

Thought for the Day

We have two depictions of St Peter holding “the keys of heaven” in St Nicolas. One is a corbel found at the top of a pillar in the Nave (near the platform) and the other is one of the figures in the East Window.

Jesus speaks of entrusting St Peter to allow or deny entry to heaven: he is going to be a gatekeeper. And when we look at his subsequent ministry, that is very much what he does and is. He is the one who first preaches Christ Resurrected. Peter is the first to open the gates of the Kingdom of God to those outside of the many who had heard Jesus preach for themselves and responded directly. Peter was the one who galvanised the other disciples into ministry.

But at the time Jesus has asked the disciples who they think he is: Peter’s response is commended but they are also told not to tell anyone. This is not the only time when Jesus doesn’t want his Messiah-ship to be publicly proclaimed. We don’t really know why, but possibly to make the general listener work it out for themselves. Have we worked it out, or have we heard it from St Peter? Either way, let’s own it for ourselves too.

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, Annette Dickers, Byrnic McMillen, Claire Phillips, Thelma and Neville Mitchell, Olyn Brady, Carol Devic, Jean Hooper, Val Fletcher, Roger, Kazia and family and Andrea Cohen Richards.

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 6th September. If you would like prayer at other times, please approach one of the Ministry Team.

ORGAN UPDATE

Phase 1 of the organ work is complete and means we have a functioning organ for our two Weddings at the end of the month. Phase 2 starts at the very beginning of September and may take up to 3 weeks as it is more complex, as the pipes and other fittings which need through cleaning my deep inside the organ.

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will not be manned between 14th August and 24th August. It will be covered on an ad hoc basis between 24th and 1st September.

PCC MEMBERS

Please note that September’s meeting has moved from 14th September to 21st September. Please amend your diaries accordingly.

B30 and SOUTH BIRMINGHAM FOODBANK

Our demand continues to outstrip giving, so we are buying in 30-50% of our stock. Our most urgent needs are gender neutral shower gel, toothpaste, tinned soup and tinned fish. Thank you for your support.

THIS WEEK	
SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST 2026	9.00 am Matins (David Ash) 10.30 am Morning Praise (Ruth Howman & Pauline W) 6.00 pm Holy Communion (Rev Stephen Mayes)
MONDAY 24TH AUGUST	Handbells restart at Hawkesley Church
TUESDAY 25TH AUGUST	Junior Choir on holiday in August
WEDNESDAY 26TH AUGUST	10.00am-12.00pm Open Church 10.00am-12.00pm Knit & Natter @ Hawkesley Church B38 9TR.
THURSDAY 27TH AUGUST	9.00-11.00am Tiny Tots 10.00-12.00pm Churchyard Team
FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST	Choir on holiday in August
SATURDAY 29TH AUGUST	10.00 – 12.00 pm Open Church
SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST	9.00 BCP Holy Communion (Rev Christine McAteer) 10.30 am United Service at Hawkesley Church B38 9TR (The Venerable Catherine Grylls, Archdeacon) 6.00 pm Celtic Worship (Steve W & Mervyn McG)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

23rd August 2026 St. Nicolas, Kings Norton The Twelfth Sunday After Trinity Incorporating Hawkesley LEP

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TODAY

Romans 12:1-8 p.157

Matthew 16:13-20 p. 17

NEXT WEEK

Romans 12:9-end p.158

Matt 16:21-end p.17

Collect for the Week

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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