

Thought for the Day

We will soon read of the Christmas angels' chorus of 'Do not be afraid'. 'Easy!' we think, if spoken by pre-Raphaelite cherubs heralding festive cheer; but Jesus speaks of the fear that people here and around the world are facing right now, in the midst of war, oppression, natural disaster and family breakdown. When uncompromising fear is the reality, in what do we hope and trust? Have we, in good times, built the foundations of our lives on the steadfast promises of God or merely the contemporary fantasies of easy living and personal autonomy? Jesus challenges us to face disaster and attack without reliance on who or what we are, but with sole dependency on what he provides. Is that a way of living we currently practise?

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 16th and 30th November 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

November Dates – see diary on back page

December Dates

Friday 5th December after First Friday hymns

Wednesday 10th 12.15 pm at Hawkesley

Wednesday 17th 11.45 am at St Nicolas

New Forest for Ukraine – will be attending Hawkesley Church on Tuesday **18th November** to collect clothes, food stuff, pet food and other useful items. If you like we can collect from you please contact: 07730945254.

Coffee at Colanzo's – Following the success of last year's event we are again having a Coffee and Croissant morning on **Sunday November 30th** 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.

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 16TH NOVEMBER	9.00 am BCP Holy Communion : Rev H Houghton 10.30 am Holy Communion : Rev D Machirid 6.00 pm Compline : Sylvia Fox & Ruth Howman
MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER	10.00 -12.00pm Churchyard Team 2.30-3.30pm Handbells (please speak to Sylvia if interested) PCC meeting 7.30 pm Old Grammar School
TUESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER	6.00 -8.00pm Junior Choir (Please speak to Sylvia if interested)
WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER	10.00am-12.00pm Open Church 10.00am-12.00pm Knit & Natter Hawkesley 12.15 Parish Prayers at St Nicolas
THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER	9.00-11.00am Tiny Tots 10.00-12.00pm Churchyard Team
FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER	7.15-8.30pm Adult Choir Practice (please speak to Sylvia if interested)
SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER	10.00-12.00pm Open Church
SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER	10.00 am Matins : David Ash 10.30 Morning Praise : Pauline Weaver 6.00 pm Holy Communion : Rev J Nightingale

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Parish Prayers: November 19th and 30th.

Leaf clearing: 29th November 10-12pm

Saturday 29th November 2.00 pm Wreath Making (fundraiser)

Sunday 30th November 12.30 pm Coffee and Croissant at Colanzo's.

Saturday 13th December 10.00 -1.00 pm To Bethlehem with Knit and Natter @ St Nicolas

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

16th November 2025

2nd before Advent

St. Nicolas, Kings Norton

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TODAY

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 p. 204

Luke 21:5-19 p. 81

NEXT WEEK

Colossians 1:11-20 p. 197

Luke 23:33-43 p.85

Collect for the Week

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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