

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 30th March

9.00 am BCP Holy Communion w
10.30 am United Service
6.00 pm Celtic Worship

WEDNESDAY 2nd April

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

THURSDAY 3rd April

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

SATURDAY 5th April

10.00am—12.00pm—OPEN CHURCH

SUNDAY 6th April

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

Collect for the Week

Merciful Lord,
you know our struggle to serve you:
when sin spoils our lives
and overshadows our hearts,
come to our aid
and turn us back to you again;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

30th March 2025



St. Nicolas, Kings Norton

Incorporating Hawkesley LEP

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TODAY

2 Corinthians 5:16-end page 178

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-end page 75

NEXT WEEK

Philippians 3:4b-14 page 196

John 12:1-8 page 103

READINGS:

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

Today is the fourth Sunday of Lent and marks, roughly, the halfway point of Lent. It is also known as Refreshment Sunday or Mothering Sunday. The tradition of Mothering Sunday goes back to the 16th Century when on the fourth Sunday of Lent people would return to their “mother church” - the church in which they were baptised, their local parish church or nearest cathedral. In later times servants would be given a rare day off in order to observe this tradition.

I don't believe that many people observe this tradition any more, but it would be a good opportunity for us to think about those who have walked alongside us on our journey of faith. Your faith journey may have started with baptism as a baby, or much later in life, but each of us will have been supported by others. Instead of (or maybe as well as) returning to our mother church we should use this day to remember, and thank God for, those who have helped our own faith to grow and supported us on our walk with God. **Ruth Howman**

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Thursday 27th March 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 Yoli.

Those Who have died and those who grieve for them: Catherine Pinnock, Veronica Ryan 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.

Spiritual Directors Course:

Do others come to share with you their hopes and fears about their faith and life journey? Have you felt that God may be calling you to ‘companion’ others in this way? Have you considered whether training might develop your gifts?

For more information please see the notice board near the back of church or contact the Parish Office.

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 .