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| <b>THIS WEEK</b>   | <b>SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER</b><br>9.00 am Matins<br>10.30 am Holy Communion and Toy Service<br>6.00 pm Holy Communion with Anointing   |
|  | <b>WEDNESDAY 11 December</b><br>10.00am-12.00pm OPEN CHURCH<br>10.00am-12.00pm Knit & Natter Hawkesley   |
| <b>SATURDAY 14th December</b><br>10.00am—12.00pm—OPEN CHURCH<br>3.00am-6.00 pm Christmas market with Carols round the tree | <b>THURSDAY 12th DECEMBER</b><br>9.00am-11.00am TINY TOTS<br>10.00am-12.00pm Churchyard care team *Volunteers Welcome*<br>12.30pm-2.30pm Seniors Christmas Lunch: Old Rose and Crown |
|  | <b>SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER</b><br>9.00 am BCP Holy Communion<br>10.30 am Holy Communion<br>4.00 pm Carols By Candlelight  |

**Collect for the Week:**  
 God, our refuge and strength,  
 bring near the day when wars shall cease  
 and poverty and pain shall end,  
 that earth may know the peace of heaven  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
 Amen

# 8th December 2024



## St. Nicolas, Kings Norton

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### READINGS:

**TODAY**  
 Malachi 3. 1-4 Page 904  
 Philippians 1. 3-11 Page 193  
 Luke 3. 1-6 Page 57  
**NEXT WEEK**  
 Philippians 4. 4-7 Page 196  
 Luke 3. 7-18 Pages 57-58

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## St Nicolas Patronal

This Sunday we celebrate our patronal festival, focusing on St Nicolas and the stories of his generous giving. It is our toy service when we collect donations of toys for children who wouldn't otherwise receive a gift. It is the second Sunday of Advent when we remember the prophets. It's a lot to fit into one Sunday. It is a time for focusing on giving and generosity to others even people we don't know and will never meet. It is a time where we continue to prepare for the coming of the Christ child remembering how it was foretold by the prophets.

In our reading this week we hear the words 'prepare the way of the Lord' and we can reflect on what it means not to just prepare FOR the Lord but of the Lord by building God's kingdom here, by living according to his laws and by treating everyone with kindness, generosity and love.

Pauline Weaver

### DATES FOR THE DIARY:

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

**Monday 9th December 2pm** Bells for Christmas

**Sunday 15th December 4pm** Carols by Candlelight

**Wednesday 18th December at 7pm** Womens Group

**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.

**Those Who have died and those who grieve for them:** Jennifer Rudge, Brenda Gibbons, Christine Humfrey, Joyce Roberts.

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

**Women's Group:** An evening of Christmas prose and poetry hosted by St. Nicolas' Book Group on 18th December at 7pm.

Coffee and cake at the Navigation, 10am, Tuesday 21st January. Contact Revd Jayne or Christine for further details.

### **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.

The "pop-up" shop for Embrace the Middle East has now closed. Thank you to all those who bought from it. There will still be information booklets and order forms in church if you want to explore more about their ministry or order forms yourself. Thank you for all the foodbank donations and for the long-term support you give in food, prayer, finance and practical help.

**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 .**

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

