



Sunday 23rd July 2017 / 6th Sunday After Trinity

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:
2nd August 2017**

How can you tell which plant is a weed? Take my lawn for instance. It is full of clover, dandelions and daisies. Weeds or wildflowers? They are growing somewhere they aren't supposed to be – which makes them weeds. But they are pretty and the bees love them. So not a weed then.

In Matthew's gospel Jesus lets them both grow together because you might up root the wrong one. What we might see as a weed may well be one of the wildflowers that fill us with awe and wonder and beauty. And who can see this beauty best of all? Children. They can spend ages studying a daisy or exploring a dandelion clock. Because children see the beauty we often miss and sometimes we need to take a moment to see things as they do. ~ *Pauline Weaver*

Foodbank News

Foodbank continues to be very busy, and is currently enjoying several supermarket collections and money donations from events such as CocoMad. Despite these extra injections of supplies, we remain in urgent need for tinned meat, tinned fruit, long-life whole milk, tinned/packet custard, 500g bags of white or brown sugar and long-grain/basmati rice. Many thanks for your long and continued support.

Worship In The Parish Today		
St Nicolas'	9:00am	Holy Communion
	10:30 am	Holy Communion & Baptism
	6:00 pm	Evening Worship
Hawkesley	10:30 am	Holy Communion
Immanuel	10:30 am	All Age Worship

This Sunday's Readings	
Isaiah 44.6-8	OT p 683
Romans 8.12-25	NT p 153
Matthew 13.24-30,36-43	NT p 14

Collect for today

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

3D Course / Diocesan course for Developing Disciples

The diocesan discipleship course will be tutored on Tuesday evening in Kings Norton and at other venues and times across the city starting in September. It is the first step towards accredited ministry in the Church of England. If anyone would like more information, please ask one of the clergy or the lay minister for more information and a form

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:

Firhill Croft, Flax Gardens, The Fold, Fordeway Gardens
Westhill Day Nursery, 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, June McCoy, 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, Olivia Grimes and Doug Sansom

Please remember those who are ill, receiving treatment or recovering from surgery:

Yvonne Whittingham, Jonathan Rogers, Annie Edwards, Bob Evans, Sandra Sandilands, Marlene Collier, Gabrielle Pond-Baker, Sandra W, Thelma Mitchell, Jean Gates, Jayne Slater 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:

Ken Newton, Kenneth Davies; John Ashley, Primrose Garrow

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: 24th – 28th July 2017

in St Nicolas' Church unless otherwise stated

Monday	1-2:30pm	Bumps & Babies
Tuesday	10am	Hawkesley Coffee Morning
Wednesday	10am – 12 noon	Open Church
	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: 30th July 2017

St Nicolas'	9:00am	Holy Communion
	10:30 am	Holy Communion
	4:00 pm	Baptisms
	6:00 pm	Creative Worship
Hawkesley	10:30 am	Morning Worship
Immanuel	10:30 am	Prayer & Praise

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Kings 3.5-12	OT p 311
Romans 8.26-end	NT p 154
Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52	NT p 14

"I am nothing but a ripped fabric stitched together by God's grace."
— J.A. ANUM

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.