



# KINGS NORTON TEAM PARISH

## Mid Autumn 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 9th Oct & 13th Nov  
Taizé Worship: 4th September, 9th October, 6th November

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!

## Way of Life

An Introduction to Christian Faith

'Way of Life' is the name of a group that will meet at St Nicolas Church for just three Tuesday evenings from 7.30 to 9pm, beginning on

**Tuesday 4th October.**

It will give a chance, especially for those fairly new to the life of the church, to begin to explore what Christian faith is all about. It will be particularly suitable for any adults who are thinking about being baptised, or who are simply interested in finding out a little more as to what it is that Christians believe, and what it may mean to be a follower of Jesus. So come and see...

If you would like to know more, have a word with Rev John on 07854 412949 or [jwhite.harborne@btinternet.com](mailto:jwhite.harborne@btinternet.com) , or just come along to the first session.

**Saturday 1st October:** Saint Nicolas Place; 11-2pm

**"Hands on the Past":** A Tour with a Special lunch in the Queen's Room  
Ticketed event ( £15/£7.50) - see back page for contact details

**Thursday 6th Oct:** 7.30 pm: **Women's Fellowship:** Saint Nicolas Church  
Our annual Corporate Communion Service—with admission of new members.  
Visitors welcome

**Saturday 8th October: St Philip's Cathedral, B'ham:  
RSCM Annual Festival Service: The Word Revealed"**

A celebration of 400 years of the King James Version, and those whose lives and work paved the way for the KJV

**Sunday 9th October—10.30am at St Nicolas**

We host the annual national service of the Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals

**Saturday 29th October: Historic Hallowe'en: 7.30 pm**

Learn about Hallowe'en traditions, tour indoors and out,  
and have a hearty supper.

**Sunday 30th October is All Saints Sunday**

We celebrate our heritage and hope with the whole company of heaven!  
**All services at usual times**

**Monday 31st October: Murder Mystery Evening: 7.00pm**

Ticketed events - see back page for contact details for Saint Nicolas Place.

**Sats Nov 5th & 19th & 26th—Leaf Sweeping** in St Nicolas Churchyard  
10am - 12 noon; please come for as long or short as time as you can offer.

# Autumn 2011: Big Diary Dates

## **Autumn Watch—KN style**

In order to build up real evidence for any future interpretation in our churchyard, we need to gather information of what bird and mammal species use our churchyard as permanent or temporary home. If anyone has a spare hour at any stage over the next few months, and wants to make some records, all we need is the date and time of the recordings, the weather, and the species and the number of each one. Please talk to Sylvia if you are interested in taking part or look on the website for a form.

**Saturday 12th Nov – Craft Fair** at Saint Nicolas Place—10am - 2pm  
We're planning to arrange a **Film Night** that evening

**Sunday 13th Nov – Remembrance Services** at 10.30am  
Annual Memorial Service at 4.00pm

**Thursday 17th Nov: 7.30pm Church Council** Saint Nicolas Place

**November 26<sup>th</sup> – Hawkesley Christmas Fayre**

**December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> St Nicolas Festival Weekend**  
“Celebrating God’s gifts in our Church and Community”

Special events in Church and in Saint Nicolas Place all day on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Parish Festival Service and Parish Lunch on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>  
The Awdry Family will officially open the new Interpretation  
at St Nicolas Place and will share the weekend with us.

There will be a Thomas the Tanks Engine theme to the day, Santa is hoping to visit,  
Church will have displays about St Nicolas, the KJV 400 anniversary, the Cafe will be in  
full swing — and much more.

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

**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 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

All our regular **Christmas** and **New Year Services**, at all three churches  
will be advertised in November.

# 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)

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**Charity Number:** 1134799

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

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

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

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

**Staff Team:** Director: Abi Roberts Bookings/Events: Andrew Driscoll

## Our Rice Mountain in St Nicolas: What does it signify?

Our Diocese of Birmingham is linked with the 4 dioceses of Malawi. Malawi is one of Africa's smallest countries but has over 14 million people. The country is often named the "warm heart of Africa", due to its climate and lovely people. One quarter of the country is taken up by the beautiful Lake Malawi, the "calendar lake" (365 miles long and 52 miles wide) and its neighbours are Zambia, Tanzania, and Mozambique. Like them, Malawi knows the grip of extreme poverty and hardship. The Diocesan link helps to provide practical and financial support.—and over the last 40 years God has forged deep bonds of friendship and mutual prayer.

Last night we had a supper of African food and learnt a little more about the country and its hospitable people.

One thing we discovered, was that it takes as much money funds as would be raised by selling 90kg of rice to send one child to Secondary School for one year. Secondary school education in Malawi takes 5 years leading to the Cambridge Overseas GSCE or local equivalent. University and HE colleges then have an additional pre-degree foundation year as equivalent to sixth form.

Our "rice mountain" contains 57 1.6 kg bags of "rice", which pretty much gets us to 90kg (that's about 14 stone). It helps us see why villagers who farm tiny plots can't send their children to even one year of secondary school without support from friends such as Birmingham diocese.