

Please Remember In Your Prayers

Mason Green, Paul Cowley, Jean Ash, Val Fletcher, Siobhan and Darlene, June McCoy, Pauline Wells, Joyce Hancock, Maureen Black, Steven Fearon, Jeremy Dacombe, Greta Lacey, Sarah Byford, Catherine Wilkinson, Gabriella Young.

Those who have died and those who grieve for them: Jean Darlow, Margaret Daniels, Ethel Allen.

B30 and South B'ham Foodbank: Thank you to all who support B30 and South Bham Foodbank. Our most urgent needs of food are currently tinned fruit (not rhubarb, grapefruit, prunes); tinned meat, fish, tomatoes or beans; rice (500g); tinned/cartons instant custard; chocolate bars, liquid/bars soap.

Saturday May 11th 10 am to 12 noon: Coffee & Cake sale at St Nicolas in aid of Christian Aid. Fran Badger is co-ordinating this event. Please advise her directly or via the parish office if you are able to help on the day or provide cakes for sale.

Sunday 12th May after 10.30am service: APCM in St Nicolas church. Nomination forms are now at the back of church for Church-wardens, Deanery Synod representatives and PCC members. If you wish to stand please complete the relevant form; obtaining a proposer and seconder. Please note for all positions you will need to complete a Declaration of Eligibility; hold / apply for a DBS certificate and undertake Safeguarding Training.

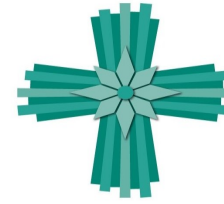
For more detailed information about what's on in Kings Norton, pick up a copy of the Parish Magazine, on sale at the back of St Nicolas Church.

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In Touch



The Parish of St Nicolas Kings Norton

Incorporating Hawkesley LEP
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Sunday 21st April 2024— Easter 4

'I am the Good Shepherd'

Our Gospel reading this Sunday includes Jesus telling his disciples that the sheep that belong to him hear his voice. Of course, those disciples were right there, hearing every word being spoken. They had no difficulty in believing what Jesus was saying.

What about us?

How easy is it for you to believe that you might recognise the voice of Jesus in your life? I'm not asking whether you believe in God, but whether you believe God knows, cares and yes, even speaks to you?

Of course, hearing God can mean much more than an audible voice. God speaks as a Bible verse bounces off the page, when a comment somehow cuts to our heart, or a preacher seems to be speaking just to us. At other times it might be through our feelings and imagination, a book, music or a view that gives us a sense of awe and wonder.

So why not ask God to make you attentive to his voice in your life this week, that you might really notice when he speaks?

I'll be really interested to hear what you find the results are!

David Booker

21st April readings:
Acts 4: 5-12 (p. 117)
John 10: 11-18 (p. 100)

28th April readings:
Acts 8: 26-40 (p. 123)
John 15: 1-8 (p.106)

Collect for the week

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.



Dates for the Diary

Thursday 25th April—7.30pm in St Nicolas: Men's Group meeting—
Topic National Gardens Scheme (refreshments available).

Growing with God starts on **Sunday 28th April at 3pm**. Meet outside the church
gates to find out more about worship and creation. Family Friendly.

Monday 29th April—7.30pm at St Nicolas. PCC meeting re 2023 accounts.

Friday 3rd May—3.00pm in church: 1st Friday Hymns

Saturday 11th May—7.30pm at St Nicolas. Pay-as-you-wish (no tickets) with
Eroica Camerata. Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony, Gounod's Petite Symphonie and
Strauss's 2nd Horn Concerto.

Wednesday 15th May—7.30pm at St Nicolas. Men's Group Open Meeting: guest
speaker Siôr Coleman—*"Climbing the wall to get in. Unexpected life lessons from
years at Monyhull"*. All Welcome.

Sunday 14th July—Parish Summer Sunday Lunch.

All are invited to our inaugural Summer Lunch with Grand Raffle at Kings Norton
Golf Club. Children welcome. Details to follow.



What's On in the Parish this week



Sunday 21st April

9.00am: BCP Holy Communion
10.30am: Holy Communion
12.30pm: Baptisms
6.00pm: Evening Prayer

Wednesday 24th April

10.00am-12md: Open Church at St Nicolas
10.00am: Knit & Natter @ Hawkesley
12.00midday: Hawkesley midweek service

Thursday 25th April

9.00am-11am: Tiny Tots
10.00am-12md: Churchyard Care Team *Volunteers welcome*
12.30pm-2.30pm: Seniors Club meet at St Nicolas Place. This week is Ukelele
Group
7.30pm—Men's Group; meet in St Nicolas church

Saturday 27th April

10.00am-12md: Open Church at St Nicolas

Sunday 28th April

9.00am: BCP Holy Communion
10.30am: Morning Praise
3.00pm: Growing with God—outdoor church
6.00pm: Compline