

Thought for the Day

Today we celebrate the 115th International Women's Day. This global day is about celebrating achievements of women in different contexts: social, economic, cultural and political. It is also a day to raise awareness about discrimination and gender inequality. Although there have been changes over the last 115 years, there is still a long way to go.

In our Gospel passage today (John 4 verses 5-42) we hear of an encounter between Jesus and a Samaritan woman. In the usual course of things at that time a Jewish man would not have normally talked with a woman in the street, let alone a Samaritan woman. After much conversation with the woman, she comes to believe and leads others to also believe. Jesus' love is for all, man or woman, Jew or Samaritan. He broke down the barriers of discrimination. We, too, should break down barriers of discrimination and fight for equality, and show the love of Jesus to all.

Ruth

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, Lyn Taylor, Angela Brady, Don and Family, Lorraine Langdon, Darcey, Annette Dickers, Byrnicie McMullen, Claire Phillips, Thelma and Neville Mitchell and Dinah O'Flaherty.

Those Who have died and those who grieve for them: John Dempster, Maureen Caldicott, Bishop Andrew Watson, Fiona Fendick and Helen Pierce



Notices

Prayer Ministry – Will be available after the service in the Lady Chapel on 15.03.26 and 29.3.26. If you would like prayer at other times, please approach one of the Ministry Team.

Lent Course - Acts of Hope

Starting on 25th February, every Wednesday at 11am in the Old Grammar School. Evening course starting 26th February 6.00pm-7.00pm will be available via zoom, link can be got from the parish office. Participant Books are available on a Sunday morning or via the parish office, they are £6.99 per copy.

The return of Kings Norton Festival

On Saturday 11th July we will once again be holding our church festival. The aim is to have a traditional church fete and raise funds for our heating appeal.

We are looking for people to help run stalls – everything from plants, tombolas and cakes to refreshments and games. What could you do? Please speak to Pauline, Sylvia or Cate if you would like to get involved and put the date in your diary.

Please Remember in your Prayers Can you please let me know if any of the people named can now be taken off the prayer list. Cate.

B30 and South Birmingham Foodbank -Many thanks for your ongoing support. Our most urgent needs remain tinned fish (particularly non tuna), tinned meat and meat products, rice (500g) and tinned spaghetti.

Services During Winter – with the weather conditions being unpredictable over this winter period we may occasionally have to cancel the evening services at short notice, for health and safety reasons. While we endeavour to let people know it would be wise to check the website www.kingsnorton.org.uk before you leave the house to see whether the service is going ahead.

THIS WEEK	
SUNDAY 8TH MARCH	9.00 am Matins (Sylvia Fox) 10.30 am Morning Worship (Pauline & Dorothea) 6.00 pm Communion & Anointing (Rev Eliakim)
MONDAY 9TH MARCH	10.00 -12.00pm Churchyard Team 2.30-3.30 pm Handbells in Old Grammar School. Please speak to Sylvia if interested
TUESDAY 10TH MARCH	6.00 -8.00pm Junior Choir (Please speak to Sylvia if interested)
WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH	10.00am-12.00pm Open Church 10.00am-12.00pm Knit & Natter @ Hawkesley Church B38 9TR. 11.00 Lent Group in St Nicolas
THURSDAY 12TH MARCH	9.00-11.00am Tiny Tots 10.00-12.00pm Churchyard Team 6.00pm Lent Group on Zoom
FRIDAY 13TH MARCH	7.15-8.30pm Adult Choir Practice (please speak to Sylvia if interested)
SATURDAY 14TH MARCH	10.00 am – 12.00 pm Open Church
SUNDAY 15TH MARCH	9.00 am BCP Holy Communion (Rev Hugh Houghton) 10.30 am Holy Communion (Rev Rob Morris & Fay) 12.30 Baptisms (Rev Rob Morris & Pauline) 6.00 pm Compline (Sylvia Fox & Ruth Howman)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Saturday 11th July 2026 Kings Norton Festival

8th March 2026 St. Nicolas, Kings Norton

Lent 3

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READINGS TODAY

Psalm 46 p.529

John 4:5-42 p.91

NEXT WEEK

Psalm 23 p.512

John 9 p.99

Collect for the Week

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are
promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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