

## Thought for the Day

Today we celebrate our patron saint, St Nicolas whose feast day was yesterday (6th December), but it is also the second Sunday of Advent when we celebrate all the prophets (and there are lots of them!). The prophets were people used by God to warn, rebuke, call people to repentance, and to point towards the coming Messiah. In other words, to proclaim the message of God. They were frequently ignored and ridiculed. They were sometimes discouraged, but would be given strength by God. They stood out because they were different and spoke out when many wouldn't. They longed for a better world.

Many of us today also long for a better world, and particularly for peace, which today's advent candle represents. This advent let us pray for peace, let us take example from the prophets and speak out the message of God. Let us remind others that Christmas is about the coming of the Messiah, the Prince of Peace.

Ruth

### **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 and Darcey.

**Those Who have died and those who grieve for them:** Richard Pearce. 

## Notices

**Prayer Ministry in the Lady Chapel**—Prayer Ministry will be available on 30<sup>th</sup> November and 14<sup>th</sup> December after 10.30 service. If you require prayer at other times, please approach one of the Ministry Team.

### **Invitation to Pray for the Parish and for its Future**

#### **December Dates:**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 11.45 am at St Nicolas

#### **Knitted Hats -**

Many thanks to all who bought Christine's knitted woolly hats over the last two weeks. They have all been sold and we have raised £160 for Church Funds. John Adams.

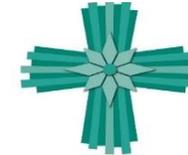
**Church Flowers** - just a reminder that we do not have any flowers in Church during Advent. However, during this time leading up to Christmas I would love to receive some donations towards the cost of the Christmas flowers. Please hand to Alison at the 10.30am Service or place in an envelope and hand to Cate in the Parish Office.

**B30 and South Birmingham Foodbank** -Thank you for your ongoing support: our most urgent needs are tinned fish (tuna, mackerel, sardines, salmon), tinned meat and meat products, gender neutral shower gel and rice (500g).

**7<sup>TH</sup> December 2025**  
**St. Nicolas, Kings Norton**

**Advent 2**

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<b>THIS WEEK</b>	
<b>SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER</b>	9.00 BCP Communion (Rev Jayne Crooks & Dorothea) 10.30 Toy Service (Rev Jayne Crooks & Ruth Howman) 12.30 Baptisms (Rev Catherine Grylls) 6.00 Taizé Prayer (David Ash)
<b>MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER</b>	10.00 -12.00pm Churchyard Team 2.30-3.30pm Handbells (please speak to Sylvia if interested)
<b>TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER</b>	6.00 -8.00pm Junior Choir (Please speak to Sylvia if interested)
<b>WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER</b>	10.00am-12.00pm Open Church 10.00am-12.00pm Knit & Natter Hawkesley
<b>THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER</b>	9.00-11.00am Tiny Tots 10.00-12.00pm Churchyard Team
<b>FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER</b>	7.15-8.30pm Adult Choir Practice (please speak to Sylvia if interested)
<b>SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER</b>	10.00 am – 1.00 pm To Bethlehem A Nativity Journey @ St Nicolas
<b>SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER</b>	9.00am Matins (David Ash) 10.30 am Morning Praise (Pauline Weaver & Dorothea) 6.00 pm Communion & Anointing (Rev Eliakim)

**DATES FOR THE DIARY:**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 10.00 -1.00 pm To Bethlehem with Knit and Natter @ St Nicolas  
 Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 4 pm Carols by Candlelight @ St Nicolas  
 Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 11.45 Parish Prayers @ St Nicolas  
 Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2.00 Come and Join Nativity @ St Nicolas  
 Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 4.00 Blue Christmas @ St Nicolas  
 Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 10.00 -2.00 pm Activity Day @ Hawkesley Church  
 Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 5.00 pm Crib Service and 11.30 pm Midnight Communion

**TODAY**

1 Timothy 6:6-11 p. 208  
 Mark 10:13-16 p. 44

**NEXT WEEK**

James 5:7-10 p.288  
 Matthew 11:2-11 p. 10

**Collect for the Week**

Almighty God,  
 purify our hearts and minds,  
 that when your Son Jesus Christ comes  
 again as  
 judge and saviour  
 we may be ready to receive him,  
 who is our Lord and our God. Amen.

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