

Thought for the Day

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Lent and this year we are focusing on the theme of hope. In our ever-changing world we need hope more than ever. This is particularly true for the people of Iran and our service this Sunday focuses on Iran. We are encouraged to 'be the voice' of Iran. To talk about the situation and not let the media stop reporting on the events taking place. During the unrest the internet has been silenced, and it is hard to get news, a difficult time for those who have friends and family in the country. Not knowing if they are safe.

Following on from the 'woman, life, freedom' protests in 2023 the new protests have reached extraordinary levels. The current unrest which began amid deep economic instability – rising prices, shortages and job insecurity has grown into a movement for change. For an end to the brutal regime and a return to a time of peace and prosperity.

The people of Iran including those who live, work and worship in our community are hopeful. They are hopeful that this time change will come. This Sunday we hear their stories; we pray for them and we stand alongside them in hope and love.

Pauline Weaver

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, Fiona Fendick, Kath Baylis, David Hanson, Lyn Taylor, Angela Brady, Don and Family, Lorraine Langdon, Darcey, Annette Dickers, Byrnicie McMullen, Claire Phillips and Helen Pierce.

Those Who have died and those who grieve for them: Estella Westwood, Farideh Drever, Ruby Poole and Maureen Caldicott 

Notices

Prayer Ministry – Will be available after the service in the Lady Chapel on 01.03.26, 15.03.26 and 29.3.26. If you would like prayer at other times, please approach one of the Ministry Team.

January Fundraiser – We invite you to bring any unwanted or broken gold or silver items which can be exchanged via bank transfer for money at the bullion store in the jewellery quarter. We will store donated items safely and off-site during January and February and take it all in one session. We have extended the fundraiser to include February too.

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.

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

THIS WEEK	
SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY	9.00 am Matins (David Ash) 10.30am Morning Service (Pauline W & Ruth Howman) 6.00 pm Holy Communion (Rev Dele Sotonwa)
MONDAY 23RD FEBRUARY	10.00 -12.00pm Churchyard Team 2.30-3.30 pm Handbells in Old Grammar School. Please speak to Sylvia if interested
TUESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY	6.00 -8.00pm Junior Choir (Please speak to Sylvia if interested)
WEDNESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY	10.00am-12.00pm Open Church 10.00am-12.00pm Knit & Natter @ Hawkesley Church B38 9TR. 11.00 Lent Group in St Nicolas
THURSDAY 26TH FEBRUARY	9.00-11.00am Tiny Tots 10.00-12.00pm Churchyard Team 6.00pm Lent Group on Zoom
FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY	7.15-8.30pm Adult Choir Practice (please speak to Sylvia if interested)
SATURDAY 28TH FEBRUARY	10.00 am – 12.00 pm Open Church
SUNDAY 1ST MARCH	9.00 am BCP Holy Communion (Rev Catherine Grylls) 10.30am Holy Communion (Rev Catherine Grylls) 6.00 pm Taizé Prayer (David Ash)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 6th March World Day of Prayer (formerly Women's World Day of Prayer)

Services at 1.30 and 7.30 pm at St Nicolas: The services this year have been created by the women of Nigeria, based upon the biblical promise "I will give you rest, come".

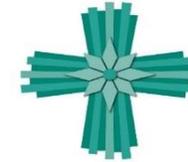
All welcome.

22nd February 2026 St. Nicolas, Kings Norton

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READINGS TODAY

Psalm 32 p.518

Matthew 4:1-11 p.3

NEXT WEEK

Psalm 121 p.582

Matthew 5:1-12 p.4

Collect for the Week

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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