

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

9.00am BCP HC with robed choir

10.30am Morning Praise

Creation/Harvest

6.00pm Compline

WEDNESDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

10.00am-12.00pm OPEN CHURCH

10.00am-12.00pm Knit & Natter Hawkesley

THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

9.00am-11.00am TINY TOTS

10.00am-12.00pm Churchyard care team *Volunteers Welcome*

12.30pm-2.30pm Seniors Club:
Outing: Cotswold Villages

SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

10.00am-12.00pm OPEN CHURCH

SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

9.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Praise

Creation/Harvest United Service

6.00pm Celtic Worship

Collect for the Week:

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

22nd September 2024



St. Nicolas, Kings Norton

Incorporating Hawkesley LEP

Part of the Church Of England

READINGS:

TODAY

Psalms 8 page 503

Matt 6: 25-34 page 6

NEXT WEEK

Deut. 26.1-11 page 188

Luke 12. 22-31 pages 71-72

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Creationtide is from 1st September till 4th October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, in the Church's calendar. As we move into autumn, I am especially aware of creation, of new beginnings as paradoxically the new academic year begins just as the leaves begin to fall in the northern hemisphere. Perhaps to allow for something new to emerge there needs to be a letting go?

The author of the Letter of James makes much use of imagery from creation to teach ethical behaviour. The style of this writing shares similarities with the Wisdom Tradition of the Near East in biblical times. We can find many examples of wisdom taught through other creatures, plants and the seasons in the Psalms, Proverbs and the Book of Job. Jesus also drew upon everyday scenes from creation and the cycle of sowing and reaping to teach about the Kingdom of God.

The process of growing takes time and patient endurance, like a commitment to Jesus lasts not for a moment but is a call to remain with him our whole life long. Impatience and greed has led to war and conflict, including violence against creation. It is no coincidence that the poorest people of the world are disproportionately affected by climate change and ecological disasters.

Perhaps one way we might work towards building the Kingdom of God in our parish which includes caring for creation, the 5th Mark of Mission, is to take time to slow down, notice and wonder at the beauty of creation which points to the beauty of God.

Christine McAteer

Please Remember in your prayers:

Mason Green, Paul Cowley, 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, Margaret Roper,

Those Who have died and those who grieve for them: Pamela Jones, Christopher Chadderton

Lady Chapel: Prayers are offered here after the 10.30am service. Please come if you would like someone to pray with you.



Donations towards the cost of the **Harvest Flowers** would be most welcome. Please hand to Alison after the 10.30am Service. Thank you.

QR To Donate! Alternatively Donate at the back of Church or Our donation boxes!

Women's Group:

Thank you to all responses! Cake&drinks with the film entitled *The Shack*, We look forward to seeing you then.! Revs Christine & Jayne

We are needing help with people to join the Welcomers Team and/or Coffee Rota, please speak to Mark Sandilands, call or message the Parish Office

Parish Petition

Thank you to all who signed the parish petition last week to Birmingham City Council. The council have been in touch to say they are dealing with our request as a matter of urgency. Watch this space!

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Sunday 29th September 10.30am Creation/ Harvest United Service

Tuesday October 1st in St Nicolas at 2 pm. Women's Group!!!