

**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
In St. Nicolas
Church*

9th September 2017

Tickets available in Church or
from the Parish Office. £3
2pm to 5pm

All proceeds to the Roof Fund.
To donate – back of church,
pledge cards or cheques made
out to "KNPCC"



Sunday 3rd September 2017 / 12th Sunday After Trinity

In this week's Gospel story from Matthew, Jesus breaks the awful news to his disciples of the horror and suffering that lies ahead for him, and for them. Until now the disciples lives have been pretty extraordinary. This revelation appears to have struck the disciples like a hammer blow. Jesus' words must have been deeply chilling. Jesus came and paid a heavy price for our benefit in order to bring us to God. Like the disciples we too may well have to pay a price for following Christ. Our reaction to suffering might initially be one of overwhelming shock, or denial. So how do we cope with suffering, be it someone else's or our own? Jesus gives us the example for these times, to pray, asking for strength and courage, while the smallest acts of kindness can make a great difference.

To take up one's cross and follow Christ, is to trust in Christ, come what may.

~ Fay Fearon

***Bring & Buy Sale! At Immanuel Church today - after the 10:30
service.***

Worship In The Parish Today

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

This Sunday's Readings

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| Isaiah 51.1-6 | OT p 691 |
| Romans 12.1-8 | NT p 157 |
| Matthew 16.13-20 | NT p 17 |

Collect for today

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Opportunities to support others during September in St Nicolas:

There is a basket receiving small gifts of school/college stationery for our partner parish in Bolivia (La Trinidad Church in Cochabamba).

Our Harvest Gifts (Sept 10th) are for B30 Foodbank [particular needs are tinned meat, tinned tomatoes, tinned spaghetti, tinned/packet custard, tinned fruit and tinned rice pudding].

September also is time to give to Water Aid. There will be a collection point for small change in St Nicolas (large water containers) and gifts can also be left at the Parish Office.

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:
 Goodrich Covert, Gorneldon Avenue, Grange Hill Road, Grange Rise
 Fairway Primary Academy, 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, June McCoy, Andrew Leslie and Doug Sansom

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

Please pray for those who have died and for those who grieve for them:
 Robert Evans, Brian Ingram; Merlin Cross, Pauline Tildesley

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.

Until Further Notice

There will be no 12 noon Holy Communion Service on Wednesdays.

This Week: 4th – 9th September

in St Nicolas' Church unless otherwise stated

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| Monday | 1pm | Bumps & Babies |
| Tuesday | 10am | Hawkesley Coffee & Chat |
| Wednesday | 10am – 12 noon | Open Church / Open Bible |
| | 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 |
| | 11am | Hawkesley Sponsored Walk |
| | 2pm – 5pm | Afternoon Tea Party |

2017 HAWKESLEY CHURCH SPONSORED WALK

(3-4 miles)

On September 9th, Hawkesley Church will be holding our 4th Annual Walk. The walk includes The Worcester & Birmingham Canal, Kings Norton Playing Fields and Park, Kings Norton Nature Reserve, Merecroft Pool and The Green. The walk starts at 11am and should take about 1½ hours. For more information please contact Kevin Hurney on 07989 322237 or hurney.kevin@yahoo.co.uk.

Next Sunday: 10th September 2017 Harvest

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

Next Sunday's Readings

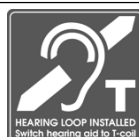
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| Ezekiel 33.7-11 | OT p 815 |
| Romans 13.8-end | NT p 158 |
| Matthew 18.15-20 | NT p 19 |

Harvest Flowers – donations towards the cost of the flowers would be much appreciated. Please hand to me, place in the flower donations box in Church or leave with the Parish Office.

Thanks – Alison

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.