

# THIS WEEK

## SUNDAY 6th April

9.00 am BCP Holy Communion  
10.30 am Holy Communion with  
robed choir  
6.00 pm Taize

## WEDNESDAY 9th April

10.00am-12.00pm OPEN CHURCH  
10.00am-12.00pm Knit & Natter Hawkesley  
12.00 Lent Midday Prayer

## THURSDAY 10th April

9.00am-11.00am TINY TOTS  
10.00am-12.00pm  
CHURCHYARD VOLUNTEER CARE  
TEAM  
2.00 PM LENT GROUP

## SATURDAY 12th April

10.00am—12.00pm—OPEN CHURCH

## SUNDAY 13th April

### Palm Sunday

9.00 am BCP Matins  
10.30 am Morning Praise  
6.00 pm Holy Communion with  
Anointing

### Collect for the Week

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son  
out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,

# 6th April 2025



## St. Nicolas, Kings Norton

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# READINGS:

### TODAY

Philippians 3:4b-14 page 196  
John 12:1-8 page 103

### NEXT WEEK

Psalms 118: 1-2, 19-end page 576  
Luke 19:28-40 page 79

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## Fifth Sunday of Lent Passion Sunday

As we continue our Lenten journey to the cross, this week we hear the story of Mary anointing Jesus with perfume. We know that as well as Jesus and Mary in the room are Lazarus, Martha and Judas, there may have been others. To touch Jesus, to anoint him, to wipe his feet with hair in front of them is an extraordinarily intimate act.

It is easy to get distracted by Judas complaining about the cost of the nard and the unusual explanation of his act being one of greed and not pity. We may get distracted and miss the significance of the anointing.

Six days before the cross, Mary chooses to anoint Jesus and not to wait until his death, which she, possibly alone of the disciples, knew was coming. It is an act of love and recognition of Jesus identity and ministry. Jesus defends her actions, understanding Mary's insight and compassion.

**Pauline Weaver**

### DATES FOR THE DIARY:

**Thursday 10th April** 2.00pm Lent Course at St Nicolas

**Sunday 11th May** VE Day Parade Service and Party

### **Candle Recycling**

The company we have used for a couple of years for recycling of all our t lights and candles, including those you brought in from home, has, sadly, gone into administration.

I can find no-one else who does this service (except one ecclesiastical suppliers, who charges for the service and the postage). If anyone is interested in doing it domestically, please let us know, and we will need to find someone willing otherwise to clean out the tealight containers so they can be recycled in domestic recycling (once that service is resumed by BCC). Sylvia

**Please Remember in your prayers:** Mason Green, Paul Cowley, Siobhan and Darlene, June McCoy, Pauline Wells, Joyce Hancock, Maureen Black, Steven Fearon, Greta Lacey, Sarah Byford, Catherine Wilkinson, Gabriella Young, Matthew Coulter, Sandra, John Osborne, Margaret Roper, Jean Dewey, Eddie Matthews, Mary Barnes, Kate Charalambous, Donald Bullas, Fiona Fendick, Kath Baylis, David Hanson, Peter and Lyn Taylor and Yeali Turan.

**Those Who have died and those who grieve for them:** Catherine Pinnock, Canon John-Paul Hoskins, Veronica Ryan, David Gerrard and Rita Martin.

**Lady Chapel:** Prayers are offered here after the 10.30am service. Please come if you would like someone to pray with you.

**Palm Sunday** Next Sunday 13th April we will be starting our service in the graveyard and processing in. If you are able please wait outside.

### **Easter Arts and Crafts**

Hawkesley are holding an Easter Arts and Crafts Session on Tuesday 15th April 11.30-1pm.

**Bric a Brac Sale**— We will be holding a Bric a Brac sale on 12th April to raise funds and sell some of the things from St Nicolas Place that need to go before the sale. **Please do not bring any Bric a Brac.**

**Hot Cross Buns**—You are invited to bring buttered hot cross buns with you to share in 'breaking bread' after the 10.30 am service on Good Friday.

**Easter Flowers** – I would welcome donations towards the cost. Please hand to me or into the Parish Office. Thank you. Alison Blumer

### **B30 and South Birmingham Foodbank**

Many thanks for taking a break in giving, but please would you restart now. Demand was very low across Christmas itself, as clients are usually unable to access voucher holders, but it has now begun to grow again. Please keep clients, trustees, managers and all the team members in your prayers. Our most urgent needs are tinned spaghetti, jam, honey, toothpaste, tinned rice pudding and tins/cartons of custard.

**We are needing help with people to join the Welcomers Team and/or Coffee Rota, please speak to Mark Sandilands, call or message the Parish Office .**

**Leaf mulch** is available from our churchyard. Please see Shane if you would like some for your garden.