

## Thought for the Day

In this week's reading from John 14, we hear Jesus' s comforting words to his disciples who are feeling understandably anxious as he prepares them for his departure from this earth. He promises them that when he leaves, he will go on to prepare a place for them, and us (in heaven). And then he tells them something quite profound, that only way to that place, is through faith in Him, and for all who will believe in him. Jesus is the only true way to the Father. And for all who will take up that challenge, they will do great things. And that includes us. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, as we draw close to God, through prayers and fellowship, the kingdom of heaven, our eternal home, is being prepared for us, through the sacrifice of God's precious son on the cross. Yet we now can shout, "He is risen. Jesus is risen, Alleluia. "

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, Kath Baylis, Angela Brady, Lorraine Langdon, Annette Dickers, Byrnicc McMullen, Claire Phillips, Thelma and Neville Mitchell, Dinah O'Flaherty,  
Olyn Brady, Carol Devic and Carole Griffiths.

**Those Who have died and those who grieve for them:** Ken Tinkler, Doreen Ravenall and James Ross. 🍀

## Notices

**PRAYER MINISTRY** – Will be available after the service in the Lady Chapel on 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.

### **Orchestral Concert in St Nicolas**

Saturday 23rd May at 7.30pm - pay as you are able (guide price is £12 - but that is only a guide).

Music by Mendelssohn, Mozart and Saint-Saens - including Saint-Saens Cello Concerto. Do come and join us.

### **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

Hand Crocheted or knitted items suitable for selling.

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.

**MEN'S GROUP** Monday 18 May 7.30 - Zoe Stewart will give an illustrated talk on walking the Camino de Santiago last year. The meeting is open to all.

**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).

<b>THIS WEEK</b>	
<b>SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY</b>	9.00 am BCP Holy Communion (Rev Stephen Mayes) 10.30 am Communion (Rev Hugh Houghton & Ruth H) 12.30 Baptisms 6.00 pm Taizé Prayer (David Ash)
<b>MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	Bank Holiday
<b>TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	6.00 -8.00pm Junior Choir (Please speak to Sylvia if interested)
<b>WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	10.00am-12.00pm Open Church 10.00am-12.00pm Knit & Natter @ Hawkesley Church B38 9TR.
<b>THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	9.00-11.00am Tiny Tots 10.00-12.00pm Churchyard Team
<b>FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	7.15-8.30pm Adult Choir Practice (please speak to Sylvia if interested)
<b>SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	10.00 am – 12.00 pm Open Church Including Knit and Natter @ St Nicolas.
<b>SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b>	9.00 am Matins (Sylvia Fox) 10.30 am Morning Praise (Dorothea M & Pauline W) 12.00 pm APCM 6.00 pm Communion/Anointing (Rev Eliakim Ikechukwu)

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May APCM at St Nicolas after 10.30 service followed by PCC meeting.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 7.30 pm Men's Group @ St Nicolas.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May Concert in Church (see notices)

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

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October Craft Fair

## 3rd May 2026 St. Nicolas, Kings Norton 5th Sunday of Easter Incorporating Hawkesley LEP Part of the Church of England



### **READINGS TODAY**

Acts 7:55-end p.122

John 14:1-14 p.105

### **NEXT WEEK**

Acts 17:22-31 p.134

John 14:15-21 p.106

### **Collect for the Week**

Risen Christ,  
your wounds declare your love for  
the world  
and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father.

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



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