

Thought for the Day

Happy New Year!

To help us start this year with God's help, I'd like to remind you of an old custom of chalking the door. This is a way of giving an epiphany blessing to our church and our homes and to all who live and visit them. It is also an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows. We use the letters C, M and B to reflect the names of the wise men but also the letters of the Latin blessing *Christus mansionem benedicat* 'May Christ bless the house'. So we chalk C+M+B+26 above our door

Marking the doorway to one's home is rooted in the Bible - check Exodus 12:7 and Deuteronomy 6:4-6,9.


You may like to use this prayer as you chalk your door.

O God of Light, bless this house and this family. May this be a place of peace and health. May each member of this home cultivate the gifts and graces you have given us, dedicating our talents and works for the good of all.

Make this place a shelter in the storm and a haven of rest for all in need of your warmth and care. May all who come and go here find healing, refreshment and new life through Jesus. And when we go out from this place, may we never lose sight of your light. As we go about our work, our study, our play, keep us faithful and make us witnesses to your love. AMEN

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: Leigh Matthews. 

Notices

Message from Revd Jayne:

Thank you for all your prayers and well wishes. I am making a very good recovery and apart from fatigue, am pretty much back to full physical abilities. I hope to be worshipping with you all in the New Year. My prayers to all for a peace-filled Christmas.

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

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.

January Fundraiser – We invite you to bring any unwanted or broken gold or silver items which can be exchanged via bank transfer for money at the bullion store in the jewellery quarter. We will store donated items safely and off-site during January and take it all in one session.

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 4TH JANUARY	9.00 BCP Holy Communion (Rev Jenny Tomlinson) 10.30 Holy Communion (Rev Jenny Tomlinson) 6.00 Taizé Prayer (Sylvia Fox)
MONDAY 5TH JANUARY	10.00 -12.00pm Churchyard Team
TUESDAY 6TH JANUARY	6.00 -8.00pm Junior Choir (Please speak to Sylvia if interested)
WEDNESDAY 7TH JANUARY	10.00am-12.00pm Open Church 10.00am-12.00pm Knit & Natter Hawkesley
THURSDAY 8TH JANUARY	9.00-11.00am Tiny Tots 10.00-12.00pm Churchyard Team
FRIDAY 9TH JANUARY	7.15-8.30pm Adult Choir Practice (please speak to Sylvia if interested)
SATURDAY 10TH JANUARY	10.00 am – 12.00 pm Open Church 10.00 am – 6.00pm Stargazers “Musical in a Day”. Please come and join in the singing @ Hawkesley Church B38 9TR. Performance is at 4.30 pm.
SUNDAY 11TH JANUARY	9.00am Matins (David Ash) 10.30 am Morning Praise (P. Weaver / C. Bennett) 6.00 pm Communion / Anointing (Rev Mark Bennett)

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Saturday 10th January 10.00 – 6.00 pm Stargazers “Musical in a Day”.
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4th January 2026

St. Nicolas, Kings Norton

Epiphany

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TODAY

Isaiah 60:1-6 p.701
Matthew 2:1-12 p.2

NEXT WEEK

Acts 10:34-43 p.126
Matthew 3:13-end p.3

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.

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