

Thought for the Day

The answer lies in the soil.....

Somewhat belatedly, the modern western world is catching up with the idea that soil health is vital to all agriculture and horticulture. Things that our forebears have known for centuries, but the age of the “enlightenment” persuaded us that humans knew best and could do more than God. So, what has all that got to go with our readings this week? We are the soil into which God, and those who work with him, plant seeds of “kingdom values”. We need to keep our “soil free from clutter and worldly influences, in order to allow the seeds planted within us to germinate, grow, flourish and fruit. There are a multitude of ways we can do this, and each “garden” (each of us) is different from one another. The “soil-health scheme” for each of us is different. It could be regular individual bible study, using guides and commentaries or re-reading the scripture passages of the day after listening to that week’s sermon/reflection; it could be regular use of trusted online/app resources for spiritual nourishment, or through engagement with the worlds of art, music, theatre and nature. Whatever route works for you – ensure you nourish the soil that is yourself so that God can plant seeds within us, which will flourish and flower and fruit – and that can happen at all ages and stages of our lives. 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, Gabriella Young, Matthew Coulter, Margaret Roper, Eddie Matthews, Mary Barnes, Kate Charalambous, Donald Bullas, Angela Brady, Lorraine Langdon, Annette Dickers, Byrnicie McMullen, Claire Phillips, Thelma and Neville Mitchell, Dinah O’Flaherty, Olyn Brady, Carol Devic, Carole Griffiths, Jean Hooper, Val Fletcher and Roger.

Those Who have died and those who grieve for them: Carole Griffiths, Keith Piper, June Matthews, Maxine Pitt, Maxine Speke and Karen Lanchester-Fizer



Notices

PRAYER MINISTRY – Will be available after the service in the Lady Chapel on 19th July and 2nd August. If you would like prayer at other times, please approach one of the Ministry Team.

OPEN CHURCH

We are looking for more volunteers to help run our Open Church sessions on a Wednesday and Saturday mornings. If you are interested, please speak to Shane.

FESTIVAL

A big thank you to all who helped, gave things, turned up and supported the Festival yesterday.

BRAIN OF BRITAIN QUIZ - The BBC are recording the semi final and final of the Brain of Britain Quiz on Saturday 25th July at 5.00 pm and Sunday 26th at 12.00pm at Birmingham Conservatoire. We have been offered free tickets. If anyone is interested, can they let Cate know by Monday lunchtime.

B30 AND SOUTH BIRMINGHAM FOODBANK

It is still very much “more going out than coming in”, but with the combination of donations of food and money, we are holding up. Our most urgent needs are bags/boxes of 40 teabags, 500g bags of rice, toothpaste and tinned vegetables (peas, carrots and sweetcorn). Our long term Trussell colleagues at Smethwick have had to close their doors in the last couple of weeks due to lack of funds. Please pray for all their former clients that they will find other provision, and that the volunteers will be able to celebrate what they have achieved over many years, rather than feel a sense of failure. Thank you all for your practical and prayer support.

THIS WEEK	
SUNDAY 12TH JULY	9.00 am Matins (Sylvia Fox) 10.30 am Morning Worship (Pauline W & Cate B) 10.30am Holy Communion at Hawkesley (Michelle T) 6.00 pm Communion & Anointing (Stephen Mayes)
MONDAY 13TH JULY	2.30 pm Handbells in Church (Please speak to Sylvia if interested).
TUESDAY 14TH JULY	6.00 -8.00pm Junior Choir (Please speak to Sylvia if interested)
WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY	10.00am-12.00pm Open Church 10.00am-12.00pm Knit & Natter @ Hawkesley Church B38 9TR.
THURSDAY 16TH JULY	9.00-11.00am Tiny Tots 10.00-12.00pm Churchyard Team
FRIDAY 17TH JULY	7.15-8.30pm Adult Choir Practice (please speak to Sylvia if interested)
SATURDAY 18TH JULY	10.00 – 12.00 pm Open Church Men's Group Local Walk and Brunch at the Navigation
SUNDAY 19TH JULY	9.00 am BCP Holy Communion (Rev Hugh Houghton) 10.30 am Holy Communion (Rev Hugh H & Fay Fearon) 10.30 am Morning Worship at Hawkesley (Sylvia Fox) 6.00 pm Compline (Sylvia Fox & Ruth Howman)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday **20th July** PCC Meeting 7.30 pm in St Nicolas
Saturday **10th October** Craft Fair

12th July 2026

St. Nicolas, Kings Norton

The Sixth Sunday After Trinity

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TODAY

Romans 8: 1-11 p. 153

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 p. 13

NEXT WEEK

Romans 8:12-25 p.153

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 p. 14

Collect for the Week

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we
see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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