

Thought for the Day

'Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.'

Inspired by these words she read in a leaflet, *"Turn full your soul's vision to Jesus, and look and look at Him, and a strange dimness will come over all that is apart from Him."*, Helen Howarth Lemmel wrote the above chorus before she wrote the rest of the hymn *O, soul, are you weary and troubled?* The words fit so well with our Gospel reading. As Peter steps out of the boat and onto the water he turns his eyes upon Jesus. Then, the reality of the situation overwhelms him and he drops into the waves calling to Jesus to save him. Jesus reaches out and pulls him to safety.

In our Epistle reading, Paul writes, *'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him?'* Here is the last verse of Helen's hymn, its words a call to mission:

His Word shall not fail you--He promised;

Believe Him, and all will be well:

Then go to a world that is dying,

His perfect salvation to tell!

Steve

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, Olyn Brady, Carol Devic, Jean Hooper, Val Fletcher, Roger, Kazia and family.

Those Who have died and those who grieve for them: Sheila Watkin and Mavis Pushon Bovolo 🌿

Notices

PRAYER MINISTRY – Will be available after the service in the Lady Chapel on 16th August. If you would like prayer at other times, please approach one of the Ministry Team.

BIRMINGHAM HERITAGE WEEK 2026

Once again, our church is taking part in the annual Birmingham Heritage Week, which sees significant buildings in the area opening their doors to visitors. We will be open for this purpose on Saturday 12 September, Wednesday 16 September and Saturday 19 September, each from 10 am to 2 pm.

Steve Wright and Michael Kennedy are looking for people to join us as Welcomers, normally for two-hour periods. You don't need to be an expert on the church: you will be briefed on key information and in any case most visitors will be self-conducting using our Audio-Visual tour and free information leaflets. Please note that if you're a member of our congregation, to take part you will need to have completed Safeguarding training. Volunteers from outside will need to undergo our formal recruitment procedure. 'If you're interested, please contact Steve or Michael direct, or leave your name with the Parish Office.

WHY IS THE CHANCEL SO BARE, AND THE ORGAN "SEE THROUGH"?

At the spring tuning visit, the organ was found to have a small amount of mould growing in it, due to our very cold and damp winter with minimal heating. Cleaning work was planned for mid-July to fit around the June and August weddings and also catch the driest time of year to aid drying of all the pipes and parts which needed washing and treating. When work began on July 20th, the mould was found to have spread to almost every part of the organ. A four-day job expanded to a 6-week job, with a comparable rise in costs. The work will be split into two phases to allow the organ to be available for the late August weddings - and will see the cleaning of all affected pipes, fittings and casework. It has also meant the entire chancel has had to be cleared of all moveable furniture, fittings and books - for precautionary cleaning.

THIS WEEK	
SUNDAY 9TH AUGUST 2026	9.00 am Matins (Sylvia Fox) 10.30 am Morning Praise (Pauline W & Dorothea M) 10.30 am Morning Praise at Hawkesley Church B38 9TR 6.00 pm Communion & Anointing (Rev David Warbrick)
MONDAY 10TH AUGUST	No handbells this week Handbells restart on 24 th August at Hawkesley Church
TUESDAY 11TH AUGUST	Junior Choir on holiday in August
WEDNESDAY 12TH AUGUST	10.00am-12.00pm Open Church 10.00am-12.00pm Knit & Natter @ Hawkesley Church B38 9TR.
THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST	9.00-11.00am Tiny Tots 10.00-12.00pm Churchyard Team
FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST	Choir on holiday in August
SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST	10.00 – 12.00 pm Open Church
SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST	9.00 BCP Holy Communion (Rev Rob Morris) 10.30 am Holy Communion (Rev Rob Morris & Fay F) NO SERVICE AT HAWKESLEY CHURCH THIS MORNING 6.00 pm Compline (Sylvia Fox & Ruth Howman)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

16th August There will be no service at Hawkesley Church at 10.30 am due to holidays. Please join us at St Nicolas'.

Joint service on **30th August** at Hawkesley Church 10.30 am. There will be no 10.30 am service at St Nicolas'.

Heritage Week 12, 16 and 19th September Church will be open 10.00 – 2.00 pm.

Saturday **10th October** Craft Fair

9th August 2026

St. Nicolas, Kings Norton

The Tenth Sunday After Trinity

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TODAY

Romans 10:5-15 p.156

Matthew 14:22-33 p. 15

NEXT WEEK

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 p.156

Matthew 15:21-28 p.16

Collect for the Week

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be
persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage
never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers
before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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