

Please Remember In Your Prayers

Mason Green, Paul Cowley, Val Fletcher, Siobhan and Darlene, June McCoy, Pauline Wells, Joyce Hancock, Maureen Black, Steven Fearon, Jeremy Dacombe, Greta Lacey, Sarah Byford, Catherine Wilkinson, Gabriella Young, Matthew Coulter, Sandra, Beatrice Callagan, Christopher Gascoigne.

Those who have died and those who grieve for them: Jean Ash.

B30 and South B’ham Foodbank: Many thanks for your continued support. We are buying ever more food as donations of stock continue to decrease, so donations of money are as useful as produce. See Sylvia Fox for information re setting up a direct debit; cash donations are equally welcome. Continuing to give food items in the collection bin is also very helpful. This week’s most urgent items are pasta sauce, tinned spaghetti, rice (500g), tinned custard and tinned rice pudding.

Reminder: Prayers are offered in the Lady Chapel after the 10. 30 am service. If you would like someone to pray with you then please do make your way there after the service.

Would you be interested in a Women’s quiet / retreat time? - see notices today & at the back of church, or speak to Reverend Jayne or Reverend Christine.

Licensing Service for Rev Christine and Rev Mark: Sunday 21st July @ St Nicolas 6.00pm—Archdeacon Jenny will be leading this service, all are welcome to attend.

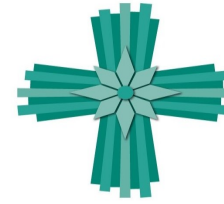
For more detailed information about what’s on in Kings Norton, pick up a copy of the Parish Magazine, on sale at the back of St Nicolas Church.

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The Parish of St Nicolas Kings Norton

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Sunday 14th July 2024— Trinity 7

This week’s gospel reading is the somewhat grisly story of the beheading of John The Baptist whose severed head is presented on a platter at a banquet.

It is a story of contradictions and intrigue worthy of a modern day tv series. On the one hand we have Herod who fears John but is fascinated by him. He recognises him as a holy man and likes to listen to him speak. But Herod also wants to keep his promise to his daughter to give her whatever she wishes for and not to lose face in front of his guests at the banquet. Then there is Herodias, Herod’s wife, who wants John dead for criticising her marriage to Herod. It is Herodias who suggests to her daughter (also confusingly named Herodias) what to ask for when Herod promises her anything. The result is the execution of John and his head being presented on a platter (cue dramatic music and a team of forensic scientists, profilers and police enter stage left).

So what do we make of the story? It’s a grim end for John. But what of Herod and the two women? What if Herod hadn’t executed John?

COLLECTIONS: No collections are taken at our services. You can give by placing donations in one of the boxes at the back of church or by using the contactless payment machine.

14th July readings:

Ephesians 1: 3-14 (p. 189)

Mark 6: 14-29 (p. 39)

21st July readings:

Ephesians 2: 11-22 (p.190)

Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56 (p.39/40)

Collect for the week

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

**Dates for the Diary**

Sunday 14th July—Parish Summer Sunday Lunch at Kings Norton Golf Club
 (12.30pm for 1.00pm meal)

Sunday 21st July @ 6.00pm: Licensing service for Revd's Christine and Mark
 at St Nicolas.

Saturday 26th July @2.00pm—wedding of Ben and Immy (our curate) at St
 Nicolas Church.

St Nicolas Place

At their recent meeting, the PCC agreed the best way forward for St Nicolas Place was to put it up for sale once again. The running and maintenance costs are a drain on our parish finances which puts the future of the church building at risk. The hope is a new owner will respect the heritage and community use of the building.

For more information speak to the rector or a churchwarden.



What's On in the Parish this week

**Sunday 14th July**

9.00am: Matins

10.30am: Sea Sunday service plus baptism

12.30pm: Parish Lunch at Kings Norton Golf Club

4.00pm: Collation of Rev Phelim O'Hare as Archdeacon of Aston @ Aston Parish Church

6.00pm: Holy Communion with Anointing

Wednesday 17th July

10.00am-12md: Open Church at St Nicolas

10.00am: Knit & Natter @ Hawkesley

Thursday 18th July

9.00am-11am: Tiny Tots

10.00am-12md: Churchyard Care Team *Volunteers welcome*

12.30pm-2.30pm: Seniors Club @ St Nicolas Place: Outing to Stratford

Saturday 20th July

10.00am-12md: Open Church at St Nicolas

Sunday 21st July

9.00am: BCP Holy Communion

10.30am: Holy Communion

12.30pm: Baptisms

6.00pm: Evening prayer and licensing of Revd's Christine & Mark