

KINGS NORTON TEAM PARISH

December 2011 Diary

We are a Church of England Team Parish in partnership with the Methodist Church, serving all in Kings Norton through St Nicolas Parish Church and Hawkesley and Immanuel District Churches

We believe that the church in Kings Norton exists:
To be a worshipping transforming partnership in Christ
To live out God's radical hospitality for all
To be equipped for work in God's world

Parish Sunday Worship

with Oasis for Primary-age children at 10.30am services.

St Nicolas

8.00 am: Holy Communion

10.30 am: Holy Communion - our main service

2nd Sundays 10.30 am: : Parade/All Age worship. 11.45am Matins

Hawkesley and Immanuel: 10.30 am Communion/Morning Worship
All-age Worship at **Immanuel** - 4th Sundays

Thursday: 11.00 am - Holy Communion in **St Nicolas**

Tiny Tots: 9.30-10.30 am **Thursday** (in term time) for under 5's & carers.

Sunday evenings in St Nicolas at 6 pm

A time of gentle and growing welcome, reflection, peace and healing for all - including
Parish Communion with Prayer for Healing: 11th Dec
Taizé Worship: December 4th

St Nicolas Church is open during the week - please come in

- ◆ Wednesdays between 10.00 am and 1.00 pm,
and at night between 6.30 and 8.00 pm for **Candlelit Church**
- ◆ Thursdays from 6.30 - 8.00 pm when **Baptism and Marriage** enquiries and bookings are also taken. Come and ask!
- ◆ Saturdays between 10.00 am and 12 noon—with Knit and Natter

Kings Norton Parish: Coming Soon!

Saturday Nov 26th—Leaf Sweeping

in St Nicolas Churchyard

10am - 12 noon; please come for as long or short as time as you can offer.

Wear strong shoes/boots and gloves, and please bring a rake if you can.

Saturday Nov 26th - Hawkesley Christmas Fayre

11.00 am—2.00 pm at Hawkesley Pastoral Centre

All the usual stalls and more, activities, light refreshments, and musical entertainment. Please come and join us.

November 27th – Advent Sunday

Usual morning services at St Nicolas and Hawkesley.

Immanuel: Christingle Service

Special Evening Worship at St Nicolas at 6pm to celebrate 400 years of
“An English Bible in each English Church”.

Introduction to Mark’s Gospel

Be ready for the Gospel readings from Advent through most of 2012.

Priscilla White is leading.

Mon 28th Nov at 7.30 pm or

Wed 30th Nov 10.30 am in St Nicolas Church.

Please talk to the clergy or the office if you are interested—or just turn

Bookstalls in Saint Nicolas Place

We are having extra stalls on Tuesday - Saturday from November 15th through until Christmas. This is a joint venture with Saint Nicolas Place and the Boy’s Brigade. The aim is to help both charities at once, and to increase the footfall into Saint Nicolas Place, and thus the Cafe and Shop

If you are able to help run these extra stalls by volunteering for a 10am-1pm slot or a 1.00-4.00pm slot each week, please contact Great Lacy on 0121 458 3340.

If you can’t help serve—please come and buy!

Actions to take & Events to enjoy

In St Nicolas Church from Advent weekend there will be a **Giant Christmas Card**. Please consider using this to send Christmas greeting to your church friends instead of sending individual ones, and donate the money you' would have spent on cards, to **Ifakara Bakery's** "Free Bread Fund". There is a display on their work at the back of St Nicolas (and "**alternative present**" **gift cards** to purchase too if you wish).

Read the parish magazine for more detailed information.

December 3rd and 4th

St Nicolas Festival Weekend

See next page

The **Conservatory Shop** at **Saint Nicolas Place** will have a
Late-night opening on Monday 5th December.

Come and do your Christmas shopping

Toy Service:

Sunday 11th December: St Nicolas; 10.30 am

Please bring new toys (or used ones in mint condition)
for all ages.

They will be distributed by SWEET Project.

The SWEET Project works on the 3 Estates, and Hawkesley.
The title stands for "Social work, experience, education and training" and
accesses the skills of supervised student social workers to support many
local families and individuals in great need.

247th Guides Pantomime
December 12th in St Nicolas
watch out for more details

St Nicolas Festival

Celebrating God's gifts in our Church and Community

Special events in Church and in Saint Nicolas Place all day on
Saturday 3rd

The Awdry Family will officially open some of the new Interpretation at St Nicolas Place and will share the weekend with us. There will be a Thomas the Tank Engine theme to the day, Santa will need letters to know what's expected of him, Church will have displays about St Nicolas and the KJV 400 anniversary, there will hopefully be tours up to the Ringing chamber in the Tower, the Cafe will be in full swing — and much more.

The next chapter in the Restoration story

We have waited a very long time for the information boards, the interactive displays and information posts to enable many more, of all ages, to discover the amazing story of our buildings for themselves.

3rd December sees the official opening of this and of our new website - with more to follow. December also brings the end of the main grant support from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the BBC Restoration Fund. Their grants and the gifts of other donors raised over £3 million of the Restoration costs. We raised the rest of the £4.3 million total, but HLF have continued to support us for the first three years of opening.

From January 2012 all costs for Saint Nicolas Place will have to come from earnings and fund-raising. We are preparing for this, the next step. It will be a tough task but with hard work and generosity, we will do it.

Come and see the displays of "before and after". They will remind us all of the huge difference made by Restoration. If you shared in the 2004 campaign and the long follow-up of victory, come and reminisce. If you haven't (yet), come and find out what we did, why we did it – and where we go from here.

Come on 3rd December - and find much more.

Sunday 4th December – more St Nicolas!

10.30am Festival service for all in St Nicolas Church

12.30pm Parish Festival Lunch in Saint Nicolas Place

Classic Catering will be providing a choice of first course with puddings, tea, coffee or juice, £7.50, (£4.50 children, u-5s free).

Tickets from Parish Office (0121 458 3289) or in churches



We need your help to make this Festival a success
We need specific help in these areas:

Coffee/tea makers and servers from 12 noon-3.00pm please.

Half hour or hour slots are fine – you don't have to do all of it!
The last hour may find they are not needed for the full time.

Tower Door stewards – at both top and bottom of the stairs –
from 10.30am till 2.00pm – to ensure that tours don't meet on
the stairs!

Stewards who will be generally “about” in **church** – to greet and
guide visitors – from 10.00am - 3.00pm. Again, half hour/hour
slots are very welcome, and the final slots may not be fully
needed.

“Roadies” on Friday afternoon 4.30 – 6.00pm to help set up in
church and Saturday afternoon 3.00-4.00pm to close down.

We need you to come and bring as many friends as you can.

Come to the **Service on Sunday** morning at 10.30 am and book up
for **lunch** afterwards in Saint Nicolas Place, and a full **Tour** in
the afternoon.

To make the buildings a continued success in King's Norton, we need
your support and help please.

December 2011: Diary Dates

Friday 9th December: 10:15am

Carols from the children of Wychall School: in aid of St Mary's Hospice at the home of Esme Kirk: 56 Meadow Hill Road
Kings Norton Birmingham B38 8DA
Tel: 458-1529 Admission: £ 1 (including coffee)

Saturday 10th December:

Farmers Market Day

Craft Market in Saint Nicolas Place

and Seeking Santa!

**For more information—ring 0121 458 1223 or e-mail
info@saintnicolasplace.co.uk**

Sunday 11th December: 3.00 pm: St Nicolas Church A Concert by Bournville Young Singers

Communion with Carols at **Moundsley** (Main house) Monday Dec 12th at 2.00 pm and 19th (Kensington House) at 2pm. Please let Fay or Parish Office know if you would like to join either or both of these services.

Saturday 17th December Singing Carols in Hawkesley Square 10:00am - 12noon

Saturday 17th December : 6pm—9pm

“Carols and Candles on the Green”

Join us for an evening of carol singing on the Green and a Candlelit Christmas tour of Saint Nicolas Place with carols by two choirs. With fun activities and a “Pie and Pea” supper to warm you from the cold! Please book in advance.

Ticketed event for Saint Nicolas Place: £6.00 per person including supper

Monday December 19th: 2.00 pm: St Nicolas Church.

Riding Lights return with ‘Nearly the Goat’!

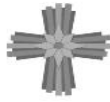
Tickets are £6 per adult and £3 per child over 3.

Family ticket £18 (2 Adults and 2 children)

Available from each church and the Parish Office from Advent weekend.

<http://www.ridinglights.org/downloads/christmas/2011-12-19-Kings-Norton.jpg>

Last year's performance was frozen off—so we're trying again! Do come!



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2011 Christmas Services

St Nicolas

Sunday 11th December	10.30am	Parade and Toy Service
Sunday 18th December	4pm	Carol Service (<i>No 6pm service</i>)
Christmas Eve	5pm	Crib Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass
Christmas Day	8am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Christmas Communion
New Year's Day	10.30am	Holy Communion
		<i>No 8am service at St Nicolas or 10.30am at Immanuel</i>
		<i>6pm Simple Evening Worship at St Nicolas</i>
		<i>Open Church as usual and various times on New Year's Eve</i>
Sunday 15th January	10.30am	Christingle Service

Hawkesley *at Hawkesley School*

Sunday 11th December	10.30am	Christingle Service
Sunday 18th December	10.30am	Carol Service
Christmas Eve	11.30pm	Midnight Communion
New Years' Day	10.30am	Holy Communion

Immanuel *at Fairway Day Centre*

Sunday 27 th November	10.30am	Christingle Service
Sunday 18 th December	6pm	Carols by Candlelight
Christmas Day	10.30 am	Christmas Family Communion

Who's Who and Where's What

The Ministry Team

Canon Rob Morris (Team Rector)

Revd Dr John White (Team Vicar) Revd Jayne Crooks (Team Priest)

Rev Donald Sampson (Methodist Minister) Mrs Fay Fearon, Mrs Ruth Howman (Readers)

Mr Stephen Plant (Lay Chaplain: Longbridge Development)

Parish Office: 81 The Green, Kings Norton, Birmingham B38 8RU

Open 10am - 1pm Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri Telephone: 0121 458 3289

Email: parishoffice@kingsnorton.org.uk **Website:** www.kingsnorton.org.uk

Charity Number: 1134799

Our Church School is at Hawkesley, a very special place for children, staff, volunteers and parents. We are a Joint Church of England and Methodist School and we have a lot going on. Please pray for us as we continue to learn and work together, and as we shape our school's future, with our new leadership team and of course our exceptional children.

Hawkesley Church Primary School: www.hawkesley.bham.sch.uk



Saint Nicolas Place: Cafe and Shop open 10am - 4pm Tuesday-Saturday

81 The Green, Kings Norton, Birmingham B38 8RU

To visit, volunteer or plan and book your event: Telephone: 0121 458 1223

Email: info@saintnicolasplace.co.uk Website: www.saintnicolasplace.co.uk

The Staff Team:

Director: Abi Roberts

Bookings/Events Andrew Driscoll

Heritage Office: Matthew Knox

How do you find us?

St Nicolas Church and Saint Nicolas Place share a postcode— B38 8RU and are both on The Green, King's Norton

Hawkesley Church and Pastoral Centre is attached to Hawkesley Church Primary School in Shannon Road King's Norton, B38 9TR.

Immanuel meets at Fairway Day Centre on the corner of Wychall Lane and the Fairway, Kings Norton, B38 8XJ