

**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, Greta Lacey.

**Those who have died and those who grieve for them:** Rosemary Foulkes, Thomas Liggins, Eleanor Thorne, Christine Gadd.

**B30 and South B'ham Foodbank:** Many thanks for all who have supported B30 and South Bham Foodbank in 2023. So far, our financial donations are keeping pace with the need to purchase food to supplement the donated food. Please pray that this continues. Our most urgent needs of food are currently tinned fruit (not grapefruit, prunes or rhubarb), jam/honey, rice (500g), semi-skimmed long-life milk and toothpaste.

**“Bring your travel cup/mug to church!”** We are steadily working to make the running of St Nicolas as sustainable as possible. To reduce both expenditure and the use of single-use items, 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.

**Thank you** to everyone involved in preparing St Nicolas church for Christmas; putting up the tree, decorating the church, the flowers and many other activities. All your hard work and time given is much appreciated; the church looked lovely.

**Please note:** Parish Office closed Friday 12th January

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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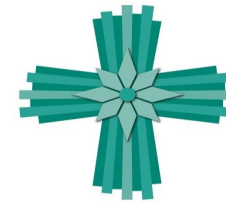


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# In Touch



## The Parish of St Nicolas Kings Norton

*Incorporating Hawkesley LEP*  
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**Sunday 7th January 2024— Epiphany**

### The Magi

They ventured out for a sign and a dream,  
their celestial guide before them.

A journey far long and so expensive,  
Its final scenes uncertain.

Through human doubts they persevered,  
faith and stubbornness playing a part.  
Towards the end an earthly king demanded,  
he must join them in their search.

Thus unconvinced by Herod's flattery,  
they left unnoticed to journey on.  
Then at the manger all was finished,  
the revelation then the journey home.

The years would pass and they grow older,  
memories of the journey fade.

The revelation stands forever,  
This child of Bethlehem, the one who saves.

*Rev Larry*

**7th January readings:**

**Isaiah 60: 1-6 (p. 700-701)**

**Matthew 2: 1-12 (p. 1-2)**

**14th January readings:**

**1 Samuel 3: 1-10 (p. 254-255)**

**John 1: 43-51 (p. 89)**

**Collect for the week**

Creator of the heavens,  
who led the Magi by a star  
to worship the Christ-child:  
guide and sustain us,  
that we may find our journey's end  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



**Dates for the Diary**

**Saturday 13th January at 7.30pm**—"Eroica" return to play Sibelius' Finlandia and 1st Symphony - together with Brahms' 1st Piano Concerto with soloist Daniel Browell. No tickets required - please pay on the night, as you feel able - cash, cheque or electronic payments.

*This concert requires the hire of a large grand piano than the one which is on long-term loan to St Nicolas. If anyone feels able to help sponsor the hire of the piano, donations of any size would be welcome. The hired piano will be with us for the whole weekend, so will be used at the 10.30am and 6pm services too. Please see Sylvia for details.*

**Tuesday 16th January at 7.30pm:** Men's Group film night @ St Nicolas Church—"The Fastest Indian"



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



**Sunday 7th January**

9.00am: BCP Holy Communion

10.30am: Holy Communion

6.00pm: Taizé

**Wednesday 10th January**

10.00am-12md: Open Church at St Nicolas

10.00am: Knit & Natter @ Hawkesley

12.00md: Hawkesley midweek service

**Thursday 11th January**

9.00am-11am: Tiny Tots

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

12.30pm—2.30pm—Seniors Club @ SNP: music with Billy Shears

**Friday 12th January**

Parish Office closed (re-opens Monday 15th January)

**Saturday 13th January**

10.00am-12md: Open Church at St Nicolas

7.30pm: Eroica concert at St Nicolas

**Sunday 14th January**

9.00am: BCP Matins

10.30am: Morning Praise

6.00pm: Holy Communion with Anointing