

Thought for the Day

Having journeyed through all the special and related seasons of Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost and Trinity, we have reached the time of year which the church calendar refers to as “ordinary time”. In the world of Godly Play, it is called the “great green growing time” – tapping in to the fact that the liturgical colour for ordinary time is green. And it is a very good way of regarding this time – almost half of the year. It is a time to reflect upon Jesus’ earthly ministry, and place that alongside and within his resurrection and ascension – those events which show us very clearly, that he is both human and God.

Our readings over the next few weeks are all from Matthew’s Gospel (we use a three-year cycle of readings, when each of the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke are used in rotation, with readings from John interspersed throughout each year). They explore Jesus’s teaching – and today we have small snapshots of Jesus interacting with the local Jewish community. Some of the leaders are questioning his relationships with “sinners” (which is basically all of us, as none of us is without sin, expect Jesus) – and he makes it clear that he is here for everyone, not just those who perceive themselves to be righteous, or “clean before God”. But not all of the leaders were against his radical teaching, and the one in our passage to day actively sought out Jesus to heal his daughter and restore her to life. This leader had clearly seen beyond the accusations of his peers and the jeering of his neighbours and seen the real Jesus, the Messiah. The other person who had believed in Jesus as Messiah was the nameless woman who reached out to touch Jesus, knowing that even the slightest encounter would bring healing.

We can encounter Jesus too – around a table where we are the guest or as the host, or coming at a time of great need, or at any other point in our life. 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, Kath Baylis, Angela Brady, Lorraine Langdon, Annette Dickers, Byrnicie McMullen, Claire Phillips, Thelma and Neville Mitchell, Dinah O’Flaherty, Olyn Brady, Carol Devic, Carole Griffiths and Jean Hooper.

Those Who have died and those who grieve for them: Otis Dennis, Constantine Williams, John Osbourne, Christine Robinson and Elaine Brooks



Notices

PRAYER MINISTRY – Will be available after the service in the Lady Chapel on 3 7th June and 21st June If you would like prayer at other times, please approach one of the Ministry Team.

THE RETURN OF KINGS NORTON FESTIVAL

A reminder of the items we are looking for – donations please of any 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.

Please put any donations on the table in the baptistry or bring to the Parish Office.

Charity Support

As a parish, we support several charities - using the money which Immanuel Church had kept expressly for outward giving, plus any additional financial donations given during the year as well as various ways of “giving in kind” and prayer support.

This year we are supporting Christian Aid; Tear Fund; ToyBox; Ifakara Bakery; Interserve - supporting Nepalese Christians; St Agnes Children’s Home and Residential Home, Gokwe, Zimbabwe; B30 and South Birmingham Foodbank and New Forest for Ukraine.

Some appear to be far removed from us in the Midlands - but all have family links with individuals or whole congregations here. Over the next weeks, one of the charities will be appear in the newsletter in more detail.

FIRST FRIDAY HYMNS

On the first Friday of the month in St Nicolas, from 11-12noon. Exploring well known, new and forgotten hymns, linked with a theme or church season.

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| THIS WEEK | |
| SUNDAY 7TH JUNE | 9.00 am BCP Holy Communion (Bishop Esther) 10.30 am Holy Communion (Bishop Esther) 6.00 pm Taizé Prayer (David Ash) |
| MONDAY 8TH JUNE | No handbells this week. |
| TUESDAY 9TH JUNE | 6.00 -8.00pm Junior Choir (Please speak to Sylvia if interested) |
| WEDNESDAY 10TH JUNE | 10.00am-12.00pm Open Church 10.00am-12.00pm Knit & Natter @ Hawkesley Church B38 9TR. |
| THURSDAY 11TH JUNE | 9.00-11.00am Tiny Tots 10.00-12.00pm Churchyard Team |
| FRIDAY 12TH JUNE | 7.15-8.30pm Adult Choir Practice (please speak to Sylvia if interested) |
| SATURDAY 13TH JUNE | 10.00 am – 12.00 pm Open Church 10.00 am – 12.00 pm Knit and Natter @ St Nicolas |
| SUNDAY 14TH JUNE | 9.00 am Matins (Sylvia Fox) 10.30 am Morning Praise (Ruth H & Dorothea M) 6.00 pm Communion & Anointing (Rev Stephen Mayes) |

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Saturday 11th July 2026 Kings Norton Festival

Saturday 10th October Craft Fair

Men's Group

The Men's Group Annual Garden Party, an open event, is on Monday 22 June from 7.30 at the Badger's house. For more details, please speak to Steve Wright, John Adams or David Badger. Please bring food to share and a chair if you need one. Drinks provided.

7th June 2026

St. Nicolas, Kings Norton

The First Sunday After Trinity

Incorporating Hawkesley LEP

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TODAY

Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-end p.678

Matthew 28:16-end p.32

NEXT WEEK

Romans 4:16-end p.151

Matthew 9:9-13,18-26 p.8

Collect for the Week

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son.
Amen

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



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