

Thought for the Day

In our readings today, we are taken to the very heart of the mystery of the Incarnation: Jesus is simultaneously the "Son of David" and the "Son of God".

Matthew uses the experience of Joseph - a "righteous man" - who, faced with a scandalous pregnancy, chooses compassion over public shame. By naming and adopting Jesus, he makes the link to David's royal line, fulfilling the prophecy which points to Emmanuel - "*God is with us*".

Paul's introduction to the Romans echoes this, declaring that Jesus was a descendant of David "*according to the flesh*" but was revealed in power as the Son of God through the Resurrection. Together, these texts remind us that God works through both human lineage and divine intervention. Jesus is not just a historical figure; He is the promised Saviour and Messiah - '*God's Anointed One*' - who invites us into a new life of grace and the "obedience of faith."

A Peaceful and Blessed Christmas.

Steve Wright.

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, Phil Jennings, Don and Family, Lorraine Langdon and Darcey.

Notices

Giant Card – The giant card is back in the form of a small lit tree: write a message on a "woolly hat bauble" and give a donation to the heating fund.

St Nicolas Day Toy Service

News from Toys4Birmingham -WE DID IT!

14,500 toys and gifts have now been given to 109 Children's charities, groups and projects, who work directly with families, struggling to buy toys and gifts for their children. Your donation is now helping families and carers to make this Christmas special, for their Children. You helped make this happen - Thank you!

Tiny Tots – There will be no Tiny Tots on 25.12.25 and 1.1.26. We will reopen on 8.1.26.

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, jam/honey, gender neutral shower gel and rice (500g).

Parish Office Closure– Please note that the parish office will be closed from 24th December to 4th January inclusive. It will reopen on 5th January.

THIS WEEK	
SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER	9.00 BCP Holy Communion (Rev J Nightingale) 10.30 am Holy Communion (Rev J Nightingale) 4.00 pm Blue Christmas (Quiet & Contemplative) 6.00 pm NO EVENING SERVICE
MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER	10.00 – 2.00 PM Activity Day at Hawkesley Church
TUESDAY 23RD DECEMBER	6.00 -8.00pm Junior Choir (Please speak to Sylvia if interested)
WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER	10.00am-12.00pm Open Church 5.00 pm Crib Service 11.30 pm Midnight Communion
THURSDAY 25TH DECEMBER	10.00 am Communion Service
FRIDAY 26TH DECEMBER	No Activities
SATURDAY 27TH DECEMBER	No Activities
SUNDAY 28TH DECEMBER	9.00am Matins (Sylvia Fox) 10.30 am Morning Praise (Pauline Weaver) 6.00 pm Holy Communion (Rev Jayne Crooks)

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

10th January Stargazers in a Day 10.00 am – 6.00pm

21st December 2025

St. Nicolas, Kings Norton

Advent 4

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TODAY

Romans: 1:1-7 p. 147

Matthew 1:18-end p. 1

NEXT WEEK

Hebrews 2:10-end p. 215

Matthew 2:13-end p.2

Collect for the Week

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

QR To Donate! Alternatively, donate at the back of church or using our donation boxes!



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