

Please Remember In Your Prayers

Mason Green, Paul Cowley, Gabriella Young, Ray Davies, Jean Ash, Margaret Schellenberg, Val Fletcher, Siobhan and Darlene, Gail & Alison Fergus, June McCoy, Pauline Wells, Joyce Hancock, Neville Mitchell, Maureen Black, Steven Fearon, Jeremy Dacombe.

Those who have died and those who grieve for them: Thomas John Dann, Maureen Petrovic.

B30 and South B'ham Foodbank: Thank you for the generous Harvest Giving. Almost 90kg of food was donated and it will all be in parcels within the next 2-3 weeks. Donations of food and finance are what retains our ability to help all those who are referred for a parcel. We are now entering Year 11 of operation and will continue to feed hungry people, but will also continue to campaign for improvements in benefits and wages so that the need for foodbanks seriously diminishes over the next 2-3 years.

Fairtrade chocolate Advent calendars are for sale at the back of church—£5.00 each.

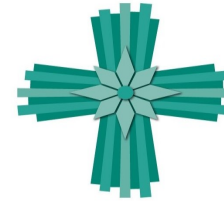
For more detailed information about what's on in Kings Norton, pick up a copy of the Parish Magazine, on sale at the back of St Nicolas Church.

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**The Parish of St Nicolas
Kings Norton**

Incorporating Hawkesley LEP
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Sunday 22nd October — Trinity 20

“Sing to the Lord a new song: sing to the Lord, all the earth”. These are the opening words of Psalm 96, the set Psalm for this morning. It is a psalm about praising God throughout the world, for God is great and is worthy of praise. I wonder how often we take the time to praise God for who He is?

It can be very hard for us to praise God when we see so much wrong in the world—homelessness, poverty, war, natural disasters and much more. When we read or hear the news sometimes we just want to despair. Despite this we should still make time to praise God for who he is—our king and creator who is greatly to be praised.

In our Gospel reading this morning (Matthew 22: 15-22), in response to a question about taxes, Jesus says “Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s and to God the things that are God’s”. Praise is one of the things that we should be giving to God, so praise God—sing to the Lord and bless His name!

Ruth Howman

22nd October Readings:

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

Matthew 22: 15-22

29th October Readings:

1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

Matthew 22: 34-46

Collect for the week

God, our light and our salvation:
illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,
and looking on your beauty
may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Dates for the Diary

Sunday 29th October at 3.00pm— Annual Memorial Service at St Nicolas.

Thursday 2nd November: 11.00am to 2.00pm—Hawkesley Church Activity Day. Messy Church for families on the theme of The Saints.

Friday 3rd November at 3.00pm— First Friday Hymns at St Nicolas Church.



**What's On in the Parish
this week**



Sunday 22nd October

9.00am: BCP Holy Communion

10.30am: Outdoor service (final outdoor service for this year, weather permitting, if not service in church)

6.00pm: Compline

Wednesday 25th October

10.00am: Druids Heath Prayers

10.00am: Knit and Natter @ Hawkesley

10am-12md: Open Church at St Nicolas

12md: Hawkesley midday prayers

Thursday 26th October

9.00am-11am: Tiny Tots

10am-12md: Churchyard Care Team *Volunteers welcome*

12.30pm: Seniors' Club— Speaker: The Animal Man

Saturday 28th October

10am-12md: Open Church at St Nicolas

Sunday 29th October

9.00am: BCP Holy Communion

10.30am: United Service

3.00pm: Memorial Service