

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.

Those who have died and those who grieve for them: Thomas John Dann, Maureen Petrovic, Baby Carter Lewis Stanley, Peter Salmon, Jean Noke, Brian Field.

B30 and South B'ham Foodbank: Thank you for your continued support. Our most urgent needs are tinned items (tomatoes, pasta shapes, baked beans, soup, fish), pasta sauce, rice, jam/honey.

Fairtrade chocolate Advent calendars are for sale at the back of church—£5.00 each.

Mavis Austin has now moved to Yorkshire to be nearer family. If you would like to write to her or phone please contact Rev. Jayne for information.

Advent calendars for The Sweet Project. If you would like to donate a chocolate Advent calendar (of any sort), The Sweet Project (sweetproject.co.uk) are arranging for these to be distributed to local families. There is a box at the back of church or you can leave with the Parish Office before **24th November**. Thank you.

Helpers needed: can you spare an hour to help set up church for Remembrance Sunday? Volunteers needed @ **5.30pm on Sat 11th Nov** to help move furniture ready for the service the next morning. Please see Pauline if you can help. Thank you.

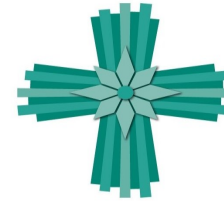
For more detailed information about what's on in Kings Norton, pick up a copy of the Parish Magazine, on sale at the back of St Nicolas Church.

St Nicolas Church has an induction loop (T-loop). It operates with any



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The Parish of St Nicolas Kings Norton

Incorporating Hawkesley LEP
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Sunday 5th November — All Saints

'And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet.' Matthew 24:6

A stark warning followed by words of encouragement: *'see that you are not alarmed.'* The world is full of alarm right now: the almost constant air raid sirens in Gaza and Israel; the fear of migrants whose dreams of a new life free from fear and harm are ripped away by the cold waters of the Channel; the constant threat from those who prey on you for the person you are. Jesus goes on to say that lawlessness will increase and many will cease to love, but those who endure will be saved. And therein lies our hope. Paul may have been writing to the Church in Thessalonica, but his words ring true for us:

'[W]hen you received the word of God...you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.'

Steve Wright

5th November Readings:

1 John 3: 1-3 (p.237)

Matthew 5: 1-12 (p.4)

12th November Readings:

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 (p.202)

John 15: 9-17 (p.106)

Collect for the week

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Dates for the Diary

Saturday 11th November at 5.30pm: volunteers setting up church ahead of Remembrance Day service. Please see Pauline if you can join us.

Leaf clearing in churchyard: Sat 18th Nov, Sat 25th Nov and Sat 2nd Dec— 10.00am to midday. Meet in churchyard and bring rakes etc if you can.

Tuesday 21st November, Hawkesley at 10.00am—Coffee and Chat: talk on Suffragettes by Lynda Sharpe.

Saturday 25th November at 7.00pm—concert in St Nicolas Church: Eroica Players and Singers.

Wednesday 29th November at 7.30pm: Men's Group curry night—details to follow.



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



Sunday 5th November

9.00am: BCP Holy Communion

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12.30pm Baptisms

6.00pm: Taizé

Wednesday 8th November

10.00am: Druids Heath Prayers

10.00am: Knit and Natter @ Hawkesley

10.00am-12md: Open Church at St Nicolas

12md: Hawkesley midday prayers

Thursday 9th November

9.00am-11am: Tiny Tots

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

12.30pm: Seniors' Club— crafts

Saturday 11th November

10.00am-12md: Open Church at St Nicolas

11.00am: Act of Remembrance at The Lychgate

5.30pm: setting up church ready for Remembrance Day service

Sunday 12th November

9.00am: BCP Matins

10.30am: Remembrance Service

6.00pm: Holy Communion with anointing