton) 10.30 am Holy Communion (Rev Hugh Houghton) 12.30 Baptisms (Rev Hugh Houghton) 6.00 pm Taizé Prayer (David Ash)
<b>MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	10.00 -12.00pm Churchyard Team
<b>TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	6.00 -8.00pm Junior Choir (Please speak to Sylvia if interested)
<b>WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	10.00am-12.00pm Open Church 10.00am-12.00pm Knit & Natter @ Hawkesley Church B38 9TR.
<b>THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	9.00-11.00am Tiny Tots 10.00-12.00pm Churchyard Team
<b>FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	7.15-8.30pm Adult Choir Practice (please speak to Sylvia if interested)
<b>SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	10.00 am – 12.00 pm Open Church 11.00 am Sylvia and Dorothea’s Licensing as Readers at the Cathedral.
<b>SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	9.00 am Matins (Sylvia Fox) 10.30 am Morning Praise (Pauline W & Ruth Howman) 6.00 pm Communion & Anointing (Rev Dele Sotonwa)

**DATES FOR THE DIARY:**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February Men’s Group 7.30 pm Meeting open to All.** Tim Adams Cycling the Tour De France.

**Knit and Natter** The next Knit and Natter at St Nicolas will be on 14<sup>th</sup> February 10.00-12.00pm.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 7.30 pm PCC**

**Ash Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 12.00 pm** Ash Wednesday Service with Bishop Michael followed by simple lunch and **7.30 pm** with Canon Rob Morris.

**READINGS TODAY**

Malachi 3:1-5 P. 904  
Luke 2:22-40 P.56

**NEXT WEEK**

Romans 8:18-25  
Matthew 6:25-end

**Collect for the Week**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
light of the nations and glory of Israel:  
make your home among us,  
and present us pure and holy  
to your heavenly Father,  
your God, and our God. Amen.

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