# **Thought for the Day**

Today we celebrate Christ the King and the turning of the liturgical year. The year begins on Advent Sunday when we prepare for the coming of the Christ child and ends with the feast of Christ the King when we acknowledge Jesus as the 'King of Kings and Lord of Lords'.

It is also known as 'stir up Sunday' the day when all your Christmas baking - especially the cake and pudding should be complete and links to the traditional words of prayer:

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people;

that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,

may by you be plenteously rewarded;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

As we look to the year ahead as a parish, we are beginning the process of discerning what we want the future to be like and what sort of Rector we would like to work alongside. Today there will be opportunities to give your thoughts so if you can brave the cold do come and join us.. But don't worry, there will be other opportunities to be involved as well.

Pauline

### 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: Brian Devey, 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**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December after First Friday hymns Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup> after 9 am service Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 11.45 am at St Nicolas

**Knitted Hats** - After 10.30 service today. Sale of warm hand knitted woolly hats. £5 each. In aid of church funds. They are unique and just what you need to keep your head warm in our cold church or maybe even a Christmas gift for a friend.

Coffee at Colanzo's – Following the success of last year's event we are again having a Coffee and Croissant morning on Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup> at 12.30 pm. Tickets cost £5.00 and there will be a Raffle. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church and pay your money to one of the Churchwardens or the Parish Office.

**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 me at the 10.30am Service or place in an envelope and hand to Cate in the Parish Office.

### **Prayer List**

I would be grateful if people could let me know when someone no longer needs to be on the prayer list. Thank you. Cate.

**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).

THIS WEEK	
SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER	9.00 am Matins : David Ash 10.30 Morning Praise : Pauline Weaver 6.00 pm Holy Communion : Rev J Nightingale
MONDAY 24TH NOVEMBER	10.00 -12.00pm Churchyard Team 2.30-3.30pm Handbells (please speak to Sylvia if interested)
TUESDAY 25 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	6.00 -8.00pm Junior Choir (Please speak to Sylvia if interested)
WEDNESDAY 26 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	10.00am-12.00pm Open Church 10.00am-12.00pm Knit & Natter Hawkesley
THURSDAY 27 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	9.00-11.00am Tiny Tots 10.00-12.00pm Churchyard Team
FRIDAY 28th NOVEMBER	7.15-8.30pm Adult Choir Practice (please speak to Sylvia if interested)
SATURDAY 29 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	10.00-12.00pm Open Church 2.00 pm Wreath Making
SUNDAY 30 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER	<ul> <li>9.00 BCP Holy Communion: Rev Jayne Crooks</li> <li>9.50 Parish Prayers</li> <li>10.30 United Service: Rev Rob Morris &amp; Cate Bennett</li> <li>12.30 Coffee and Croissant at Colanzo's</li> <li>4.00 pm Women's Group Advent Traditions OGS</li> <li>6.00 Celtic Worship: Mervyn McGowan, Steve Wright</li> </ul>

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY:**

Leaf clearing: 29th November 10-12pm

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 3.00 pm First Friday Hymns followed by Parish

Prayers.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 10.00 -1.00 pm To Bethlehem with Knit and

Natter @ St Nicolas

Sunday 14th December 4 pm Carols by Candlelight @ St Nicolas

# 23rd November 2025 St. Nicolas, Kings Norton Christ The King

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### **TODAY**

Colossians 1:11-20 p. 197

Luke 23:33-43 p.85

### **NEXT WEEK**

Romans 13:11-end

Matt 24:26-44

### Collect for the Week

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory. Amen.

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