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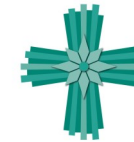
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As mentioned in Sylvia's article about the Bible Society, 2011 marks 400 years of the publication of the Kings James' Version, ie. the Bible written in English. To celebrate this, comes Biblefresh. This is a movement of many, many churches, agencies, organisations, colleges and festivals which has a vision to reignite and re-enthuse the church in its passion for the Bible. The aim of the Biblefresh initiative is to encourage a greater confidence and passion for Scripture across the Church. Churches are invited to join the movement by agreeing to increase their church's level of biblical engagement in four ways: reading, training, translation and experience. Centrally, Biblefresh will encourage the partner organisations to respond to the need by providing access to relevant reading, audio, video, and training resources. By asking churches to re-focus on the Bible for the year, Biblefresh hopes that "the fruit in the UK Church would be an increased hunger and desire for the Word of God which would result in more lives saved and transformed." For more information, please visit [www.biblefresh.com](http://www.biblefresh.com)

As an example, Scripture Union, the Bible Society and Wycliffe Bible Translators have launched the E100 Bible Reading Challenge. This is based around 100 carefully selected Bible readings (50 from the Old Testament and 50 from the New Testament) designed to give participants a good understanding of the overall Bible story from Genesis to Revelation. The 'E' stands for Essential and each of the Essential 100 readings ranges from a few verses to a few chapters. The programme can be found at [www.e100challenge.org.uk](http://www.e100challenge.org.uk). If you don't have access to the internet, I am happy to provide you with a copy if you would like one. I have already given one out to each of the Immanuel congregation on Bible Sunday!

Alternatively, CWR have launched a challenge to read the Bible in a year, using their "Cover to Cover Complete" resource, which "really brings that reading alive – and turns it into a gripping journey of discovery! It has everything you need to watch the unfolding of God's purposes over the centuries including charts, maps, illustrations, diagrams, timelines and devotional thoughts. It also contains the complete Bible text in chronological order – the events as they happened." More information can be found at [www.cwr.org.uk](http://www.cwr.org.uk)

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**Items for inclusion in the January 2011 issue are to be submitted by:-  
Friday 10th December 2010**

### Welcome.....

...to the Christmas 2010 edition of the Parish Magazine. The cover picture this month is one of the windows in the Lady Chapel at St Nicolas Church. It depicts Christ's Nativity and was taken by David Ash.

Details of the Christmas services in the parish are on page 5 and look out also for details of Search for Santa, Victorian Christmas and Nearly the Goat - all great ways to get into the festive mood. Gail's Children's Page also has a great Christmas theme to it.

Rob Morris looks back at the Remembrance Service and forward to celebrating St Nicolas Day on Sunday 5th December. There are more details of the day's events on page 7.

This month, we feature the work of The Children's Society and the Bible Society in our Mission Focus series. Linked to this is more information (page 42) on 'Biblefresh' which marks the 400th anniversary of the publication of the King James version of the Bible.

I hope you enjoy reading this month's edition and please remember to take out your 2011 subscription. Details on page 41.

Happy Christmas!

Alan Haynes, Editor

# From The Rector

## Sorrow, service and joy together

On Remembrance Sunday, we did something new. Led by our choir, Scouts, Guides, Brownies, Cubs, Rainbows, Beavers and others, we all went out with solemn informality at the end of our Remembrance Service and laid poppies at the 18 war graves in our churchyard. These have all been researched and cleaned by the Year 11 pupils at Kings Norton Boys' School who also shared our Remembrance ceremony on 11th November at the Lych Gate.

Like many, I was deeply moved by the care of our young people for those who have died in war and by their serious thanksgiving for the freedom and peace which those sacrifices have given us. I was also deeply moved that our churchyard was filled with people of all ages, informally sharing together in a common task of love.

We all have our own deep memories. They are within us all the time - but on Remembrance Sunday they were held by us all, together in God's grace. We remembered together. As Jesus said, "Bear one another's burdens" so that together we find his healing and peace. Led by young people of Kings Norton, that is what church is meant to be.

The community which grieved together at Remembrance is called to be the same community which will commit itself on St Nicolas Festival Day (5th December) to service of others in Christ - and which gathers to celebrate in joy the gift of Jesus at Christmas. That too is what church is meant to be, in this life and in life to come.



Just as at Remembrance, we each bring deep memories to what it means to serve others in Christ and to our keeping of Christmas. My prayer this Christmas is that, in all our differences, we shall each be renewed in being part of that one community of Christ which grieves, serves and celebrates together. God's Word made flesh in Jesus alone makes that possible – and the world so needs it. Please join us!

Rob Morris



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## Mission Focus - Bible Society

We support the **Bible Society** through personal action and donation and also via the annual Women's World Day of Prayer Service.

Most of us own at *least* one Bible and many households have several - in different translations and publications. It is hard to get your head around the fact that some people still do not have access to it in their own tongue. Think what it must be like to hear it for the first time in a language you REALLY understand!

Linguists work with indigenous believers to create accurate and meaningful translations. Usually the Gospels are completed first. Two such languages where work is going on today, are Pokomchi, a language from the Columbian Andes and Konabere, the language spoken by the Konakuma people. This latter group live in Tansilla, on the borders of Burkina Faso and Mali - so when they go to church the preaching is in Bambare and Madere, and the hymns are sung in Boma - but nothing is in their own mother tongue of Komabere. There are 60.000 Konabere speakers...that is twice the number of people living in this parish - and they need the Bible in a form that makes God seem real and relevant. Another translation being created - rather nearer to home - is the aural bible in Patois. It was first heard in the UK at Pentecost this year - and is said to be reaching out to those who are too old or poor to travel back to Jamaica, or those younger Jamaicans who find the English Bible a "foreigner's book".

Often the Bible translating work goes alongside literacy teaching programmes so that the people are doubly enabled in their lives.

It is so easy to think of the Bible as "having always been there". Pause for a moment to give thanks for those who translated it into English 400 years ago.

Sylvia Fox



## Christmas Services in the parish this year

### St Nicolas

Sunday 5th December	10.30am	United St Nicolas Day service
Sunday 12th December	10.30am	Parade and Toy Service
Sunday 19th December	4pm	Carol Service (No 6pm service)

<b>Christmas Eve</b>	5pm	Crib Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass

<b>Christmas Day</b>	8am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	Christmas Communion

Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am	United Parish Communion
	<i>No 8am service at St Nicolas or 10.30am at Hawkesley and Immanuel</i>	
	6pm	Simple Evening Worship

New Year's Day	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	10.30am	Epiphany Holy Communion
Sunday 9th January	10.30am	Christingle Service

*St Nicolas will be open at various times on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Times will be advertised in the newsletter and notices.*

### Hawkesley at Hawkesley School

Sunday 12th December	10.30am	Christingle Service for all ages
Sunday 19th December	10.30am	Christmas Carol Service
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	11.30 pm	Midnight Communion

### Immanuel at The Fairway Centre

Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am	Christingle Service
	6pm	Carols by Candlelight
<b>Christmas Day</b>	10.30 am	Christmas Family Communion

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### What are your hobbies and interests?

I play hockey for Kings Heath Hockey Club. I have recently become the goalkeeper, which is a big responsibility. You have to wear a lot of kit to protect yourself! I am a huge Chelsea FC fan, but don't hold that against me! I try to go down to London once a season to see them play. I play war-gaming with my brother and next-door neighbours. We have good fun. It involves having a good tactical brain and quite a bit of luck as a lot depends on the roll of the dice.

### What are your best memories?

Some of my best memories include passing my driving test, having fun in the snow with family and friends, going on a Mediterranean cruise, going to Disneyworld in Florida and holding my nephew for the first time. Also, there have been countless times when Chelsea have played some amazing games of football. As the pick of the bunch, I would have to go for the 4-2 win over Barcelona, with John Terry scoring the late goal to win the tie.

### What's your favourite holiday place?

I couldn't pick one in particular. I have been to Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Romania, America, Mediterranean cruise (stopping off at France, Italy, Corsica and Majorca) and the Gambia. I would like to see more of the world that God has created for us.

### If you went on Desert Island Disks, what would be your luxury and book?

My book would be the Bible and my luxury would be a football (and pump!).

### What are your hopes for the church in Kings Norton?

I would like to see it grow in numbers so that more people can come to know God.



## 'Parish People' *People from all walks of Parish Life.*

Verger and Chelsea fan, Nathan Crooks



**Where were you born?** Birmingham

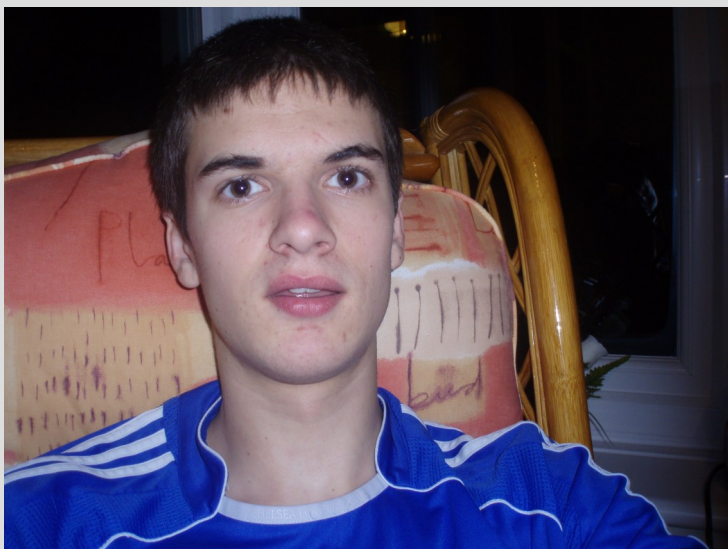
**What is your occupation?** Part-time student

**Why Kings Norton?**

I have lived here all my life. I am involved in parish life. I operate the laptop and help in Oasis at Immanuel. I'm a warden and verger at St Nicolas.

**Why is your Christian faith important to you?**

It gives me a purpose to life. I feel it is important to follow the teachings of the Bible. We have a duty to set a good example, as to how to live, within the love of God. We need to be beacons of light in this world.



## St Nicolas Festival – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December

### A Special Parish Celebration at 10.30am

St Nicolas's Day is 6<sup>th</sup> December. This year it is a Monday, so we keep his feast the day before with a joint service in St Nicolas for all.

(We've been invited by St Nicholas, Alcester to join their 6<sup>th</sup> December celebrations with worship, feasting and fireworks. Interested?)

In Kings Norton, it matters that we see "St Nicolas" as more than a name for our largest church. He is patron saint and example for every part of our parish life. We do not know when or why our forebears began dedicating church and parish in St Nicolas' name (or why they chose to use the French version with no 'h'). We need simply to be grateful that they chose a saint whose life speaks so strongly today.

"Church" seems so often to look inwards to its own needs. These matter - but, like St Nicolas, our first calling is to look outwards - to the needs of children, women, sailors, bankers (!) and those in all kinds of need. He was not a stay-at-home, but a traveller for prayer and peace in his native land, now Turkey, and the Holy Land. (Even after death, his bones were moved from Myra to Bari in Southern Italy.) His story is still deeply told in different ways in so many different countries. (See the link to "St Nicolas the Saint" on our website [www.kingsnorton.org.uk](http://www.kingsnorton.org.uk))

Many church members and friends are already deeply involved in so many outward-looking activities and causes. Here are some:

- Christian Aid, fair trade, development and disaster relief
- Baptism, marriage and bereavement ministries
- Local schools, the Children's Society, young people at risk
- Other countries e.g. Malawi, Afghanistan, Nepal, Romania
- Human trafficking, refugees and homelessness
- Local regeneration, local needs, families under pressure
- Hospitality ministry in each congregation

There are others – and they all grow out of the St Nicolas Day Gospel – Mark 10.13-16. We need to embrace them together – and grow.

Please join us over our St Nicolas weekend.

Rob

## St Nicolas Weekend

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> from 10am, we shall be packing parcels for Troop Aid. Lists of what is needed are in this month's magazine, the newsletter and leaflets.

On Sunday morning, we join together in three ways which reflect and renew our life in Christ, inspired by Nicolas's example and friendship.

At 10.30am, we gather in St Nicolas for United Parish Communion. We are inviting friends from the wider community of Kings Norton and from Saint Nicolas Place to share in offering all that we do which looks outward.

Then we move into the churchyard to lay to rest, after 700 unburied years, the remains of the infant found in the restoration of our mediaeval buildings. We shall remember all whose lives are so much shorter than we or their parents had hoped – and who rest in Christ.

And then we gather for Sunday lunch in Saint Nicolas Place. At £5 per head, we shall celebrate our companionship in Christ with friend and stranger through a meal, just as Jesus did! Please let the Parish Office know if you are coming – or sign up in church.

May our keeping of this weekend renew us all in looking outward so that it marks every part of all we do in the coming year.

Rob

### Kings Norton 3 Estates – New Futures, new work

Kings Norton 3 Estates New Deal for Communities programme ended in March 2010. The main legacy is the **New Futures** regeneration programme.

Key elements are:

- ◇ Demolition of 876 properties and building of 1392 new properties across the Three Estates
- ◇ Creation of a medium sized supermarket and local centre, fronting on Redditch Rd, with surrounding smaller retail units and housing
- ◇ Demolition of The Fold shops in Pool Farm and the creation of a new retail facility on Shannon Road
- ◇ Creation of new employment opportunities in retail and construction
- ◇ Provision of a new Youth Facility
- ◇ Environmental improvements – new Village Green in Primrose
- ◇ Educational Improvements

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>

It was the second Saturday for our annual leaf clearing at St. Nicolas Church. A good group had gathered. I helped a little, but found myself getting into too many conversations and getting distracted from the job in hand! It was just as well there were plenty of other people clearing up the leaves.

When I got home, I found Zooka (my dog) lying down on her bed, looking very pleased with herself! The night before, a friend and I had watched the film 'Marley and Me' about a family and their dog. At the end, the dog has to be put to sleep. After watching the film, my dog had me crying all over her and getting very sentimental about her age and telling her I wondered how much longer she would live for! By the way she is 10!!!

Seeing Zooka on my return from church, with the smirk on her face, the remains of a loaf of bread in the lounge completely eaten apart from two slices and the

discarded plastic covering from a whole block of cheese and, of course, no cheese in sight, it was almost as if she was telling me, 'There is still life in this old dog yet!!!' It was, of course, my fault because I had left the door open when I had gone out. Dog's eh?!!!!





# Rebecca's Diary...

## November

Monday 1<sup>st</sup>

I spent most of the day in meetings and visiting people. In the evening, I met with friends I hadn't seen for a very long time. We got so carried away with chatting and catching up on news we were the last to leave the restaurant! They had heard I was moving on from Kings Norton in the New Year and wanted to hear all about it. Somewhere between talking, we managed to eat a very good meal indeed.

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

A lady who attends one of our churches asked me to visit her mum who is in a Residential Care Home having respite care. We had a lovely time together and when I said some prayers with her just before I left, another resident joined us. I found myself thinking about them for the rest of the day and chuckling at some of the stories they had told me. Visiting people is always a great privilege and a great eye opener.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>

Schools were back this week and so I headed up to Hawkesley Church Primary School for my weekly visit. It was good to catch up with some of the parents, teachers and children after the half term break. In the evening, I went to St. Nicolas Church, helping out at the bookings for weddings and baptisms. Lots of people came.



## Introducing OUR PLACE Kings Norton

There are new structures for Neighbourhood Management - and a new community organisation, **OUR PLACE Kings Norton**. Following its very successful launch on 26th October, OUR PLACE has opened the doors at 10-12 The Fold to the local community from Monday 1st November 2010.

Lisa Storey, OUR PLACE Community Development Worker tells us, "We are an independent organisation run by local people for local people. Based at The Fold Shopping Centre, our offices are staffed by informed friendly staff and volunteers. We are open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10am - 3pm on a drop in basis. Our services include: -

- ◇ A place to report day to day concerns about the 3 Estates
- ◇ Information about local services and initiatives including the New Futures Programme on the Three Estates
- ◇ Signposting and referral to other agencies, projects and initiatives
- ◇ Find out what's going on and how you can be involved
- ◇ Access to a range of services including jobs, training and family support

I hope to get round as many community venues as possible, but in the meantime please can you promote with your networks and with local people. Local services/ agencies can also book space at 10 -12 The Fold to deliver sessions and outreach. I'm looking forward to working with you."

Lisa Storey, OUR PLACE Kings Norton, 0121 459 5955

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## Revd Rebecca Pullin

As readers will know, Rebecca is moving to become Vicar of Highters Heath in the New Year. Her last service in Kings Norton will be 6pm in St Nicolas on **Sunday 16th January**. All are hugely welcome. Her induction at Highters Heath will be at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 8th February**. Details of both services and of all the other leaving arrangements will be in the January magazine and in weekly newsletters. Look out for them, so that you can join in saying 'Thank you' and 'God bless you' to Rebecca in the next step of her journey in Christ's ministry.

Rob

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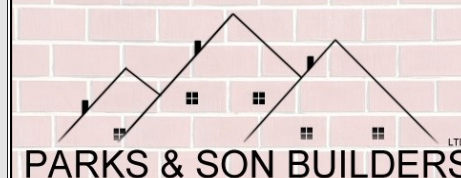
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We are all invited to Messy Church on Farmers' Market Saturdays from 10am to 12 noon in St Nicolas Church.

The next one will be on Saturday 11th December. These are craft sessions on a Biblical theme for all ages - a great opportunity to have fun and get to know each other. We look forward to seeing you there!



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This is the list of things we are being asked to bring to our packing morning in St Nicolas Church on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 10.00 am – 12 noon:

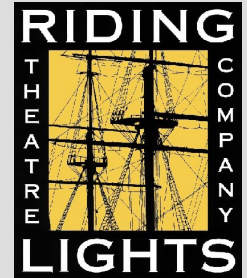
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Sylvia Fox



## 'Nearly the Goat' this Christmas!

Riding Lights Theatre Company will shortly be touring the area performing their Christmas spectacular, **Nearly the Goat**. This family show, which gives the traditional nativity story a new slant, is touring the country this Christmas.



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**Nearly the Goat** will be presented at St Nicolas Church on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 2 pm. Ticket prices: £6 for adults, £3 for children, £15 Family (2 adults and 2 children).

To book your ticket, please contact the Parish Office on 0121 458 3289.

### Bereavement

On Tuesday 14th December, between 7 and 8 pm, St. Nicolas Church will be open for anyone who has suffered a bereavement recently or in the past. There will be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of loved ones, put a Christmas bauble on our special Christmas Memory

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Every year in Great Britain, over 100,000 children run away from home because of abuse, bullying and violence (often the consequences of alcohol abuse or drug taking) from their parents.

In Birmingham and Coventry, The Children's Society's SAFE IN THE CITY projects help hundreds of young runaways to stay safe and get back on track and also to avoid entering the care system. The STARS PROJECT works to help children whose parents abuse drugs or alcohol. These children experience emotional, behavioural and educational difficulties as well as often witnessing or being subject to violence.

The Children's Society works with children and young people in a way that is adjusted to their needs. If a child is running away from home or is in trouble with the law, the Society's workers try to find out all they can and talk through the problems to see the whole picture. The Society intervenes to get the children back on track, mediating between the family and the young person, if this kind of specialised support is needed.

The Children's Society runs many projects and more and more demands are being placed on them because family break up and dysfunction are ever more prominent in these financial times when jobs, and consequently homes, are being lost.

Kings Norton Parish has always been a stalwart supporter of The Children's Society – never before has the generosity of those who donate had a greater need. Your support, as always, is much appreciated.

Pat Dovey.

*Editor's note: Christingle services are being held across the Parish in support of The Children's Society - 12<sup>th</sup> December at Hawkesley, 19<sup>th</sup> December at Immanuel (including a speaker from The Children's Society) and 9<sup>th</sup> January at St Nicolas.*

For more information on The Children's Society, please visit [www.childrenssociety.org.uk](http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk)





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## Women's Fellowship

We do not have a meeting in December. Instead, the members get together for a Christmas meal.

Alison Blumer, Chairman.

## ARCHIVE PHOTOS AND PAINTINGS

Stephen Price (of "King's Norton - a history" and much other local and national work) is asking if we have, or know of anyone who has, access to photos and paintings of the interior of St Nicolas in the early 20th Century or late 19<sup>th</sup> Century? They will help in his current work of helping us to understand the interior of the church better.

Sylvia Fox

## KINGS NORTON HISTORY SOCIETY

The December meeting will take place on Monday 13th December when Stephen Price (co-author with George Demidowicz of "King's Norton a History") will regale us with a talk on 'King's Norton Curiosities'. Doors open at 7.00 p.m. and the talk will start at 7.30 p.m. Visitors are always welcome at the Society's meetings.

Claire Simpson, Chairman.

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## Café T

'For everything there is a season under God's sun' - Ecclesiastes 3:1

Dear All,

Sometimes, in order that new things can begin, some things have to come to an end, at the right time. The weekly meetings of Café T have now come to an end. However, there will be new things to look forward to and the opportunity to explore and learn together in our parish.

Many thanks to all who have journeyed along with us this past year or so and hopefully have found the sessions useful and encouraging. Many thanks to Rob, Jayne, Donald, Ruth, Rebecca and John for their time, support and teaching on various topics. And thanks too to those individuals who felt confident enough to lead some of the sessions, tackling some very difficult and challenging topics. There was some pretty challenging but thoroughly good stuff to discuss, ponder and reflect on.

I'm deeply grateful to all those individuals who gave up their time to come and share their work, passion, concerns and knowledge on some very interesting subjects. Space does not allow me to name each one that had contributed their time to Café T over this last year or so, but I would just like to mention Esmie Kirk working at St Mary's Hospice, Beverley Maynard as lecturer and student support at the University of Birmingham, Brian Clarke working with Morton's Undertakers, Rev Rosemary Donovan on her trip to Malawi and Therese Allen on 'Approach to Holistic Learning' at Wychall Primary School. Finally, many thanks to the staff at St Nicolas Place for setting up for us each week and for sometimes having to wait for us to vacate the premises after a night's session.

Through the weekly meetings, it's been humbling to see new friendships formed, renewed confidence gained or restored, and faith journeys strengthened. So, all in all, meeting together, sharing, praying and learning together at Café T has not just been good, but very good. And, as a bonus, there were even times of fun and social get-togethers to be enjoyed.

'God is good all the time. All the time, God is good.' These words are at the heart of Christian worship in Malawi. Words that are well worth holding onto for now and for the future.

A very happy Christmas and a blessed and peaceful 2011 to all.

God bless!

Fay Fearon (Reader).

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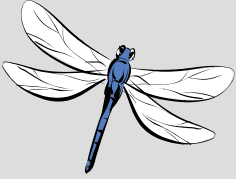
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## INTER-GENERATIONAL PROJECT

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October, children from Fairway Primary School's Class 6 walked down to St Nicolas Place to meet the members of Kings Norton Seniors' Club, as part of a community project to develop some shared inter-generational writing.



All the children were made to feel very welcome by the club members as they shared the research they had conducted into life during World War 2, whilst munching cakes. Many of the class also brought family photographs as a talking point and many fascinating anecdotes were discussed as everyone became more comfortable with their new friends.

This project has an academic dimension as Professor Barrie Wade from Birmingham University and Dr Maggie Moore from Newman University are also working with Kings Norton Seniors' Club, as well as with children at Fairway School, to encourage a love of writing across the generations. Once confidence grows, it is hoped that there will be a shared, possibly published, outcome from this partnership, such as a book of poetry or stories written by old and young together.

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, Professor Barrie Wade visited the Seniors' Club to develop some writing ideas with the members. Four children from Class 6 also visited on this occasion and really enjoyed the writing workshop. This event was followed up by Professor Wade visiting Fairway School on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November and leading writing workshops in all the classes; a very creative literacy day.

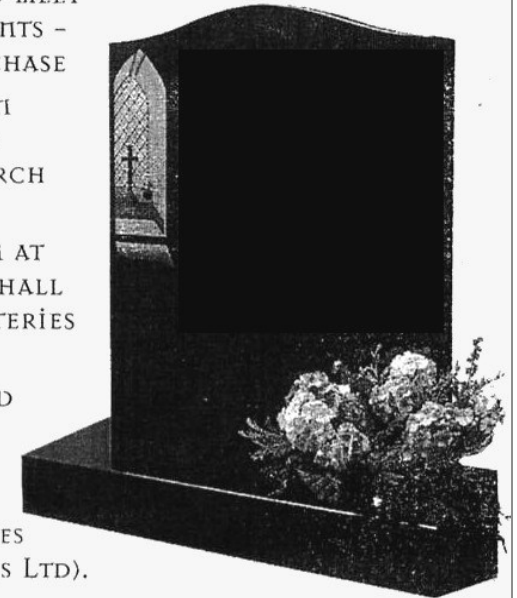
We are hoping that this inter-generational link enriches the lives of the children at Fairway School, as well as the members of Kings Norton Seniors' Club. So far, it has proved to be inspirational!

Sue Penhallow, Deputy Head at Fairway Primary School.

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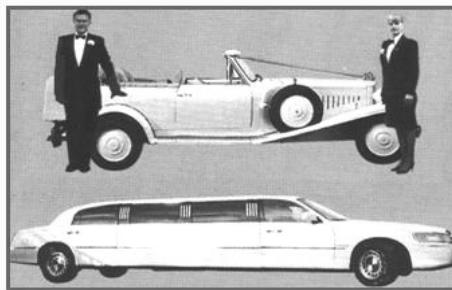
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## GREETINGS FROM IMMANUEL CHURCH!

During the month of November, Immanuel Church has been giving thanks for some of this year's initiatives, particularly regarding mission and outreach. Here's a taster:

- ◇ During Lent, we heard from members of our congregation about how they "blossom where they are planted" – witnessing at work/home, which encouraged and challenged each of us.
- ◇ Over the year we have had opportunities for bringing family and friends to social events, eg. Harvest Supper, meals, skittles night.
- ◇ Our links with Wychall and Fairway primary schools have continued – members of Immanuel are school Governors, volunteers and parents at the schools; a link between Fairway and St Nicolas Seniors' Group has been established; "It's your move!" booklets were given at each school to Year 6 leavers in the summer and Susan Haynes led an RE lesson at Fairway, entitled "Faith in Action".
- ◇ Each month, a team from Immanuel leads a communion service at Moundsley Hall and spends time afterwards talking to residents.
- ◇ We have helped in welcoming Baptism families into St Nicolas Church on their special day.
- ◇ A new external notice board has been put up at The Fairway Centre to alert passers-by to our presence on the estate and we have sent out invitations about festival times and Back to Church Sunday.
- ◇ And, of course, we continue to support various charitable organisations through outward giving and awareness raising.

Revd Jayne Crooks

## MARATHON RUNNERS

The third annual EDF Energy Birmingham Half Marathon took place on Sunday 24th October and there were two runners from Immanuel's congregation. Pictured here are Dean Strawford and David Moorcroft with their medals. Well done to both of you!! David was running as part of the Birmingham Diocese team of runners, who each wore a T-shirt bearing the logo 'Jesus, hope for the human race'. Both completed the run with good times.





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## October 2010 Baptisms

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

- 17<sup>th</sup> October Demi Leigh Hall
- 17<sup>th</sup> October Jack Daniel Tarrant
- 17<sup>th</sup> October Bethany Rose Wright
- 17<sup>th</sup> October Lillie Grace Young
- 31<sup>st</sup> October Samantha Kaye Blore
- 31<sup>st</sup> October Akeem Simon Reece Osborne-Taylor
- 31<sup>st</sup> October Kai Joshua Louis Osborne-Taylor
- 31<sup>st</sup> October Joel Lucca Immanuel Woehrling

## October 2010 Marriages

*"Those whom God has joined together"*

- 1<sup>st</sup> October Matthew James Farr and Claire Louise Wilson
- 16<sup>th</sup> October Christopher James Payton and Rachel Ann Mulhall
- 16<sup>th</sup> October Luke David Beckett and Sarah Jayne Sheldon
- 23<sup>rd</sup> October Abdulahi Taki and Laurine Milembo Kapita
- 23<sup>rd</sup> October John Joseph Kennedy and Tracy Louise Atkins
- 30<sup>th</sup> October James Francis Sutton and Kim Marie Henbury

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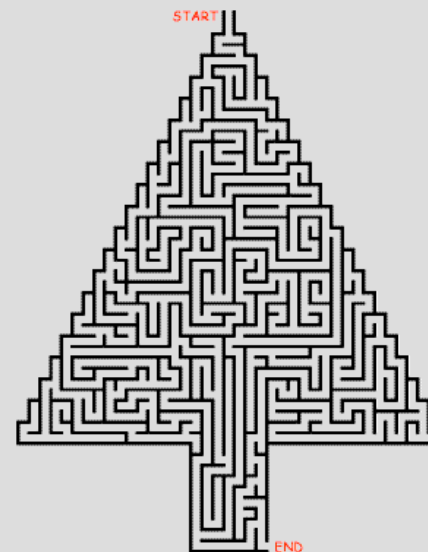
There is so much to be enjoyed at Christmas, but when all the decorations have been taken down and the parties have all finished, Jesus will still be there lighting the way, guiding us and showing us God's love.

**Jesus is an all year round present, sent with love to you...**

**from GOD!**

Dear God,  
Thank you for Jesus,  
your special present to us.  
This Christmas, help us to put Jesus  
at the centre of our celebrations  
and our lives all year round.  
In Jesus' name,  
Amen.

Have a very Merry Christmas. Enjoy the Christmas puzzles.



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## CHILDREN'S PAGE...

with Gail.



Hello everyone!

December 25<sup>th</sup> is when we celebrate Christmas, but what is the first thing **you** think of when **you** think about Christmas?

Is it Father Christmas, singing carols, stockings,

Christmas trees, reindeers, snow, or



maybe it's PRESENTS?



Christmas is about presents, but not those brought by Father Christmas (even though they are lots of fun too). It is about the life giving present sent from God. Jesus is the best Christmas present you could ever wish for - and what a wonderful gift he is.



Together, we have been learning all about what Jesus did for us and what this means in our life today. The birth of Jesus is the beginning of God's plan and promise unfolding in the world. God sent Jesus to be a light for the world, to guide us and lead us back to God.

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## October 2010 Funerals

*"I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord"*

- 1<sup>st</sup> October Gladys Gertrude Jones, 76. Cremation at Lodge Hill.
- 7<sup>th</sup> October Minnie Priest, 86. Service at St Nicolas Church, burial in St Nicolas churchyard.
- 7<sup>th</sup> October Beryl Mary Peach, 75. Cremation at Robin Hood.
- 8<sup>th</sup> October John Edwin Dyke, 81. Cremation at Lodge Hill.
- 8<sup>th</sup> October Edwin Wood, 98. Cremation at Lodge Hill.
- 8<sup>th</sup> October John Laurence Chappell, 60. Cremation at Lodge Hill.
- 11<sup>th</sup> October Isabella Harper, 86. Cremation at Lodge Hill.
- 21<sup>st</sup> October Robert Currie McCahon, 64. Cremation at Robin Hood.
- 28<sup>th</sup> October Sydney James Gillespie, 90. Cremation at Lodge Hill.
- 29<sup>th</sup> October Marjorie May Kendrick, 95. Interment of ashes in St Nicolas churchyard.
- 29<sup>th</sup> October Albert Thomas Randall, 78. Cremation at Robin Hood.
- 29<sup>th</sup> October May Euline Dennis, 77. Service in St Nicolas Church, burial in Jamaica.
- 29<sup>th</sup> October Vera Talbot, 81. Cremation at Lodge Hill.
- 29<sup>th</sup> October Joan Margaret Jones, 85. Cremation at Lodge Hill.

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## The Church in the Parish

We are a Church of England Team Parish in partnership with the Methodist Church, serving all in Kings Norton through St Nicolas Parish Church and Hawkesley and Immanuel District Churches

We believe that the church in Kings Norton exists:  
To be a worshipping transforming partnership in Christ  
To live out God's radical hospitality for all  
To be equipped for work in God's world

### St Nicolas Parish Church *on The Green B38 8RU*

**Sunday 8.00 am** Holy Communion (BCP)

**10.30 am** Holy Communion Our main service - Oasis for 5-11's

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: 10.30am Parade Service – All Age Worship 11.45am Matins (BCP)*

**6 pm** Evening Worship

*Every Sunday evening we offer prayer, music and quiet for all to share in as you wish. Do come.*

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Taizé Prayer

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Holy Communion with Prayer for Healing

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Compline (Night Prayer) with a reflection

4th/5th Sundays: Special services or Evensong (BCP)

**Mon, Wed, Thu 9am** Morning Prayer

**Thursday 11 am** Holy Communion (BCP)

*BCP is the Book of Common Prayer from 1662. Other services are a mixture of ancient and modern words and music, mostly from the Common Worship Service Book 2000.*

### Hawkesley Church (Anglican/Methodist) *at Hawkesley Church Primary School*

*on the corner of Shannon Road and Old Portway Kings Norton, B38 9TR*

**Sunday 10.30am** Worship and Children's Activities (5-11's):

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays – Holy Communion;

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays – Morning Worship.

**Tuesday 10am** Hawkesley Coffee Morning (every two weeks)

### Immanuel Church *at The Fairway Centre*

*on the corner of Wychall Lane and The Fairway, Kings Norton, B38 8XJ*

**Sunday 10.30am** Worship - and Oasis for children of primary school age.

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays – Holy Communion;

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – Morning Worship;

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – All Age Worship.

## Open Church

We open St Nicolas Church as much as we can so that all may share God's peace and promise in a space where they have been found and trusted for centuries. There is a place for you within its story. Please pray that more will know it as a safe place for prayer and healing, where sorrow and joy are held in God's love.

We welcome volunteers to share in our offering of welcome, refreshment and care through St Nicolas, Hawkesley and Immanuel, to steward St Nicolas in Open Church times and care for our churchyard, flowers and brasses. Do ask.

### Open Church times

*Do visit, pray, light a candle or share quiet conversation over coffee as you wish*

**Wednesday** 10.00 am – 1.00 pm and 6.30 – 9pm (Candlelit Church)

**Thursday** 6.30 – 8pm for all Marriage and Baptism enquiries,

**Saturday** 10.00 am – 12 noon for coffee, knit-and-natter, prayer

*with **Messy Church** for all ages every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday (Market Day)*

### Candlelit Church

Every Wednesday, 6.30 – 9 pm with informal learning together at 8pm

Quiet spaces, candles, conversation, creativity and music

*Arrive at any time; stay for any length of time - as you wish.*

### Tiny Tots

Thursdays, 9.30 am (term time) in St Nicolas Church for 0-5's and parents/carers

## Growing in Faith

We are growing fresh ways for all to grow in faith – those making their very first step, those who have made many and those who are discovering God's love afresh after times of change. Please ask in each church for details.

## Baptisms and Marriages

Please visit St Nicolas on Thursdays between 6.30pm and 8pm to ask any questions and arrange bookings with our clerks. One of the clergy is also present to help if there is a question over whether your service can be held in this parish.

## Helping to keep our parish church open for all

It costs around £800 each week to keep St Nicolas open. We welcome all financial support through donations and especially through regular Planned Giving. Do ask for details and, if a taxpayer, please ask how you may Gift Aid your offering.