

Please Remember In Your Prayers

Joan Pearce, Natasha Markovic, Veronica Clark, Mason Green, Connie Wilson, Paul Cowley, Gabriella Young, Ray Davies, Janet Green, Jean Ash, Malcolm Blumer, Margaret Schellenberg, May Turnbull, Val Fletcher, Siobhan and Darlene, Paul Rock & Family, Anthony Beckett, Peter Marsh

Those who have died and those who grieve for them: Mohammed Anwar, Shane Thompson, Michael Johnson; Sylvia Lovell, Sheila Smith, Margaret Taylor

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed 24th December - 3rd January (re-opening on 4th January) For urgent messages, the Administrator can be reached during this time via email: judy.ash@kingsnorton.org.uk.



The Prayer Ministry is available to meet with people after the 10:30am service in St Nicolas Church to pray. For more details, please see Nicky Moorcroft.

B30 Foodbank News:

Thank you for all your support over the last year. Our most urgent needs are shampoo, gender neutral roll on deodorants, washing up liquid & crisps. (Not the big "sharing" bags, but regular or multipacks)

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 standard hearing aid when switched to the T= position.



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The Churches of St Nicolas, Hawkesley and Immanuel
2nd January 2022/ Epiphany



Epiphany, recalling the visit of the Wise Men, ends the liturgical celebration - following the "Twelve Days of Christmas."

Many legends have grown up around the story of these Wise men, one of which is that they were "three kings." The gospel account does not say there were three of them...or five or ten or thirty. (Some have suggested that there were actually Four Kings, but the fourth one's gift was a fruitcake, so he was dropped from the story.)

The truth is we do not know who they are. Were they really kings? Probably not. Matthew calls them "Wise men from the East". The Greek term is MAGOI which is where we receive the title MAGI .

They were probably astrologers which explains why they would have noticed, and then been so excited about, finding this unusual star in the sky. The idea that heavenly signs marked the births and deaths of great leaders was widely accepted in the Eastern culture. What these men saw intrigued them enough to leave their homeland to follow this star. For these Wise men, this was the most important journey they would ever take, they made a dramatic commitment of time to search for this New king.

They met God in the midst of their normal daily living when God gave them a sign. God is not limited to meeting with us in a certain place or at a certain hour. God can and does speak to us anywhere and at anytime.

2nd January Readings

Isaiah 60.1-6
Matthew 2.1-12

9th January Readings

Acts 8.14-17
Luke 3.15-17,21-22

The Collect for This 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.



1540 - Henry VIII of England married his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves.

1838 - Samuel Morse publicly demonstrated the telegraph for the first time.

1929 - Mother Teresa arrives in Calcutta to begin a her work amongst India's poorest.



Are you boosted?

Kings Norton Parish is working in partnership with Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust to promote booster jabs for all. Are you boosted?"



What's On in the Parish 

This week:

Sunday - (2nd January)

9am: BCP Holy Communion

10:30am: Holy Communion

10:30am Hawkesley Holy Communion

6pm: Taize

Wednesday - (5th January)

10am: Druids Heath Prayers

12noon: Hawkesley Midday Prayers

3pm: Welcome Cafe Druids Heath

3:30pm: Lego Club

Thursday - (6th January)

9am - 12: Tiny Tots

Sunday - (9th January)

9am: BCP Sung Matins

10:30am: Morning Praise (All Ages)

6pm: Holy Communion with Anointing & Prayers for Healing

