

Please Remember In Your Prayers

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Those who have died and those who grieve for them: Robert Martin, Christine Gadd, David Wilks, Joyce Onions, Margaret Schellenberg.

B30 and South B'ham Foodbank: Thank you to all who support B30 and South Bham Foodbank. Our most urgent needs of food are currently rice (500g bags) tinned fruit (not grapefruit, prunes or rhubarb) jam/honey.

Christmas puddings—a few are still available at the back of church. Please take one and donate toothpaste to Foodbank in return.

Lent 2024—"The Generosity of God": commences Wednesday 14th February—weekly Midday Prayer in St Nicolas church followed by a light lunch and bible study. All welcome.

"Bring your travel cup/mug to church!" 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.

World Day of Prayer—Fri 1st March: This year the services are both at St Nicolas: 1.30pm and 7.00pm. The country of writing, chosen over 6 years ago, is Palestine. The Christian women of Palestine created the service during 2020 whilst in lockdown. The overall theme of the service will be "bear with one another in love".

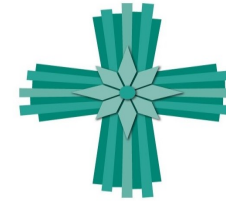
For more detailed information about what's on in Kings Norton, pick up a copy of the Parish Magazine, on sale at the back of St Nicolas Church.

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Sunday 28th January 2024— Presentation, Candlemas

When the time was right, Mary and Joseph carried out the traditional Jewish ceremonies following the birth of a child: circumcision, redemption of the newborn, and purification of the mother. On taking baby Jesus to the temple to be consecrated by God, his parents had encounters with two people - Simeon and Anna. Simeon and Anna may have both been old but they were faithful, prayerful, and hopeful individuals. As such they were able to recognise Jesus for who he was - not just another baby, but the Messiah.

Simeon and Anna both spoke about the child Jesus to his parents and I expect Mary and Joseph pondered on what they were told, especially Mary. No new mother wants to be told that a sword will pierce their soul. As older people in Jewish society Simeon and Anna would have been respected, and their opinions and wisdom valued. I wonder how much we respect and value the wisdom of our elders today? Do we listen to what they have to say? Maybe if we take the time to hear our elders we can learn and grow and be able to recognise the Messiah for ourselves.

Ruth Howman

28th January readings:

Hebrews 2: 14-18 (p. 216)

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

4th February readings:

Colossians 1: 15-20 (p. 197)

John 1: 1-14 (p. 88)

Collect for the week

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:

grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



Dates for the Diary

Thursday 1st February @ 1.00pm: funeral of Christine Gadd in St Nicolas church.
All welcome.

Sunday 11th February: “Parish Lunch” after 10.30am service at St Nicolas.
Lunch of soup and a roll will be provided, all are welcome.

Monday 12th February @ 1.00pm: funeral of Margaret Schellenberg in St Francis Chapel, Monyhull. All welcome.

Tuesday 13th February @ Hawkesley Pastoral Centre— Family Arts and Craft Day 11.00am—1.30pm.

Wednesday 14th February: Ash Wednesday services @ 12.00midday and 7.30pm in St Nicolas church.

Saturday 17th February—Team Ministry Away Day.

Saturday 17th February @ 7.00pm in St Nicolas church: Sinfonia Scintille concert (- Schumann’s Cello Concerto in A Minor and Weber’s Bassoon Concerto in F Major) Tickets £10 available on the door.



**What’s On in the Parish
this week**



Sunday 28th January

9.00am: BCP Holy Communion

10.30am: All Age Candlemas service

6.00pm: Compline

Wednesday 31st January

10.00am-12md: Open Church at St Nicolas

10.00am: Knit & Natter @ Hawkesley

12.00md: Hawkesley midweek service

Thursday 1st February

9.00am-11am: Tiny Tots

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

12.30pm—2.30pm Seniors Club @ SNP: This week is table games

1.00pm: funeral of Christine Gadd in St Nicolas church.

Saturday 3rd February

10.00am-12md: Open Church at St Nicolas

Sunday 4th February

9.00am: BCP Holy Communion

10.30am: Holy Communion

12.30pm: Baptisms

6.00pm: Taizé