

# THIS WEEK

## SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY

9.00am BCP Holy Communion  
with robed choir  
10.30am Morning Praise  
6.00pm Compline

## WEDNESDAY 26th FEBRUARY

10.00am-12.00pm OPEN CHURCH  
10.00am-12.00pm Knit & Natter Hawkesley

## THURSDAY 27th FEBRUARY

9.00am-11.00am TINY TOTS  
10.00am-12.00pm  
CHURCHYARD VOLUNTEER CARE  
TEAM

## SATURDAY 1st March

10.00am—12.00pm—OPEN CHURCH

## SUNDAY 2nd March

9.00am BCP Holy Communion  
10.30am Holy Communion with  
choir  
6.00pm Taize

### Collect for the Week:

Holy God,  
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:  
set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love your goodness  
and your glory  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

# 23rd February



## St. Nicolas, Kings Norton

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# READINGS:

### TODAY

Revelation 4 Page 245  
Luke 8. 22-25 Page 65

### NEXT WEEK

Exodus 34.29-end page 85  
Luke 9.28-36 page 67

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## Sunday Next Before Lent

Our gospel reading from Luke this week is the well known story of Jesus calming the storm. It's a great story often retold with dramatic images or acted out with sound effects and lots of noise. But sometimes we focus too much on the story and not enough on the message.

Life can often feel like a storm. Sometimes we sail in calm seas, with the wind at our backs but storms can be sudden and dramatic and we can be left feeling lost, alone and afraid.

Jesus question to the disciples is simple but the answer is not. 'Where is your faith?' he asks. The reminder to hold onto our faith even in the eye of the storm, even at the darkest hour. But the challenge is to keep our faith during the storm and the calm – I wonder which you find the most challenging?

Pauline Weaver

### DATES FOR THE DIARY:

**Tuesday 4th March 6.30pm at Hawkesley** Pancake Evening

**Friday 7th March 4.00pm** First Friday Hymns

**Friday 7th March 7.30pm** World Day of Prayer

### **World Day of Prayer**

(Formerly Women's World Day of Prayer) is on March 7th this year (always the First Friday of March) and very close to International Women's Day. The local services are at Cotteridge Church at 1.30pm and St Nicolas at 7.30pm exploring a service of worship created by the women of the Cook Islands in Pacific, around some of the opening verses of Psalm 139. All are welcome to join us at one of the services and we will have First Friday Hymns at St Nicolas as usual, but at the **LATER TIME** of 4pm. Hymns by women writers and composers.

**Please Remember in your prayers:** Mason Green, Paul Cowley, Siobhan and Darlene, June McCoy, Pauline Wells, Joyce Hancock, Maureen Black, Steven Fearon, Greta Lacey, Sarah Byford, Catherine Wilkinson, Gabriella Young, Matthew Coulter, Sandra, John Osborne, Margaret Roper, Jean Dewey, Eddie Matthews, Mary Barnes, Kate Charalambous, Donald Bullas and Fiona Fendick.

**Those Who have died and those who grieve for them:** John Payne, Canon Brian Pearce,

**Lady Chapel:** Prayers are offered here after the 10.30am service. Please come if you would like someone to pray with you.

**"Private Library"** - we now have a bookstall of quality used Christian books at the back of St Nicolas. Priced at £2 for hardbacks and £1 for softbacks, you can choose to purchase and keep your book, or regard the money as a subscription to a private library and bring the book back after reading, ready for another person to pay-to-read or purchase. Donations can go in any of the donations boxes in church or via the card reader.

There are also books in the cupboards below the shelves.

### **Pancake Evening**

Tuesday 4th March 6.30pm-7.00pm at Hawkesley. All welcome, no need to book, **Join us for pancakes and a quiz!**

### **B30 and South Birmingham Foodbank**

Many thanks for taking a break in giving, but please would you restart now. Demand was very low across Christmas itself, as clients are usually unable to access voucher holders, but it has now begun to grow again. Please keep clients, trustees, managers and all the team members in your prayers. Our most urgent needs are tinned spaghetti, jam, honey and bars of soap.

**We are needing help with people to join the Welcomers Team and/or Coffee Rota, please speak to Mark Sandilands, call or message the Parish Office .**