

<b>THIS WEEK</b>	<b>SUNDAY 1st December</b> Advent Sunday 9.00 am BCP Holy Communion 10.30 am Holy Communion 12.30 Coffee Morning Fund Raising Event at Colanzos. 6.00 pm Taize Service
	<b>WEDNESDAY 4th December</b> 10.00am-12.00pm OPEN CHURCH 10.00am-12.00pm Knit & Natter Hawkesley
	<b>THURSDAY 5th DECEMBER</b> 9.00am-11.00am TINY TOTS 10.00am-12.00pm Churchyard care team *Volunteers Welcome* 12.30pm-2.30pm Seniors Christmas Decorations
<b>SATURDAY 7th December</b> 10.00am-1.00 pm To Bethlehem	<b>SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER</b> 9.00 am Matins 10.30 am Holy Communion and Toy Service 6.00 pm Holy Communion with Anointing

**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.

# 1st December 2024



## *St. Nicolas, Kings Norton*

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# READINGS:

**TODAY**  
 Jeremiah 33.14-16 page 749  
 Luke 21.25-36 page 82

**NEXT WEEK**  
 Malachi 3. 1-4 Page 904  
 Phillipians  
 Luke 3. 1-6 Page 57

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 Our donation boxes!**



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## Advent Sunday

Today is 1 December and also Advent Sunday (Shhh, just four weeks to Christmas!). Today, the first doors of thousands of Advent Calendars will be opened. Sadly, this countdown to Christmas has fallen prey to the spirit of commercialism, where calendars cost a couple of pounds to hundreds, depending on what's behind the doors. If you are of a certain age, like me, you will remember the Advent Calendars we knew as children: simple in design and 'on message' for the true spirit of Christmas. Thankfully, traditional calendars are still available. But there's another way that you can show the true spirit of Christmas with a reverse Advent Calendar, which you can do for our Foodbank. Instead of receiving, you give in the form of items the Foodbank needs, collecting twenty four items throughout December. Items are listed in a notice on the opposite page. Please do consider giving your support.

Steve Wright

### DATES FOR THE DIARY:

**Sunday 1st December** Coffee Morning Fundraiser after 10.30am Service.

**Please Note there will be no refreshments after the service.**

**Saturday 7th December 10am** To Bethlehem

**Sunday 8th December 10.30 am** Toy Service

**Please Remember in your prayers:** Mason Green, Paul Cowley, Siobhan and Darlene, June McCoy, Pauline Wells, Joyce Hancock, Maureen Black, Steven Fearon, Jeremy Dacombe, Greta Lacey, Sarah Byford, Catherine Wilkinson, Gabriella Young, Matthew Coulter, Sandra, John Osborne, Margaret Roper, Jean Dewey, Eddie Matthews, Mary Barnes, Kate Charalambous, Donald Bullas and Fiona Fendick.

### **News from Rev Larry**

Rev Larry has been advised to take a period of leave from parish duties for medical reasons as a result of stress related symptoms. Updates will be provided in due course. Please pray for him and Amanda.

**Those Who have died and those who grieve for them:** Robert Shipley, Jennifer Rudge, Christine Humfrey.

**Lady Chapel:** Prayers are offered here after the 10.30am service. Please come if you would like someone to pray with you.

### **B30 and South Bham Foodbank**

Many thanks for your on-going support. If you have personal plans to make a reverse Advent Calendar - please bring the donations in mid-late January not December. Our most urgent needs now are tinned vegetables (peas, carrots, sweetcorn), tinned soup and washing-up liquid.

**We are needing help with people to join the Welcomers Team and/or Coffee Rota, please speak to Mark Sandilands, call or message the Parish Office . Thank you so much for the volunteers so far, please keep enquiring.**

**Pop-up-shop** in church selling Christmas Cards and some Christmas gifts, in aid of Embrace the Middle East. This charity is one of our linked charities.

**Sunday December 1st** There will be an interview during the notices about the charity - to hear about the amazing work it is doing in the Middle East at this moment, and has been doing for the past 170 years. The Christmas "pop-up-shop" is **a cash-only outlet.**

**The Sweet Project** are requesting your help to provide selection boxes for the children in the South of Birmingham. It would be very much appreciated if you could purchase one or two, please, and put them at the back of the Church or take them to the Parish Office. Thank you, Erica Elliott.

Donations towards the cost of **Christmas Flowers** would be most welcome. Please hand to Alison at the 10.30 am service. Thank you.