



Sunday 9th July 2017 / 4th Sunday After Trinity

Two weekends ago The Revd Lorraine Mellor was elected as President of the Methodist Church for the coming year. Each President takes a theme that they will challenge the church on for the year.

Revd Mellor is concerned that the Methodist Church is a declining church and asked us "How are we disturbing the present in the Church today?"

She goes on to say:

"I know I am part, at present, of a declining Church, but I am not part of a declining gospel.

"The gospel of Jesus Christ is here to stay, but has the time not come of us to be radical? To take some risks in order that we can grow...

"Because, you see... I don't believe that God is done with us just yet."

These words have stayed with me and I invite each of us to reflect what this could mean for us in Hawkesley and Kings Norton.

You can find the whole Presidential address on the Methodist website:

<http://www.methodist.org.uk/news-and-events/news-releases/lets-change-the-culture-says-new-methodist-president-in-inaugural-address>.

- Rev Caz Hague

Children & young people are welcome at every service.

Tiny Tots: Thurs. 9.00 am
Bumps & Babies: Mon 1.00 pm
BOTH AT ST. NICOLAS' CHURCH

Sundays for Children (3yrs+)

1st Sunday - Oasis at Saint Nicolas' Place
2nd Sunday - All Age at St Nicolas' Church
3rd Sunday - Godly Play @ SNP
4th Sunday - All Age @SNP

**Next GPS Youth Group:
19th July 2017**

Foodbank News

The Steering Group is hard at work trying to implement some of the new ideas that came from the "Foodraising" brainstorm session two weeks ago.

Our urgent needs are 500g bags of white or brown sugar; tinned meat; tinned fruit; long life whole milk; jam and tea.



Worship In The Parish Today

St Nicolas'	9:00am	Holy Communion
	10:30 am	Parade / Festival Service
	6:00 pm	Holy Communion & Healing
Hawkesley	10:30 am	Morning Worship
Immanuel	10:30 am	@ SN

This Sunday's Readings

Zechariah 9.9-12	OT p 898
Romans 7.15-25a	NT p 153
Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end	NT p 11

Collect for today

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

*This year's **Christian Aid** collection stands at **£2066.87**, plus **£122.89** due in Gift Aid and a small amount of foreign currency. Hawkesley Coffee morning and the sale of hanging baskets raised over 1/4 of this: Big Thanks to all who gave, collected, counted, baked, sold and planted.*



Saint Nicolas' Place. Our tearoom is open Mon - Sat 9.00 am - 4.00 pm. Green's Tea Room for excellent food and service. The shop is open from Monday to Saturday, 10.00 am - 3.00 pm. For events & bookings call 0121 458 1223. Or visit saintnicolasplace.co.uk.

Please pray for the Diocesan link with the Anglican Church in Bolivia and our links with Father Walter Toro of Jesus the Good Shepherd Church in Tarija, Bolivia and with Pastor Tammy Firestone and the congregation of La Trinidad Church in Cochbamba.

Please pray for residents, workers, staff, pupils and parents of:
 Elderfield Road, Elkstone Covert, Elmley Grove, Facet Road
 Ark Kings Acedemy, Hawkesley Church Primary Academy & King's Norton Primary School

Please pray for those preparing for Baptism and Marriage.

Please remember in your prayers:
 Beryl Wilkes, Joan Pearce, Ray Davies, Beryl Jones, Edna Mullis, Natasha Markovic, Nan Hoadly, Florence Bonner, Lillian Hillier, John Clark, Joan Gunter, Olga Groves, Joyce Hawkins, Em & Tina Drakeford, Leon and Melissa Brown, Connie Wilson, Simon Hambly, Dorothy Gardner, Addie Tilley, Paul Shelton, Delsie Burges/Brooks, Mason Green, Oscar Hooper, Jacob, Christine, Joan Grimmitt, Jayne Slater, Olivia Grimes and Doug Sansom

Please remember those who are ill, receiving treatment or recovering from surgery:
 Yvonne Whittingham, Jonathan Rogers, Annie Edwards, June McCoy, Bob Evans, Sandra Sandilands, Marlene Collier, Gabrielle Pond-Baker, Sandra W, Thelma Mitchell, Gill Broadhead, Jean Gates and Veronica Clark.
 Children Charlie Ramsey, Twins Stella & Francesca and Sahar Kaussar.

Please pray for those who have died and for those who grieve for them:
 Betty Griffiths, Violet Randall, Ellen Bromley, John Bonner; Baby Amy Dyke, Hazel Whitson

Open Church

St Nicolas' Church is open as often as possible. Do visit, pray, light a candle or share conversation over coffee at the times shown below.

Wednesday 10.00 am - 12.00 noon & 6.30 - 8.00 pm
 (Candlelit Church).

Thursday 6.30 - 8.00 pm for all marriage and baptism enquiries.

Saturday 10.00 - 12.00 noon for coffee, Knit & Natter & space for quiet prayer.

This Week: 10th – 15th July 2017 *in St Nicolas' Church unless otherwise stated*

Monday	1-2:30pm	Bumps & Babies
Tuesday	10am	Hawkesley Coffee Morning
	5pm-7pm	Candle Fundraiser
Wednesday	10am – 12 noon	Open Church /Open Bible
	12 noon	Holy Communion
	6:30-8pm	Candlelit Church
	8pm	Open Bible
Thursday	9am – 11am	Tiny Tots
	6:30-8pm	Wedding & Baptism Bookings
Saturday	10am - 12 noon	Knit & Natter

From Monday 10th July we are hosting an art installation in St Nicolas Church arising out of the Birmingham Inter-Faith conversations. Do take time to view it.



Next Sunday: 16th July 2017

St Nicolas'	9:00am	Holy Communion
	10:30 am	Holy Communion
	4:00pm	Baptisms
	6:00 pm	Compline
Hawkesley	10:30 am	Morning Worship
Immanuel	10:30 am	Holy Communion

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 55.10-13h 9.9-12	OT p 696
Romans 8.1-11	NT p 153
Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23	NT p 13

**Anne Hughes is coordinating a Candle Party / Fundraiser for the Baptistry roof.
 Please add Tuesday 11th July 2017 5pm -7pm to your diary.**

For more detailed information about what's on in Kings Norton, pick up a copy of the **Parish Magazine.**

When visiting our churches, please take care of your personal belongings as you would in any public space.



St Nicolas' Church has an induction loop (T-Loop). This operates with any standard hearing aid when switched to the >T= position.