

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.

Those who have died and those who grieve for them: Thomas John Dann, Maureen Petrovic, Baby Carter Lewis Stanley, Peter Salmon, Jean Noke.

B30 and South B'ham Foodbank: Thank you for your continued support. Our most urgent needs are tinned items (tomatoes, baked beans, soup, fish), pasta sauce, rice.

Fairtrade chocolate Advent calendars are for sale at the back of church—£5.00 each.

Mavis Austin has now moved to Yorkshire to be nearer family. If you would like to write to her or phone please contact Rev. Jayne for information.

Advent calendars for The Sweet Project. If you would like to donate a chocolate Advent calendar (of any sort), The Sweet Project (sweetproject.co.uk) are arranging for these to be distributed to local families. There is a box at the back of church or you can leave with the Parish Office before **24th November**. Thank you.

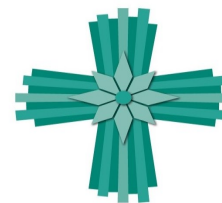
For more detailed information about what's on in Kings Norton, pick up a copy of the Parish Magazine, on sale at the back of St Nicolas Church.

St Nicolas Church has an induction loop (T-loop). It operates with any



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In Touch



The Parish of St Nicolas Kings Norton

Incorporating Hawkesley LEP
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Sunday 29th October — Last Sunday after Trinity

In this week's gospel reading we see the Pharisees and Sadducees trying once again to trick Jesus by asking him a question: "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the Greatest?" Jesus replies: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

On the face of it these seem like simple things but are they really? Do we love God with all our heart and soul and mind? I know that I constantly fail in this but God is a God of grace and he knows and forgives our failings.

Then we have "Love your neighbour as yourself" Sounds easy until your neighbour is someone you don't like. This is where it gets uncomfortable, but then God doesn't promise a comfortable life where following him is easy. It is often challenging but maybe it is through facing up to those things that are challenges, and praying about them, that we grow.

Cate Bennett

29th October Readings:

1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8 (p.200)

Matthew 22: 34-46 (p.24)

5th November Readings:

1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13 (p.201)

Matthew 24: 1-14 (p.25)

Collect for the week

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Dates for the Diary

Sunday 29th October at 3.00pm— Annual Memorial Service at St Nicolas.

Thursday 2nd November: 11.00am to 2.00pm—Hawkesley Pastoral Centre: Kids art and craft session (lunch and drinks provided). See poster at back of church.

Thursday 2nd November: Please note the *Parish Office is closed* (reopens Fri 3rd November at 10.00am).

Friday 3rd November at 3.00pm— First Friday Hymns at St Nicolas Church.

Tuesday 21st November, Hawkesley at 10.00am—Coffee and Chat: talk on Suffragettes by Lynda Sharpe.



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



Sunday 29th October

9.00am: BCP Holy Communion
10.30am: United Service
3.00pm: Memorial Service

Wednesday 1st November

10.00am: Druids Heath Prayers
10.00am: Knit and Natter @ Hawkesley
10am-12md: Open Church at St Nicolas
12md: Hawkesley midday prayers

Thursday 2nd November

9.00am-11am: Tiny Tots
10am-12md: Churchyard Care Team *Volunteers welcome*
11.00am 0 2.00pm—Hawkesley art and craft session
12.30pm: Seniors' Club— music with Geoff Abbotts

Saturday 4th November

Please note: **no** Open Church today (resumes Wed 8th @ 10.00am)

Sunday 5th November

9.00am: BCP Holy Communion
10.30am: Holy Communion
12.30pm Baptisms
6.00pm: Taizé