

**Please Remember In Your Prayers**

Mason Green, Paul Cowley, Gabriella Young, Ray Davies, Jean Ash, Margaret Schellenberg, Val Fletcher, Siobhan and Darlene, Gail & Alison Fergus, June McCoy, Pauline Wells, Joyce Hancock, Neville Mitchell, Maureen Black, Steven Fearon, Jeremy Dacombe, Greta Lacey.

**Those who have died and those who grieve for them:** Rosemary Foulkes, Thomas Liggins, Eleanor Thorne, Christine Gadd.

**B30 and South B'ham Foodbank:** Many thanks for all who have supported B30 and South Bham Foodbank over the last year. During the week before Christmas we received in our usual Christmas deluge (over 4 tonnes of food), but gave out even more. In that one week, we fed 513 people which is significantly higher than any previous week. So far, our financial donations are keeping pace with the need to purchase food to supplement the donated food. Please pray that this continues. Our most urgent needs of food are currently tinned fruit (not grapefruit, prunes or rhubarb), jam/honey, rice (500g), semi-skimmed long-life milk and toothpaste.

**“Bring your travel cup/mug to church!”** We are steadily working to make the running of St Nicolas as sustainable as possible. To reduce both expenditure and the use of once-use items, we want to encourage regular worshippers to bring their own cup-for-life to church with them. If you haven't already bought one of the branded ones - we still have them available for sale. Please help us to reduce expenditure on and usage of once-use cups.

**Christine GADD - RIP:** Christine GADD passed away suddenly last week. A longstanding member of Immanuel church and our parish. She undertook a number of roles in our church community and will be sadly missed. Please pray for her family and her friends coming to terms with their loss.

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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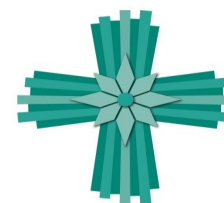


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# In Touch



## The Parish of St Nicolas Kings Norton

*Incorporating Hawkesley LEP*  
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**Sunday 31st December— 1st Sunday of Christmas**

As the year comes to a close, our bible readings continue the story of the nativity with the arrival of the angels to the shepherds. They bring the message of goodwill that we celebrate this Christmas season. The news of the great joy of the birth of the saviour and the message of peace. These two messages seem an appropriate way to bring this year to a close and to look to the year ahead. We pray that the message of peace reaches out to all those countries in conflict at this time, that peace will come, real and lasting bringing an end to the misery and suffering of all peoples. We approach 2024 with the hope that this year brings joy and peace to everyone. May we all be like the shepherds and receive the angels message with amazement, and treasure and ponder on the words like Mary.

Happy New Year.

*Pauline Weaver*

**31st December readings:**

**Galatians 4: 4-7 (p.186)**

**Luke 2: 22-40 (p.56-57)**

**7th January readings:**

**Isaiah 60: 1-6 (p. 700-701)**

**Matthew 2: 1-12 (p. 1-2)**

**Collect for the week**

God in Trinity,  
eternal unity of perfect love:  
gather the nations to be one family,  
and draw us into your holy life  
through the birth of Emmanuel,  
our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



**Dates for the Diary**

**Thursday 4th January 11.00am to 2.00pm**—Family Arts and Crafts session @ Hawkesley Pastoral Centre.

**Friday 5th January 3.00pm**—Join us in church for an hour of traditional hymn singing: a focus on Christmas and Epiphany Hymns this time.

**Saturday 13th January at 7.30pm**—“Eroica” return to play Sibelius’ Finlandia and 1st Symphony - together with Brahms’ 1st Piano Concerto with soloist Daniel Browell. No tickets required - please pay on the night, as you feel able - cash, cheque or electronic payments.

*This concert requires the hire of a large grand piano than the one which is on long-term loan to St Nicolas. If anyone feels able to help sponsor the hire of the piano, donations of any size would be welcome. The hired piano will be with us for the whole weekend, so will be used at the 10.30 and 6pm services too. Please see Sylvia for details.*

**Tuesday 16th January at 7.30pm:** Men's Group film night @ St Nicolas Church—“The Fastest Indian”



**What's On in the Parish  
this week**



**Sunday 31st December**

9.00am: BCP Holy Communion

10.30am: United Service

*(Note: no evening service)*

**Wednesday 3rd January**

10.00am-12md: Open Church at St Nicolas

10.00am: Knit & Natter @ Hawkesley

12.00md: Hawkesley midweek service

**Thursday 4th January**

9.00am-11am: Tiny Tots

10.00am-12md: Churchyard Care Team \*Volunteers welcome\*

11.00am—2.00pm: Family Activity Day @ Hawkesley Pastoral Centre

**Friday 5th January**

3.00pm: Friday Hymns @ St Nicolas Church

**Saturday 6th January**

10.00am-12md: Open Church at St Nicolas

**Sunday 7th January**

9.00am: BCP Holy Communion

10.30am: Holy Communion

6.00pm: Taizé