



Sunday 13th August 2017 / 9th Sunday After Trinity

In the first half of the reading we have discovered that religion, living life to a certain code, or being a member of a certain group or race does not put us right with God. The second part of the reading featured someone who went against all the expectations of what puts someone right with God, yet she is accepted by Jesus.

What does make someone a Christian is to recognize who Jesus is. The Messiah who died in our place on the cross. Something we celebrate and proclaim in this service. We need to radically trust in him every day with the persistence of the unnamed woman in today's reading.

A television program preceding the 1988 Winter Olympics featured blind skiers being trained for slalom skiing, impossible as that sounds. Paired with sighted skiers, the blind skiers were taught on the flats how to make right and left turns. When that was mastered, they were taken to the slalom slope, where their sighted partners skied beside them shouting, "Left!" and "Right!" As they obeyed the commands, they were able to negotiate the course and cross the finish line, depending solely on the sighted skiers' word. What a vivid picture of the Christian life! In this world, we are in reality blind about what course to take. We must rely solely on the Word of the only One who is truly sighted - God Himself. His Word gives us the direction we need to finish the course.

Worship In The Parish Today

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

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:
September 6th**

Afternoon Tea

9th September 2017

2pm to 5pm

Tickets are £3.

Available in Church or from the Parish Office.
All proceeds to the Roof Fund.



This Sunday's Readings

1 Kings 19.9-18	OT p 336
Romans 10.5-15	NT p 156
Matthew 14.22-33	NT p 15

Collect for today

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.



We invite all students, whatever their age, and teachers to bring their school bags to our **Blessing of the School Bags service on Sunday 27th August at 10:30.** Begin the new academic year surrounded by love and prayers. We invite everyone to buy a small amount of stationery to be donated to those in our linked church in Bolivia.

There will be no activities for children on Sundays during August. No GPS until 6th September. Bumps and Babies and Tiny Tots continue all summer.

