

Thought for the Day

This week's passage from Matthew's gospel, describes John the Baptist's doubt while he was in prison, and Jesus's response to his disciples which affirms Jesus as the Messiah by pointing to the fulfilment of ancient prophecies by his teachings and healings. The passage highlights that even faithful people can experience doubt. Jesus's message is both a source of real hope for those who accept him, and a challenge, especially for those who are offended by his methods. Matthew's passage includes themes of faith, doubt, suffering and the nature of the Kingdom of heaven, which ends with the statement, that the "least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than....John, because, they have seen the culmination of his work in Jesus's resurrection. In James's passage, believers are encouraged to be patient and steadfast in waiting for our Lord Jesus's return, as in the example of the prophets of old.

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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.

Those Who have died and those who grieve for them: Richard Pearce and David Eve (former Team Vicar) 

Notices

Prayer Ministry in the Lady Chapel—Prayer Ministry will be available on 14th December 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

December Dates:

Wednesday 17th 11.45 am at St Nicolas'

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.

Women's Group – Tuesday 16th December @ Hawkesley Church. Favourite Christmas Carols.

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 14TH DECEMBER	9.00am Matins (David Ash) 10.30 am Morning Praise (Pauline Weaver & Dorothea) 4.00 pm Carols by Candlelight 6.00 pm Holy Communion with Anointing (Eliakim)
MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER	10.00 -12.00pm Churchyard Team 2.00 pm Handbells for Christmas
TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER	2.30 pm Women's Group @ Hawkesley Church 6.00 -8.00pm Junior Choir (Please speak to Sylvia if interested)
WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER	10.00am-12.00pm Open Church 10.00am-12.00pm Knit & Natter Hawkesley 11.45 Parish Prayers @ St Nicolas'
THURSDAY 18TH DECEMBER	9.00-11.00am Tiny Tots 10.00-12.00pm Churchyard Team
FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER	7.15-8.30pm Adult Choir Practice (please speak to Sylvia if interested)
SATURDAY 20TH DECEMBER	10.00 – 12.00 pm Open Church 2pm Come and Join Nativity @ St Nicolas'
SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER	9.00am BCP Holy Communion (Rev J Nightingale) 10.30 am Holy Communion (Rev J Nightingale) 4.00 pm Blue Christmas @ St Nicolas' 6.00 pm No Service

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Monday 22nd December 10.00 -2.00 pm Activity Day @ Hawkesley Church
Wednesday 24th December 5.00 pm Crib Service and 11.30 pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day 10.00 am Communion Service

Saturday 10th January 10.00 am – 6.00 pm Stargazers in a Day @ Hawkesley Church

14th December 2025 St. Nicolas, Kings Norton

Advent 3

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TODAY

James 5:7-10 p.288

Matthew 11:2-11 p. 10

NEXT WEEK

Romans: 1:1-7 p. 147

Matthew 1:18-end p. 1

Collect for the Week

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the
way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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