

## Thought for the Day

In the commercial world, Easter is finished. It began about half way through Lent, and ended at about lunchtime on Easter Day. In the church world, we have far more time to celebrate the promises of Easter – we have a whole 50 days. 50 days in which to explore and make our own, the stories of Jesus' resurrection appearances. This week the lectionary gives us the story of Jesus visiting the disciples.

He has come to reassure them: though I am not too sure that an apparent apparition arriving in the room, having passed through a locked door would be all that comforting, certainly not initially! He has come to give them the vital gift of the Holy Spirit, so that they can continue his ministry. He has come to ensure they know that he has been resurrected, and that evil powers no longer have a grip on the world, as long as we believe in Jesus and the resurrection.

He comes to meet the disciples "where they are" – he comes back for Thomas the next week. He doesn't miss him out. Jesus will wait for us too, and meet us where we are, not requiring us to complete a whole load of "entry criteria" before we can meet with him at a personal level, meaning there is nothing to hold us back from that personal meeting. Take the rest of the 50 days of Easter to meet with the Risen Christ in your own life, and for life beyond Eastertide.

Sylvia Fox

### **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, Byrnicie McMullen, Claire Phillips, Thelma and Neville Mitchell, Dinah O'Flaherty Olyn Brady.

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



## 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.

**Tonight's Evening Service:** 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, jam/honey, tinned spaghetti and soap (bar or liquid).

THIS WEEK	HOLY WEEK
<b>SUNDAY 12<sup>H</sup> APRIL</b>	9.00 am Matins (Sylvia Fox) 10.30 am Morning Praise (Pauline W & Fay Fearon) 6.00 pm Communion & Anointing (Rev Stephen Mayes)
<b>MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	10.00 am-12.00 am Churchyard Team 2.30 Handbells (speak to Sylvia if interested)
<b>TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	6.00 -8.00pm Junior Choir (Please speak to Sylvia if interested)
<b>WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	10.00am-12.00pm Open Church 10.00am-12.00pm Knit & Natter @ Hawkesley Church B38 9TR.
<b>THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	9.00-11.00am Tiny Tots 10.00-12.00pm Churchyard Team
<b>FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	7.15-8.30pm Adult Choir Practice (please speak to Sylvia if interested)
<b>SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	10.00 am – 12.00 pm Open Church including Knit and Knatter @ St Nicolas.
<b>SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b>	9.00 am BCP Holy Communion (Rev John Nightingale) 10.30 am Holy Communion (Canon Rob Morris) 6.00 pm Compline (Sylvia Fox & Ruth Howman)

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

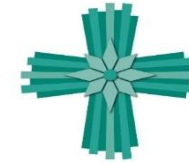
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2026 Kings Norton Festival

**12<sup>th</sup> April 2026**  
**St. Nicolas, Kings Norton**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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#### **READINGS TODAY**

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

John 20:19-end p.112

#### **NEXT WEEK**

Acts2:14a, 36-41p.116

Luke 24:13-35 p.86

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

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked, no  
entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice  
and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father.

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



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