



Sunday 30th July 2017 / 7th Sunday After Trinity

The kingdom of heaven is like...

We continue this week in our Gospel reading to hear Jesus talk in parables about the kingdom of heaven. Today we hear many examples of what the kingdom of heaven is like, but they have one thing in common. The kingdom of heaven is like things found in ordinary life and work. The people whom Jesus was talking to would have understood about baking bread, finding buried treasure, fishing. The kingdom of heaven is not to be found in any particular place at a particular time. The kingdom of heaven can transform us anywhere at any time, whether we are looking for it or not. Are we prepared to accept the kingdom of heaven without question or hesitation? Are we prepared to do God's will in all aspects of our lives – in the everyday and the ordinary? ~ *Ruth Howman*

Worship In The Parish Today

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

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**

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.

This Sunday's Readings

1st Kings 3.5-12 **OT p 315**
Romans 8.26-end **NT p 154**
Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52 **NT p 14**

Collect for today

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; 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.



Looking for volunteers for an event on August 27th - If you are free and can help out for a couple of hours please contact Pauline.

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:

Fairlie Crescent, Fairmead Rise, The Fairway, Farnbury Croft
 Cadbury Sixth Form, 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, 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:

John Ashley, Primrose Garrow; Edna Mullis

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: 31st July – 5th August
in St Nicolas' Church unless otherwise stated

Monday	1-2:30pm	Bumps & Babies
Wednesday	10am – 12 noon	Open Church
	12 noon	Holy Communion
	5pm	GPS
	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

We are hosting an art installation in St Nicolas Church arising out of the Birmingham Inter-Faith conversations. Do take time to view it. Tomorrow it will be taken down.



Next Sunday: 6th August 2017

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

Next Sunday's Readings

Daniel 7.9,10,13,14	OT p 842
2 Peter 1.16-19	NT p 234
Luke 9.28-36	NT p 67

"Tell me a fact and I'll learn. Tell me a truth and I'll believe. But tell me a story and it will live in my heart forever."
 ~ Native American proverb

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.