

Thought for the Day

Having a Jesse Tree is one of the many ways there are to help make Advent a real time of preparation for Christmas – rather than the secular view of it being a “count-down”. It is a medieval tradition that has seen a resurgence in more recent times.

Each day takes a character from Jesus’ biblical genealogy and has a small ornament, bearing a symbol of the character, to hang on a tree or branch. Each symbol is accompanied by a short bible passage/reflection/prayer. It is a very visual way of understanding Jesus’ lineage and connects the Old and New Testaments by showing how figures from the Hebrew Scriptures (our Old Testament) are part of Jesus’ family history, as well as fulfilling ancient promises and prophecies about God’s plan for our salvation.

It is called a Jesse tree after the prophecy of Isaiah (Chapter 11) – “a shoot will grow from the stock of Jesse” – Jesse being from Bethlehem and the father of King David and all his brothers.

You can buy ready-made sets or create your own – and there are many online resources to help.

Sylvia

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: Richard Pearce. 

Notices

Prayer Ministry in the Lady Chapel—Prayer Ministry will be available on 30th November and 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

Friday 5th December after First Friday hymns

Sunday December 7th after 9 am service

Wednesday 17th 11.45 am at St Nicolas

Knitted Hats - After 10.30 service today. Sale of warm hand knitted woolly hats. £5 each. In aid of church funds. They are unique and just what you need to keep your head warm in our cold church or maybe even a Christmas gift for a friend.

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.

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 me 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, gender neutral shower gel and rice (500g).

THIS WEEK	
SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER	9.00 BCP Holy Communion (Rev Jayne Crooks) 9.50 Parish Prayers 10.30 United Service (Rev Rob Morris & Cate Bennett) 12.30 Coffee and Croissant at Colanzo's 4.00 pm Women's Group Advent Traditions OGS 6.00 Celtic Worship (Mervyn McGowan & Steve Wright)
MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER	10.00 -12.00pm Churchyard Team 2.30-3.30pm Handbells (please speak to Sylvia if interested)
TUESDAY 2ND DECEMBER	6.00 -8.00pm Junior Choir (Please speak to Sylvia if interested)
WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER	10.00am-12.00pm Open Church 10.00am-12.00pm Knit & Natter Hawkesley
THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER	9.00-11.00am Tiny Tots 10.00-12.00pm Churchyard Team
FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER	7.15-8.30pm Adult Choir Practice (please speak to Sylvia if interested)
SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER	10.00-12.00pm Open Church
SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER	9.00 BCP Holy Communion (Rev J Crooks & Dorothea) 10.30 Holy Communion Toy Service (Rev Jayne Crooks) 12.30 Baptisms (Rev Catherine Grylls) 6.00 Taizé (David Ash)

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Friday 5th December 3.00 pm First Friday Hymns followed by Parish Prayers.

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

Wednesday 17th December 11.45 Parish Prayers @ St Nicolas

Saturday 20th December 2.00 Come and Join Nativity @ St Nicolas

Sunday 21st December 4.00 Blue Christmas @ St Nicolas

30th November 2025 St. Nicolas, Kings Norton

Advent Sunday

Incorporating Hawkesley LEP

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TODAY

Romans 13:11-end p.158

Matt 24:36-44 p.26

NEXT WEEK

1 Timothy 6:6-11 p. 208

Mark 10:13-16 p. 44

Collect for the Week

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the
light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

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