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*From The Rector*

## Back to Church Sunday...

*"But many other days are just right..."*

September 30<sup>th</sup> – a day when many churches across the country have invited everyone who has been part of their life, in ways large and small to visit again. Hawkesley and Immanuel have invited school and community to join them for their Harvest Festivals on the day.

But St Nicolas hasn't, because 30<sup>th</sup> September is the Sunday before the first Monday in October – Mop Day. From early morning The Green is full of big Lorries, ride builders and empty food stalls. Getting into church is only for the fit and determined. It's not the best day for saying, "Come and visit again."

But many other days are just right.

**November 4<sup>th</sup>** is All Saints Sunday – a day to celebrate, give thanks and remember – and maybe return. For some it will be hard. At 4pm we hold our annual Memorial Service for the families and friends of all whose funerals we have shared in over the past year. St Nicolas will be full of sharp memory of being here in grief. Please keep the service and all who will be there in your prayers. But the morning will be different – as we give thanks for the whole company of saints, including those who have shaped our own lives and the life of God's church and people here in Kings Norton. There are so many to give thanks for – and so much promise to trust for the future. Do join us.

And then there is St Nicolas Day itself - **December 6<sup>th</sup>**. It's a Thursday this year – but the weekend after will be very special. The Old Grammar School will at last be open on the Saturday! It will also be Farmers' Market – and St Nicolas will be open for all to visit, pray and discover more of all that we are doing and planning.

Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> **December** will be St Nicolas Festival day with our annual Gift Service at 10.30am and special celebrations at every service.

It may seem a long way off – but not too early to prepare and pray – and, if you haven't been for a while, to think about joining us.

The wonder and the challenge of St Nicolas is that thousands have their special place and special story in its life – but in so many different ways. For some it is the place which has shaped faith throughout their lives. For others, it is a place of new discovery and welcome – of return to God and church after often painful searching. For some, it is a place of weekly or even daily commitment. For others it is the place of special times – weddings, baptisms, funerals, school visits, concerts or Christmas. Some are lifted when they come in; some find it hard. Many love the building from the outside but are anxious about pushing open the door, unsure of the welcome which might await. Some like lively services. Others treasure the quiet.

At the heart of all that we love, worry about, seek and find in our parish church building is however the heart of the Gospel itself: Jesus' two great commandments to love God and to love neighbour – and the promise that through his own death and rising, made alive in us through the Holy Spirit, we shall find grace and strength to keep them for the sake of all. Our place in St Nicolas is secure as long as we care first for the place of others – which will be very different. It is a hard but wonderful challenge. Why not come to church – and share in accepting it? It is yours.

Canon Rob Morris



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## Hello everyone...

### Cover Photo...

After being asked recently if we could print photos of the Ministry Team, so that folk could put 'faces to names!', this months magazine cover does just that..



The Clergy Team in the Parish of Kings Norton are made up of 'licensed' members and lay persons as well as visiting clergy. The licensed team are those shown on this page.

### Musical Month!...

This months magazine has a distinct 'musical feel' about it with the wonderful 'Le Page Ensemble' performing once again at St Nicolas Church (page 8), **Georgian West Gallery Music** returning to Moseley Church (page 9), and another Restoration **Barn Dance** (page 8) in St Nicolas Church Hall.

Even babies and toddlers are catered for with 'Rhythm Time' coming to Kings Norton (page 17).

An inspirational story, 'Helping Hands' with a biography of it's subject, Polish pianist and composer, **Ignace Paderewski**, (page 11) continues the musical theme... and even 'Spot 7 Differences' (page 21) has got in on the musical act.

We hope that your magazine strikes a chord with you!.. and that you enjoy...

Chris Holmes (Editor)

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### Hidden Treasures

As summer yields to autumn  
And autumn hints  
Of the winter to come,  
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Of life cannot be halted -  
There is nothing that can be done  
To stop the progress of time,  
And with it, changing circumstances.  
And so it seems to me  
That the way forward lies  
In embracing the changes,  
And asking God to open my eyes  
To the less obvious treasures  
That darker days can bring,  
And in deepest winter,  
Not to spoil the offered moments  
By always yearning for the spring;  
So, whatever circumstance I face,  
I should learn, by God's grace,  
To view it as an opportunity  
To receive from God anew  
Whatever it is He wants to do  
In, and through,  
Everything.



## FOCUS ON... Church Mission Society



Knowing that Grace, our mission partner works for the Church Missionary Society, the article on the back page of its Prayerlines booklet about its early days may be of interest.

In 1799 the founders of CMS had few precedents to help them shape the work of the new Society for although the Established Church had formed SPCK and SPG, (Societies for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge & the Gospel respectively), both were limited to the pastoral care & education of the English abroad, rather than for cross-cultural evangelistic mission.

The first meeting of the Society adopted the four following principles suggested by the Vicar of Clapham at the time, John Venn :

- Follow God's leading & look to success only from work of the Holy Spirit.
- Send out people of the highest calibre.
- Be prepared to begin on a small scale.
- Finance will follow effective work.

In their widest dreams, those early founders could not have foreseen where their enterprise would lead, as, for example exemplified by Grace herself & the work she has undertaken!

To find out more about the work of the Society in the 21st century, why not apply to receive your own monthly copy of Prayerlines & the Mission Update leaflet which goes with it by e-mailing:-

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or phoning CMS on **0845 620 1799**? To receive a copy of Grace's quarterly letter, please contact the church office on 458 3289.

**Ann Morrell.**

(see also page 41 - 'Thanks From Grace')

# LE PAGE ENSEMBLE

Joubert  
- 'In Retrospect'  
for String Quartet

Bach  
- Partita No.3  
for solo violin

Borodin  
- String Quartet No.2

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## Visiting Pastor

A pastor went out one Saturday to visit his church members. At one house, it was obvious that someone was home, but nobody came to the door even though the preacher knocked several times. Finally, the preacher took out his card, wrote out "Revelation 3:20" on the back of it, and stuck it in the door... "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with me." - Revelation 3:20

The next day, the card turned up in the collection plate. Below the preacher's message was written the following notation:

"I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." - Genesis 3:10

Sunday  
14th October  
**Family  
Learning  
Week/Big  
Draw**  
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Church Hall

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Saturday  
20th October  
7.30 p.m.  
**Barn  
Dance**  
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# Sing Birmingham!

A Celebration of  
West Gallery Music

at

St Mary's Church, Moseley  
Birmingham

10.00am - 5.00 pm

Saturday 3rd November 2007



From Sylvia Fox

## Georgian West Gallery Music returns to Moseley Church

The parish church of St. Mary's Moseley will once again ring with the sounds of its musical history on Saturday 3rd of November. A 'West Gallery' workshop called "Sing Birmingham" is taking place there from 10 a.m. hosted by the Royal School of Church Music. Members of the West Gallery Music Association will be leading a day teaching West Gallery songs from Georgian times.

The West Gallery tradition involved groups of local singers and musicians who used to lead the singing in church services. They were generally positioned in a gallery at the west end of the church, which is why it became known as "West Gallery" music. This style of music was often written or adapted by local composers, and often contains fugue passages, sections in the music where one line of words is repeated by different voices. This creates a rich and

exciting sound. The West Gallery music was overtaken by the desire for a more structured approach to music, lead by an organ and a formal choir.

If you are a singer or an instrumentalist and would like to be part of this Georgian recreation, please visit the event website at [www.singbirmingham.info](http://www.singbirmingham.info) for more details. Alternatively, you can email the event at: [enquiries@singbirmingham.info](mailto:enquiries@singbirmingham.info), phone Martin Jones on 01630 620220 or Edwin & Sheila Macadam on 01865 865773. If you don't want to sing or play, but would like a chance to hear some West Gallery music, you are welcome to just come and listen at an informal service starting at 4:15 showcasing the music of the workshop.

Tickets to attend the workshop are priced at £6 (£4 for under 18s) entry to the service is free. St Mary's church is on St. Mary's Row, Moseley, B13 8HW.



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The other regular Thursday evening activities will be taking place at the same time, so look out for other members when you arrive, who will guide you to the right part of church for the service.

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# Helping Hands

*In all our lives, we receive helping hands - some we notice, some we don't.*

A mother, wishing to encourage her son's progress at the piano, bought tickets to a performance by the great Polish pianist Ignace Paderewski. When the evening arrived, they found their seats near the front of the concert hall and eyed the majestic Steinway waiting on the stage. Soon the mother found a friend to talk to, and the boy slipped away.

At eight o'clock, the lights in the auditorium began to dim, the spotlights came on, and only then did they notice the boy - up on the piano bench, innocently picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." His mother gasped in shock and embarrassment but, before she could retrieve

her son, the master himself appeared on the stage and quickly moved to the keyboard.



**Ignace Paderewski.**  
1860 - 1941

He whispered gently to the boy, "Don't quit. Keep playing." Leaning over, Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began

filling in the bass part. Soon his right arm reached around the other side and improvised a delightful obligato. Together, the old master and the young novice held the crowd mesmerized with their blended and beautiful music.

In all our lives, we receive helping hands - some we notice, some we don't. Equally we ourselves have countless opportunities to provide helping hands - sometimes we would like our assistance to be noticed, sometimes we don't. Little of what we all achieve is without learning from others and without support from others and what we receive we should hand out.

## **IGNACE JAN PADEREWSKI** **(1860 - 1941)**

Ignace Jan Paderewski was born in 1860 in the village of Kurylowka, Podolia, Poland. He studied at the Warsaw Musical Institute and with many Eastern European teachers. He became one of Poland's world renowned pianists and composers. Although his own compositions are well known, Paderewski was widely praised for his renditions of Chopin. In addition to delighting Poland and the world with his music for over 50 years, Paderewski also became one of Poland's great statesmen. At the beginning of World War I, Paderewski founded a committee to

assist the people of Poland and established branches in Paris, London and throughout the United States. Paderewski's efforts, with support from the American government and American people, helped Poland regain her freedom after World War I. He was also one of the signers of the Paris Peace Treaty which was responsible for re-establishing the proper boundaries between Poland and her neighbours. Paderewski became the chief framer of the Polish Constitution of 1919 and served as Poland's delegate to the League of Nations in Geneva. Upon Poland's Independence, in 1918, Paderewski became its Prime Minister and Secretary of Foreign Affairs. Died: 29 June 1941 New York.

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***"It's hard to believe at times - but full opening of King's Norton's Restoration buildings is so close."***

It's hard to believe at times - but full opening of King's Norton's Restoration buildings is so close. The Old Grammar School will be ready for all to see in mid-November - with the glory of Birmingham's finest Tudor house to follow in April. The steelwork behind the old Saracens Head is the most obvious sign of work in progress - but there is so much more still hidden from public view - and waiting to be revealed.

It's only three and a half years since we received the invitation to be on BBC Restoration 2004. We knew that we had some precious and interesting buildings - but the centuries had covered much of the detail and the story. We now know so much more - and we will all be able to see so much more of all that was built over five hundred years ago. I am still deeply amazed and deeply grateful for the ancient treasures uncovered and for the newer treasures of so many people giving so much to make it all happen. An astounding team effort, which will grow even more as we move to full, inspiring and useful opening. **Not long now!**

**Rob Morris**



**Church and Chimneys**

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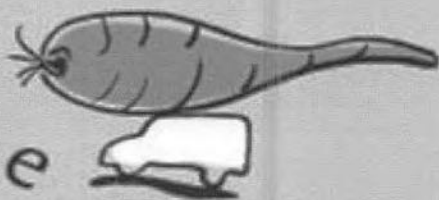
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## 'Empty Arms, Shattered Dreams'

**15th October is National Baby  
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Each group offering support and information in their own area of expertise to anyone personally affected by pregnancy or baby loss.

Who are these people that they help? Well, chances are that every single one of us know someone who could be helped by one of these organisations in some way. However, it often seems to be a subject that people find difficult to handle when talking to people affected by pregnancy/baby loss. "It wasn't meant to be" " You're young, you'll have another one" "Concentrate on your work" "Get yourself a cat!" Believe it or not these were all said to me and my husband by people who meant well. Worse still they say nothing in fear that you're going to get upset.

From experience: just spend time listening to them and have plenty of tissues ready.

To mark the Baby Loss Awareness day on the 15th October I invite you all to take part in the global 'Wave of Light' in your own homes. Simply light a candle at 7PM and leave it burning for at least 1 hour to join others in remembering all babies that have died during pregnancy, at, during and after birth. The babies who lit up our lives for only a short time.

For more information visit: [www.babyloss-awareness.org](http://www.babyloss-awareness.org)

Jeanette Brown (written in memory of Liam Brown)



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morning since  
Rhythm Time music classes for local babies and  
toddlers began.



Rhythm Time began in 1995 and now run music classes for babies and toddlers in many parts of the country. They have just started classes here in Kings Norton. Rhythm Time Manager, Vicky Taramasco said: "We're delighted to be part of the Kings Norton community and to have such a great venue. Our classes are great fun and we use a wide range of musical instruments. Our classes are professionally written and geared up for children as young as six weeks old. We believe music is so important in a child's formative years and we enjoy watching their confidence, creativity and imagination grow. We've recently had this endorsed by healthvisitors.com."

Anyone interested in finding out more about Rhythm Time classes or wishing to go along for a free trial session can contact Vicky on telephone 0121 447 7632 or log onto: [www.rhythmtime.net](http://www.rhythmtime.net).



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# Rebecca's Diary...

Rev Rebecca Pullin recalls the month of AUGUST



This month has been marked by many people going away on holiday, grabbing the opportunity for some far away sun before the autumn kicks in and the children go back to school. However, I'm not due to go away until October so I've been around for the whole of August. So here are some more extracts from my diary:

### 3rd Aug:

I went to the shops and brought some more photo frames. I seem to have acquired lots of photos lately and so I wanted to get them on my walls. Well, you know how it is when you have a load of carrier bags and you think you can carry them all, usually about twenty! For some bizarre reason we think it will save us time! Yes, you have guessed it. I grabbed all my shopping and weighed down, set off towards my house, unfortunately, I slipped, bags flung forward, handbag went flying. Two young teenage lads came along asked me if I was ok, found my handbag and gave it back to me and helped me pick up my shopping. Unfortunately I had smashed nearly all my photo frames. We too quickly think that all young teenagers are thugs or thieves. The vast majority would have done the same.

### Various Saturdays:

August is a great month for weddings and I have been at several at St. Nicolas church. For some the weather was awful but it didn't dampen their spirits. It's been lovely to observe all the lovely colours of bridesmaids dresses, the guests, men in smart suits, women in a variety of colours and styles, some with enormous hats. As for the brides each one has looked really

lovely. It's just so special to hear people taking their commitment so seriously. Found myself dabbing my eyes a few times, but then when I've been present at the rehearsals, I've had to get my hanky out!!! I'm a real softie. I can't wait until next year when I will be able to take weddings myself.



### 9th Aug:

What is it about me and rodents! You may remember last month, amongst other things I had rats. Well, a young man came to my door with a tiny, sweet mouse and asked me if it was mine. He had seen it run out from under my fence and he thought it might have been my pet mouse and I had been playing with it in the garden. Um no, I don't think so! Anyway he went off quite happy, with the mouse in his hand...

### Immanuel Church:

Being a Deacon in Kings Norton, means I get to visit the three churches here. Immanuel meet in the Fairway centre and I have been there twice this month to preach and help in the Sunday morning service. It's a good place to go, informal and welcoming. If you fancy something a bit different then do pop in. you will receive a warm welcome. Service times are in this magazine.





#### **Knit and Chat:**

Most Saturdays there is a coffee morning in St. Nicolas (10.00am -12 noon). All sorts of folk pop in. There is also a small group of people who get together to knit and chat. I have been very brave in joining them and I am now starting to knit. My first attempts ending in me pulling off all the stitches in frustration. My second attempt has resulted in several nice looking rows of knitting. It's a lovely group. So, if there are any knitters out there come and join us. I'm sure you will enjoy it and you can come and help keep me on the straight and narrow with mine. In this respect the group needs all the help it can get!

#### **19th August:**

This was a lovely day. Rev. Jayne Crooks took a baptism service in the afternoon for a mixed group of babies and children, six in all. It was such a lovely occasion. It was particularly special because I had already met some of the families. There is something very special about seeing the essence of life and who we are as human beings, water, being used to convey the grace of God into such young lives. It seemed everyone had a good time.

#### **23rd Aug:**

I brought a new car (new to me) and as everyone will tell you in the Parish Office on Westhill Road, I am like the cat who has got the cream. It is simply lovely! I can now go up hills in 4th gear instead of 2nd. How fab is that...

More next month so  
watch this space!

**Rev Rebecca Pullin**



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**17th October**

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# THE PARISH OF KINGS NORTON

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***Could all included in this section please inform  
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During the restoration construction period, from July 2006 to January 2008, venues and times may vary from time to time. The Parish Office has temporarily moved to 30 Westhill Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham, B38 8TN.

**The telephone number remains the same.**

**CONTACT PARISH OFFICE 0121 458 3289**

If you or your group are still unsure where you will be able to carry on YOUR meetings and activities, please contact the Parish Office



## August 2007 Baptisms

*"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."*

5th August 2007	Samuel Patrick O'Flaherty Martin
5th August 2007	Hannah Rose O'Flaherty Martin
5th August 2007	Emily Jay Bagley
5th August 2007	Lilly Beau Rafferty
5th August 2007	Lucy Jeanne Nicole Gretton
5th August 2007	Joseph Matthew Henderson
5th August 2007	Lewis Matthew Carter
5th August 2007	Morgan Aidan Fox
5th August 2007	Shania-Delsie Burgess
19th August 2007	Tia May Watts
19th August 2007	Evie Louise Marks
19th August 2007	Aimee Louise Wilde
19th August 2007	George Andrew Crates-Bird
19th August 2007	Lauren Louise Allum
19th August 2007	Jordan Kyle Allum

## August 2007 Weddings

*"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."*

4th August 2007	Martyn Palmerfield and Kristyn Hussey
4th August 2007	Neil Lewis and Andrea Newcombe
11th August 2007	Richard Spence and Collette Stacey
11th August 2007	David Pitt and Angela Ward
18th August 2007	Nigel Rose and Anjean Whyte
18th August 2007	Nathan Field and Kerrie Harrison
18th August 2007	Oliver Beavan and Samantha Lowe
25th August 2007	David Williams and Emma Beveridge
31st August 2007	Mohammed Moeini-Tabatabai and Rachel Martin

## August 2007 Funerals

*"I am the Resurrection and the life, saith the Lord."*

1st Aug 2007	Lilian Edith Farley, aged 84	Cremation at Lodge Hill
2nd Aug 2007	Alexander Mutch, aged 67	Cremation at Lodge Hill
2nd Aug 2007	Carl Anthony Grizzle, aged 25	Service in St Nicolas; Burial in Churchyard
3rd Aug 2007	Edna May Tanner, aged 84	Service in St Nicolas; Burial at Brandwood End Cemetery
6th Aug 2007	Malcolm William Hawkins, aged 67	Cremation at Redditch; Interment at Kings Norton Cemetery
14th Aug 2007	Evelyn Maud Douglas, aged 73	Service in St Nicolas; Burial at Kings Norton Cemetery
17th Aug 2007	Edith Maud Jones, aged 92	Cremation at Lodge Hill
17th Aug 2007	Leslie William Swoffer, aged 64	Service in St Nicolas; Cremation at Lodge Hill
22nd Aug 2007	Michael Anthony Stone, aged 44	Interment of Ashes in Churchyard
29th Aug 2007	Gladys Mitchell, aged 75	Service in St Nicolas; Burial at Brandwood End Cemetery
30th Aug 2007	John Frank Wilkins, aged 70	Cremation at Lodge Hill
31st Aug 2007	Frederick Boon, aged 78	Burial in Churchyard
31st Aug 2007	Doris May Purvin, aged 71	Cremation at Lodge Hill

# SERVICES

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### EVERY SUNDAY

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6.00 p.m. Evening Worship (various)

### EVERY MON/ WED/THURSDAY

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
5.30 p.m. Evening Prayer

### EVERY 1st, 3rd and 4th SUNDAY

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion  
(sung Communion with Oasis 5/7's)

### EVERY THURSDAY

9.30 a.m. Tiny Tots  
11.00 a.m. Holy Communion

### 2nd SUNDAY

10.30 a.m. Parade Service  
11.45 a.m. Matins (BCP)

### 4th SUNDAY

10.30 a.m. Family Service

### 'Oasis'

for children of Primary school age , EVERY SUNDAY (except for Parade Service) at 10.30 a.m. The children join the congregation in church towards the end of the service.

### Tiny Tots

for 0-5's and parents/carers - each term-time Thursday 9.30 - 10.30 a.m. - in Church - for play, coffee and chat.

**Candle-lit Church** meets EVERY WEDNESDAY 6.30 to 8.00 p.m. Creating a Candle Lit Church where anyone can come and enjoy a peaceful creative space in this busy city. Tea and coffee will be available and all are invited to feel free to come and go as you please throughout this time.

## Hawkesley Anglican/Methodist Church

- meeting at the Hawkesley Pastoral Centre, Shannon Road/Old Portway  
EVERY SUNDAY 10.30 a.m. Family Service and Sunday School.  
EVERY TUESDAY 9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

## Immanuel Church

- meeting at Fairway Day Centre, corner of The Fairway and Wychall Lane.  
EVERY SUNDAY 10.30 a.m. Morning Service/Communion.  
Oasis - Every Sunday 10.30 a.m. (except for All-Age Worship service)

## Druids Heath

Services here are currently suspended pending an exploration of future possibilities.

## Café T

meets each week at the home of Gill and David Gould and welcomes people from all congregations (or none) to explore faith issues in a home based context. Call the Parish Office for details.

# BAPTISM AND MARRIAGES

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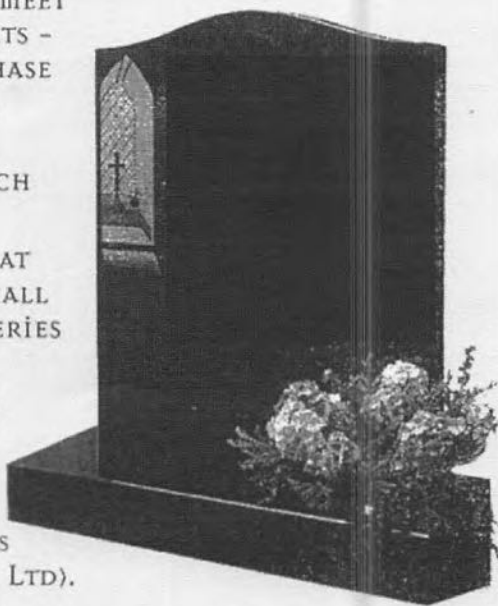
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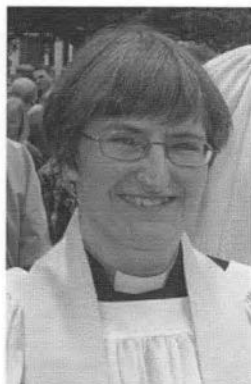
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# A Letter from the Kings Norton Parish Treasurer

*"one of my jobs is to try and raise the profile of Gift Aid (nothing to do with Christian Aid)..."*

Firstly, a very large "thank you" to everyone who shares in supporting the work of the Church in this parish. I say "share" because it is the calling of all baptised members of the Church to work together to pass on the good news of Christ's death and resurrection. God calls each and every one of us to be part of his mission and ministry here on earth. We do this in a variety of ways and each way is unique and appreciated and often unquantifiable by any means that the world understands. So, thank you.



**P.C.C. Treasurer  
Revd Jayne Crooks**

Secondly, as Treasurer, one of my jobs is to try and raise the profile of **Gift Aid** (nothing to do with Christian Aid). **Gift Aid** is a government scheme for increasing the value of a donation to a registered charity and is available to all those who pay basic rate income tax or capital gains

tax. Last year this parish benefited from this scheme by £17,143, a not insignificant amount of money. So, "thank you" to all those who donated money to this parish using this scheme.

Thirdly, to those of you who donate money to this parish, pay income tax at the basic rate or higher (or who are liable for capital gains tax during this financial year), but do not use this scheme, could I please ask you to consider using it?

In very simple terms Gift Aid works like this:

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£25.00	£7.05	£32.05
£50.00	£14.10	£64.10
£75.00	£21.15	£96.15
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Obviously the IR cannot pay back more than the tax you have paid in any one tax year, so donating via Gift Aid does have a limit!

All in all, it makes good business sense for any registered charity to maximise its income by reclaiming as much tax on donations as possible. I realise that not all of the people who donate money to St Nicolas, Immanuel, Hawkesley or Restoration pay basic rate or higher income tax, but for those who do, please, please consider doing it by Gift Aid. All it takes is for you to complete a very simple declaration form (available from me or the Parish Office) and to let us know how you will make your donation (cheque, cash or Standing Order). It doesn't have to be a regular donation or even the same amount each time, but it does help us to budget our expenses if you are able to do this. Thank you.

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**Revd Jayne Crooks (P.C.C. Treasurer)**

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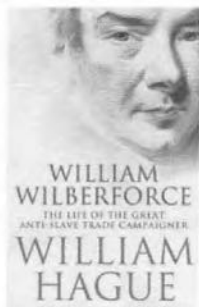
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I sense the need to rise to the challenge of upping my reading and the obvious way for me to do that is to commit myself to review at least two books a month. The secondary

benefit is that it offers the chance to read and hence comment more widely, addressing the concerns of those who think that books are rather expensive like the first this month, or marginal, like the second. Perhaps I could also address those two concerns head on as I review!

Most of us have heard of William Hague, a few will know he is from Yorkshire. Some will know of his prolific speaking and writing. Here is the chance to read his take on Wilberforce, a biography that is 582 pages long so not for the faint hearted. What I found as I read this amazing book is how one was transported back into the world of William Wilberforce. One was not simply digesting facts about speeches or elections and so on. Instead I found myself drawn into the life of electioneering at that time, the transport around the UK, the fascinating diversions into social codes and at the centre of it all a man who sought to change the very manners of England as well as see an end to the trade in slaves. In so doing we are taken into this mans life, his origins and education. We glimpse the early exposure to radical faith that was about a changed life and style of life. We are taken, painfully at times, through the extraordinary demands of a man who seeks to conform his life

to his faith and his understanding of the calling of Christ on his life.

The fact that it takes his lifetime to achieve even part of his ambition, that his family turn out to be less than he had hoped and that he ends his days in much reduced circumstances is testimony to an honest and compelling account of a rich and well lived life, with few happy endings. I was left with much to think on, aware that through William Hague's telling of the story of William Wilberforce I had been treated to an elegant and disturbing volume that challenged my politics, my faith and my sense of how to meld that all together in this thing called life.

If in doubt, try it and be fascinated!

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Michael O'Siadhail



Love Life

I saw that David Ford the theologian was introducing this poet friend of his at Greenbelt this year so I went along to hear him. I was completely taken aback at how powerful is his work and how the speaking out of it by the author brought it so vividly to life for me. It seemed to touch something very deep inside, perhaps that part of me that loves such literature but is rarely fed. In this small volume Michael O'Siadhail describes the way that love informs and shapes our lives if it once takes hold of us through another, be that the domestic hum-drum or the wilder intoxication. The writing is sharp and arresting, the lines speaking of their subjects with an intensity that is so often lacking in writings about love that are more readily available.

I dare you to try this volume and allow yourself to be touched by it!



# Memorial Service at St. Nicolas Church Sunday 4th November 2007

*'We shall remember and honour those whom we have loved  
and whose funerals have taken place in the last year.'*

Dear Friend,

With my colleagues, the Revd David Gould, Revd Rebecca Pullin, Revd Jayne Crooks and Fay Fearon, I am writing to invite you to our Annual Memorial Service at St. Nicolas Church. It will be at **4.00pm on Sunday, November 4th 2007.**

We shall remember and honour those whom we have loved and whose funerals have taken place in the last year. All of us, living and departed, are held in God's love and so each person will be mentioned by name and you will be able to make your own act of remembrance.

The hymns and readings have been specially chosen to comfort and

strengthen those of us who have been bereaved, and I hope that you will be able to meet the minister who took the service of your particular relative.

There is no need to let me know that you are attending, just come along.

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Over the past month things have started to get a little more exciting! Revd David Gould and I were given the opportunity to give a presentation about PRODH at a meeting of B:CEN: the Birmingham Community Empowerment Network. They are very well known in the Community world so it felt a bit of a coup to be able to talk at one of their meetings. Revd Gould could not stay till the end due to other commitments so I had to face their barrage of questions alone! I joked to David afterwards that by the time this job ceases my interview technique will be superb but actually each time this happens it forces you to think things through a little more (they always ask one question you cannot answer) and

further refine your ideas. After all the questions though a number said how exciting the project sounded, wished us well and told us to record in detail as other communities could benefit from this in the future.

PRODH was also allowed an article in the B:CEN newsletter and although I had expected it to be edited it was included in full which was very gratifying.

PRODH is starting a Coffee Morning at Manningford Hall which will run every Tuesday from 10 O'clock until 12. We are calling it the Mustard Seed Café. If any one could give a couple of hours to come along and help we would be more than grateful. The idea is to provide somewhere where people can sit and have a sensibly priced drink and a good 'natter'. Just to develop a little more community feeling and give me a chance to get to know more people.

The other exciting part is that by the time this magazine comes out the first meeting of a group, run by Revd Gould, pulled from some of the people we have both been meeting and creating relationships with on Druids Heath, as well as Kings Norton Parish people, will have met to discuss 'church' on Druids Heath. As you know PRODH is about the community side, that is my job, but David has an extra 'hat' on, of renewing worship on Druids Heath. It is tremendous to think that the work I have been doing has helped this to happen.

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## A FISHY SIGN!!!

I found this news story on the Birmingham Diocese website [www.birmingham.anglican.org](http://www.birmingham.anglican.org) which clears up a mystery for me as I had seen the poster in question but didn't know what it was about.

'Signs of Faith' has been launched outside St Mary and St Ambrose Church on the Pershore Road and is backed by a website [www.signsoffaitth.info](http://www.signsoffaitth.info) which links to the Exploring Faith section of the Birmingham Diocesan website.

The posters feature everyday objects that are linked with the Christian faith and are designed as riddles for passing motorists as well as people queuing for buses or walking past the church. This week's poster features simply one large fish.

Jessica Foster, Bishop's Director of Communications said: St Mary and St Ambrose Church in Edgbaston is known locally for the large boards outside the church which have been used for years to communicate to passers-by.

Recently the church had a grant for some new boards which gave us the opportunity to display specially designed posters that can be re-used in other churches.

'We recognised that thousands of people pass these boards every day and wanted to develop a campaign that would make people smile as they queue in traffic or wait for a bus and would also prompt them to reflect on issues of faith, identity and purpose.'

Don't forget to keep visiting the parish website [www.kingsnorton.org.uk](http://www.kingsnorton.org.uk) for up to the minute news and information.

**Happy Surfing**

## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE ANSWERS

### SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

OUR CHOIR HAS SEVEN DIFFERENCES

**Answers from  
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Devised by CH

# Halloween, All Saints' and All Souls'

Halloween is a shortened form of All Hallows Eve, and Hallows comes from an Old English word, "Halig", which means "holy"; so All Hallows Day is All Saints' Day, and Halloween is the evening before [Nov 1st and Oct 31st in our modern calendar]. It originates from an ancient Celtic Festival (pre-Christian) – to the Lord of the Dead – Samhain [Gaelic name – Oiche Shamhna or Samhuinn or, in Wales, Nos Calan Gaeaf]. This is a festival about light and dark, gathered in harvest, and about dead and living. Nov 1st, or the nearest New Moon, marked the beginning of the New Year (as well as winter) for the ancient Celts, and bonfires were lit and divination games were played. Our ancestors believed that, at this time of year, the thin veil between the living and the dead were merged, and access to departed friends and family was gained. Unfortunately this also meant that unwelcome evil or vengeful spirits could also "come through" and roam freely – so grotesque masks were worn and bonfires lit to frighten away the bad spirits. This is where the tradition of masks and costumes of skeletons and witches originates from – as does lanterns made from pumpkins or turnips. Just as the Celtic day began at sunset, their year began at the beginning of winter. Their other main celebration was May 1st – Beltane – the beginning of summer with Dawn light celebrations.

The Romans adopted this Celtic festival by introducing a harvest festival of their own on Nov 1st. Pomona was the Roman goddess of fruit and trees, and she was symbolised by an apple – the origin of the custom of apple bobbing.

The arrival of Christianity in Europe changed the whole nature of the festival. November 1st became a day for commemoration of saints and was known as All Saints' Day, or All Hallows. Some Christian traditions believe the

Faithful go to a sort of "waiting place" first – and All Souls Day [Nov 2nd] is a special day to pray for the souls in this waiting place, before they arrive in Heaven. During the middle-ages, enterprising poor people would take the opportunity of All Souls' Day to offer to pray for the living and the dead, in exchange for "soul cakes". These cakes were buns – similar to hot-cross buns, but with the cross replaced by white icing, which was said to represent the robes of the saints. This was the origin of trick-or-treating, as no-one in that religious period of history would want to risk refusing the offer of prayers for their soul.

Some Christians are uncomfortable with celebrating Halloween – as they see only the evil spirits and not all the other facets to the festival. Some people tried to change Oct 31st into a day to celebrate Martin Luther's work of reformation of the church (challenging the authorities to ensure that the church followed the gospel teachings of Jesus, rather than help the leaders get rich and powerful) – for it was on Oct 31st 1517 that Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to a door in Wittenberg, Germany [the medieval equivalent of posting something on a public or web notice-board].

A Christian does not fear the spirits of the faithful dead – for they are already in Heaven – so the lanterns and bonfires and masks are not needed for frightening away the spirits of the dead, but more for having a good time – and celebrating the light that will come again when spring returns, and celebrating the lives of all the Saints (the ones formally called "Saint..." and all those whose lives have been faithful to God). In the Christian life, there are not separate deities (gods and goddesses) for different parts of our life – but the apple bobbing and other games can be used as enjoyable ways to give thanks for creation and the blessings of harvest.

Rather than trying to ignore or stop Halloween celebrations – why not adopt them fully, and enter into them in the light of a Christian belief.

**Sylvia Fox**





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## CHILDREN'S PAGES... with Karen

Dear Friends,

Here we are in autumn. Have you been collecting conkers? When I was your age my Dad would come home and delight my brother and I by emptying out his pockets full of bright, shiny conkers. I always wished they would stay as bright and shiny as when he brought them home but of course they never did. Jesus often talked about how we should always try our hardest to do our best. That it is no good to do bad things thinking we can always be good later. Jesus promised us that some day he will return and, as we have no idea when that will be, we need to be ready all the time. Here is a story about a little squirrel who forgot how important it was to be well prepared. I hope you like it.

Karen

## Just Kidding

How do you catch a squirrel?  
Climb up a tree and act like a nut.

How do you make a sausage roll?  
Push it.

My brother came running in He said,  
'Mum, there's a man outside with a  
broken arm called Brian.'  
My mum said, 'That's a funny name  
for a broken arm.'

Teacher to Pupil: What do you get if  
you divide 2365 by 37?  
Pupil: The wrong answer, I expect,  
Miss.

My mum and dad went into this  
restaurant. They said, 'Waiter, have  
you got spaghetti on the menu?'  
The waiter said, 'Looks like it. I'll get a  
cloth and wipe it off.'

# The Squirrel Who Was Sorry

Jack was a grey squirrel. He liked having fun, he enjoyed eating acorns and chewing on fir cones and he loved running up and down trees, chasing his friends in games of tig. They played all Summer long and then came the autumn.



Jack came down his tree one morning and went to play with his friends, but he couldn't find them. One of the magpies said, "They're collecting nuts for the Winter." "The Winter?" said Jack, "But that's months away!" The magpie shrugged its wings and flew off.

Jack went off and snacked on acorns until his friends came back and then they played together.

The following day Jack got up and went to find his friends again, but they were not around.

"They're collecting nuts for the Winter, Jack. You need to as well you know." said a passing owl. "The Winter's not for ages!" cried Jack and ran off to play jumping branches until his friends had finished.

Day after day the same thing happened and then days became months and all of a sudden Jack got up one morning and felt the wind whistling through his fur and he realized that Autumn was nearly over and Winter was about to begin. "OH NO!" thought Jack "I haven't saved any nuts to keep me going through the Winter when the trees and the plants all go to sleep, and there will be no berries or nuts to eat. He ran out of his tree and went from bush to bush, tree to tree looking for berries or nuts, but he was too late, either they had already fallen and were rotted on the ground or they had been picked and hidden by the other squirrels. Finally, exhausted and frightened Jack sat at the bottom of a tree and cried. His friends heard the noise and came running out. "What IS the matter Jack?" they asked.

"I've been really stupid!" said Jack "The Winter seemed such a long way away that I played instead of collecting nuts and now I'm going to starve because there is nothing left to eat."

The friends looked at one another and smiled. "Don't be daft Jack, we won't let you starve. We could see that you hadn't collected any nuts so after we had collected all we needed we made a special pile just for you. There is plenty to keep you going all through the Winter."

Jack could not believe what wonderful friends he had. He gave them all a squirrel hug and the following year helped all his friends with their collections as well as collecting his own.

Jack learnt that being ready is sometimes more important than enjoying yourself and he also found that helping others even though it may be hard work it can feel so good that it is better than just pleasing yourself.

# Sudoku

## Sudoku Rules

The numbers only go up to 6. There needs to be all the numbers 1-6 in every box and every line.

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	1	2		4	6
			4		
1		3			
			2		
	5			6	2

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2	3	6	4	1	5
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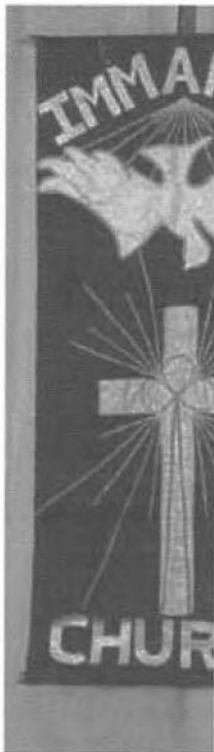
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## GREETINGS FROM IMMANUEL CHURCH!

We have been delighted over the summer to welcome some extra families at Immanuel. Oasis numbers have grown and we are grateful that Nicky is returning as Oasis Co-ordinator with Sarah as one of the leadership team.

Our pastoral care team has extended its role to being available to pray with people either on Sundays or during the week. Our church has been "driven" to

prayer over recent months and has seen some great answers, but is still aware that all of us need prayerful support at different times in our lives.

On 30<sup>th</sup> September we are having our Harvest Celebrations with an all-age worship service followed by a shared lunch. All are welcome! We will be collecting dried and tinned foods to take

to Karis Neighbour Scheme who work in Ladywood with people in need. As we have for the past few years, we are delivering invitations to 1,300 homes in the Immanuel area and displaying posters in the community. This doesn't usually bring in huge numbers of people, but it does remind them that there is an active church in the area for whenever they might want to find one. We have previously had people hold onto such leaflets and visit us months later. This year we are also sending personal invitations to spouses of people at Immanuel who don't normally come to church.

We have several social activities planned: On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October there is a women's meal out at Jimmy Spices in Solihull; On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December we will be having another Beetle Drive with fish and chips for tea; and in January (date to be arranged) Tony and Elaine will be showing an audio-visual presentation at a church tea. If you would like to take part in any of these events, please call me on 459 4711. You would be most welcome.

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Dear Margaret,

I read with interest Rebecca's diary in last month's magazine. I thought it was particularly thoughtful of somebody to provide some house guests for Rebecca to keep her company in her new home. It reminded me of my favourite UB40 song – 'There's a Rat in my kitchen'. I'm sorry the slugs, wasps and rats have all gone now, it could have been the start of a beautiful friendship.

Ren Tokil.

Dear Ren,

*I'm not sure a slug between your toes is really what you would want when you go down to the kitchen for a drink in the early hours. I expect Rebecca's friends have all now gone to a better place.*



Dear Margaret,

I went along to the Green Party at Manningford Hall last week. I couldn't believe my eyes, I was expecting political debate, not the Wizard of Oz! It was like I had walked into Emerald City, just like Dorothy and her friends all those years ago; everything was green – even the food. No wonder they're not winning many seats at elections if this is how they behave.

'Red' Ken

Dear Ken,

The Green Party was an opportunity for discussing the 'Living Generously' ideas that PaWNS have been promoting over the last year or so (as well as enjoying some food and good company). I'm sure that if you had stayed you would have found it interesting. Thank you PaWNS for another creative evening.

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*If you would like to come along please see overleaf (page 42)*



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*Take Time for Friends*

They are the source of happiness

*Take Time for Love*

It is the only sacrament of Life

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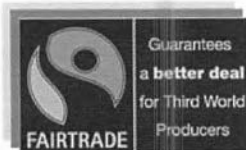


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## Breaking News

PRODH is initiating a Tuesday morning Café at **Manningford Hall, Druids Heath** starting on **Tuesday 2nd October, from 10a.m. to midday.**

The aim is to encourage a coming together of people, encourage conversation about the PRODH initiative and enjoy some coffee! Fair Trade of course!



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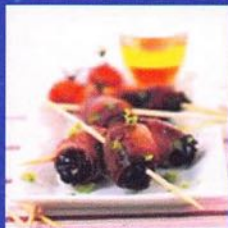
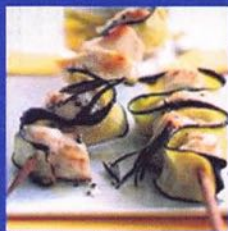
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