

Please Remember In Your Prayers

Mason Green, Paul Cowley, Jean Ash, Val Fletcher, Siobhan and Darlene, June McCoy, Pauline Wells, Joyce Hancock, Maureen Black, Steven Fearon, Jeremy Dacombe, Greta Lacey, Sarah Byford, Catherine Wilkinson, Gabriella Young, Lorraine Langdon.

Those who have died and those who grieve for them: Raymond Davis, Patricia Perkins, Mavis Austin, Jean Darlow, Margaret Daniels, Ethel Allen.

Update on church burglary.

West Midlands Police have made good progress with their investigations and have someone helping them with their enquiries. You may see or hear press coverage of this development. Over 1,000 people have engaged with our social media pages regarding the burglary offering their condolences and expressing outrage at the break in.

B30 and South B'ham Foodbank: Thank you to all who support B30 and South Bham Foodbank. Our most urgent needs of food are currently tinned meat, fruit or fish; rice (500g); pasta sauce; chocolate bars.

“Bring your travel cup/mug to church!” We want to encourage regular worshippers to bring their own cup-for-life to church with them. Please help us to reduce expenditure on and usage of single-use cups. Branded cup-for-life mugs are available in church for purchase .

First Friday Hymns—will meet on 12th April @ 3.00pm this month to sing “favourite hymns” chosen by the group. Next meeting 3rd May as usual.

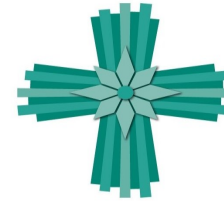
For more detailed information about what’s on in Kings Norton, pick up a copy of the Parish Magazine, on sale at the back of St Nicolas Church.

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The Parish of St Nicolas Kings Norton

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Sunday 31st March 2024— Easter Sunday

'So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.' Mark 16:8

'He/She's gone' is a phrase sometimes used at the moment a person dies. Jesus had 'gone'. The women had seen it. They'd been there as he breathed his last breath. But now they had come to his tomb, to perform an everyday rite following death, and Jesus had, quite literally, GONE. It was a true 'What? How? Hand over mouth' moment. Mark says, with amazing understatement, that they were 'amazed'. But he also says that they were terrified. Jesus, the most precious thing in their life, had gone. Even the angel's assurance that He had risen and gone ahead to Galilee, could not console them. Is it any wonder? In their amazement and terror, how could they be expected to remember what Jesus had said, even if they really understood what He meant by his words? So they fled and, in their terror, told no-one.

But we know that what they had seen and heard did get told, again and again; and those who heard it were just as amazed. As they heard, and as they told in their turn, they understood what Jesus meant: Death could not hold Him.

He lives and so will we:

Jesus lives! thy terrors now
can no more, O death, appal us:
Jesus lives! by this we know
thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.

Alleluia.

31st March readings:
Acts 10:34-43 (p. 126)
Mark 16: 1-8 (p. 52)

7th April readings:
Acts 4: 32-35 (p. 118)
John 20: 19-31 (p. 112)

Collect for the week

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.



Dates for the Diary

Sunday 31st March - 6.00pm at St Nicolas. New for 5th Sunday of the month. Evening service with a Celtic theme in celebration of Easter.

Sunday 7th April—You are invited to a birthday lunch after the 10.30 service at St Nicolas - serving at around 12 noon, to ensure Hawkesley friends can join us too if they wish. I have a “0” birthday a couple of days after Easter and want to celebrate it with my church family. Sandwiches, samosas, quiche, fruit and cake. No gifts - any donations to the tower bell appeal please. **Sylvia Fox.**

Saturday 11th May—7.30pm at St Nicolas. Pay-as-you-wish (no tickets) with Eroica Camerata. Beethoven’s Pastoral Symphony, Gounod’s Petite Symphonie and Strauss’s 2nd Horn Concerto.

Sunday 14th July—Parish Summer Sunday Lunch.

All are invited to our inaugural Summer Lunch with Grand Raffle at Kings Norton Golf Club. Children welcome. Details to follow after Easter.



What’s On in the Parish this week



Sunday March 31st March

9.00am: BCP
10.30am: Holy Communion
6.00pm: Celtic Easter worship

Monday 1st April

Note—Parish Office is closed.

Wednesday 3rd April

10.00am-12md: Open Church at St Nicolas
10.00am: Knit & Natter @ Hawkesley
12.00midday: Hawkesley midweek service

Thursday 4th April

9.00am-11am: Tiny Tots
10.00am-12md: Churchyard Care Team *Volunteers welcome*
Note—no Seniors’ Club until April 11th

Saturday 6th April

10.00am-12md: Open Church at St Nicolas

Sunday 7th April

9.00am: BCP Holy Communion
10.30am: Holy Communion
12.00md: Sylvia Fox birthday lunch in St Nicolas church. All welcome.
6.00pm: Taizé