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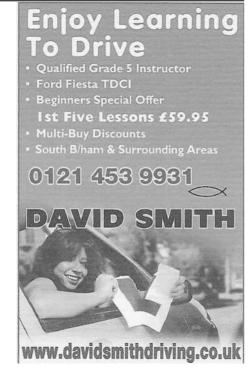
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## **HISTORY OF HYMNS**

his hymn was written in 1866 by Phillips Brook (1835-93), a young Rector in Philadelphia. It was penned in response to his Christmas Eve visit to the Shepherds' Fields in Bethlehem and then attending the Midnight Mass at the Church of the Nativity. He wrote it for his Sunday School children back home in America and his organist set it to music. It took a while to become known across the Atlantic and only when it was published in English Hymnal in 1906 did it become popular. It was set to an English folk song (arranged by R Vaughan Williams) called Forest Green and also gained a second tune by Walford Davies, one that tends to lend itself to choir-only renditions, which is sad as it is a beautiful tune and perfectly accessible to all.

O Little Town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie! Above the deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light; The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars, together Proclaim the Holy birth, And praises sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth; For Christ is born of Mary; And, gathered all above, While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wondering love. How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, stil
The dear Christ enters in.

O Holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

Sylvia Fox



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## Welcome.....

to the final edition of 2009. By the time this is published, Christmas will not be far away and our thoughts will be on carol services, nativity plays, mince pies and getting the cards written.

As well as looking forward to Christmas in this edition we also look back at Remembrance Day. Fay has written an article of her experiences at the Royal British Legion and we also have an interesting article on the War Graves in the Churchyard.

We celebrate St Nicolas Day on December 6th by joining together for a United Service with a challenge to be more outward looking, just as St Nicolas was . Please do try and join us if you can.

On behalf of the editorial team, I would just like to wish you a very joyful Christmas and a happy new year. See you in 2010!

Alan Haynes, Editor





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## From The Rector

## ......God really does love us this much

ost of us will soon be up to our ears, if we're not already, in what we need to do for Christmas. Will you make space within that for remembering what God does?

God loves us and his whole creation so much that he takes our flesh in Jesus and shares human life to the full, through death and into new life, truly Immanuel "God with us".

If this means as much to you as it does to me, your first response may be "What amazing love – I must do more in return." But I believe that isn't the first response God seeks.

God first asks us to accept that this is what God does – with trust and love. We will then find that we are called to do all sorts of things, to bear all sorts of things - and to endure.

But all this will wear us out in vain attempts to do more and do better unless first we trust that God really does love us this much – and will be with us to inspire and strengthen all that we offer in response.

The Christmas story tells us of all sorts of people who did all sorts of things to get into the story - Mary, Joseph, wise men, shepherds, Simeon, Anna and many more. But once they were there with Jesus, they stopped, filled with wonder and worship. And in that, they found reason, hope and strength for all that followed.

May your Christmas be full of hope. It will be - as long as we make time, however brief, simply to accept the astounding gift of God's love in Jesus for us and for all.

**Rob Morris** 

#### The solar panel project for the orphanage

Some of you may remember the article I wrote for a previous edition of the magazine, about raising money for a solar panel to be fitted to one of the orphanages in Kathmandu, to overcome the problems with a shortage of electricity in the country. The family pass on their sincere thanks to all those who kindly made contributions, which helped to make this happen. I was sent a couple of photographs as evidence of the benefits that are now being felt.





The solar panel

Children studying under its light

### Lalitpur Project

This is the latest project to be undertaken, for which financial support is needed. There are about 4,000 people that live nearby. Min Raj has a small church there in the village and wants to serve the village people. They have the land to build the church and community centre in the village. They are planning to start building works from 2nd week of October and finish it by Christmas time.

From 2010, they are planning to start classes providing basic education in the new building, hoping to serve about 100 needy and poor children of the village.

The total cost of the project is around £3,500.

If any would like to give a small contribution towards raising the funds for this project you can contact me on (0121) 608 0658, or send an email to stuart.whitby@zen.co.uk.

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## **Nepal 2009**

Following my trip to Nepal with Soapbox last year, I decided to return by myself this year, spending my time with Min Raj and his family. Min Raj is the pastor, who Soapbox work with.

As the pictures below show, a lot of progress has been made since last year.



October 2008



The room used for church services

Lectures now run here and the building is used for both the adult service and children's group on a Saturday morning.

Although I didn't do any physical work this time, I had the chance to see another project that had been completed outside of Kathmandu, and the next one they are looking to embark on.



September 2009

## St Nicolas Day - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December

A Special Parish Service at 10.30am

t Nicolas Day 2009 is on a Sunday – 6<sup>th</sup> December. At 10.30am there will be a joint service in St Nicolas for all.

In Kings Norton, we've too often made "St Nicolas" just the name of our main church building –but that's not enough.

St Nicolas the saint was about looking <u>outwards</u>, not inwards, to the needs of children, women, sailors and all kinds of human needs. The tradition of St Nicolas includes many different countries – and, through Lombard bankers, even of lending to those whose enterprises are struggling - a true saint for today!

So how better to honour our patron's day than by focusing on all the <u>outward</u> things we do and are called to do, rather than on ourselves? We will have displays, prayers, leaflets and actions to open our eyes and hearts to all that is happening, to help us all give thanks, to offer all these in worship together - and to seek more.

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

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

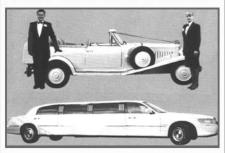
There are others – and they all grow out of the St Nicolas Day Gospel – Mark 10.13-16. We need to embrace them together – and grow.

Please join us over our St Nicolas weekend, especially at 10.30am on his day – and pray that looking outward with St Nicolas will mark every part of Christmas in Kings Norton this year.

Rob

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#### What are your best memories?

Mike - Getting married, Having children, driving down the east coast of America and around the cabot trail in Nova Scotia. lean - I have so many good memories I couldn't describe them all! The best are probably immediately after the birth of each church in Kings Norton? of my two boys - birth is such a miracle and certainly for me brought an intense feeling of such joy I cannot describe.

## What's your favourite holiday place?

Mike - Don't have one - I like to visit different places although it is always tempting to go back to Swansea.

Jean - Somewhere relaxing with the people I love – I don't think the actual location really matters!! Ok, so that's a bit corny - if pushed I would have to go for Connemara (Eire).

What are your hopes for the Mike - I hope that the church in Kings Norton sustains, and over time increases in, its attraction and ability to provide for people with many and differing needs. lean - I would like to see the church in Kings Norton be a place where all people meet God and feel welcome and included.





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

Mike and Jean Brownsword take time out from their busy family life to answer the questions this month.



Where were you born? Mike – Stoke-on-Trent Jean – Nottingham

What is your occupation? Mike – Consultant Systems Engineer Jean – Stay at home Mum

#### Why Kings Norton?

We moved to Birmingham because Mike got a new job here about 5 years ago – that's now long gone but there are more reasons to stay than to move on.

We liked the area when we were looking for houses. We first came to the church because it was the first one we saw when we turned around outside the house.

## Why is your Christian faith important to you?

Our faith is central to our lives individually, as a couple and now as a family with our two boys. We have both grown up being involved with the church - Jean in Sunday School then singing in various church choirs and Mike through being a server. This has given us the foundation to work from and fall back on through the ups and downs

of life. The example Jesus gives through his teachings in the Bible is something we often refer to as we face mundane daily questions as well as bigger decisions. Faith is the key - we don't always know what will happen in a situation but we know that God will be with us whatever happens and that he will give us the strength we need so although we still do worry about things, we know deep down that we really don't need to.

## What are your hobbies and interests?

Mike – Family, Reading, Digging the allotment – I never seem to get to grow much though Jean – I love reading and listening to music! I also love cooking (and eating!!) and I do lots of experimenting since I have been gluten-free. I am involved with my professional body (When I was in paid employment I was an Engineer) the IET (Institution of Engineering and Technology) and am also a Trustee of their Benevolent Fund.

#### Christmas Services in the parish this year

#### St Nicolas

Christmas Eve	5pm	Crib Service
Sunday 20th December	4pm	Carol Service (No 6pm service)
Sunday 13th December	10.30am	Parade and Toy Service
Sunday 6th December	10.30am	United St Nicolas Day service

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 8am Holy Communion

10.30am Christmas Communion

Sunday 27th December 10.30am United Parish Communion

New Year's Day 10.30am Holy Communion Sunday 10th January 10.30am Christingle Service

St Nicolas will be open at various times on Christmas Eve, Boxing Day and New Year's Eve - with Late Night Taizé on 31st December.

Times will be advertised in newsletter and notices.

#### Hawkesley at Hawkesley School

Sunday 13th December 10.30am Christingle Service for all ages
Sunday 20th December 10.30am Christmas Carol Service

Christmas Eve 11.30 pm Midnight Communion

Immanuel at Fairway Day Centre

Sunday 20th December 10.30am Christingle Service

6pm Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Day 10.30 am Christmas Family Communion

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## Tudor Christmas -



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# Rebecca's Diary...

'A very Happy and blessed Christmastide and a peaceful New Year from Rebecca. I will be back with extracts from my diary in January 2010.'



The picture below is one of the images that the archive group at Saint Nicolas Place have been working on. If you have any old pictures of Kings Norton they would really like to be able to scan them. Please contact Emma on 0121 458 1223.



## **Confirmation**

onfirmation next year will be on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am in St Nicolas, with Bishop Maurice Sinclair.

Confirmation is about receiving God's gift and promise of the Holy Spirit so that our life in Christ can be strong, loving and growing – something we all need. It isn't a sort of GCSE in faith, although that's how many have seen it. In preparation, there are some basic facts to learn about God's love, using the Bible, living in the church, praying and growing. But most of all it is about trusting that in God, we have an open door to God's friendship, to new growing - and to confident hope.

We always want preparation for Confirmation to be shared with those who may have been Confirmed but would like to re-trace those earlier steps in a new way. It is always a journey together, clergy included, not a series of lessons and assignments.

If you think you might like to join this journey from January, please speak to the clergy or to a trusted church friend as soon as you can.

Rob

## Hawkesley Church Primary School

ur church primary school is a huge blessing to all who share its life. You may have heard that we are currently consulting about a possible federation with Primrose School so that both schools, under a new Executive Head, can face new challenges with even more confidence and resource. **But**, Hawkesley will continue as a church primary school, come what may and will remain one of our parish's chief joys and responsibilities. The consultation will end in December with any further proposals published in January.

Please keep praying for Hawkesley and for all who share its life.

Rob

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## CHILDREN'S PAGE...

with Gail.

Hello everyone! We are going to take a look at the next part of the Lord's Prayer:



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Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.

I think this part of the prayer is the best bit; I feel all funny in my tummy when I say these words because they make me feel so happy and excited.

Let's take a look at them together....

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. For yours is the kingdom - God is the creator of everything in heaven and earth. He is a powerful God who hears and answers our prayers. He is strong and great and will live and reign for ever and ever.

Here we are giving God all the glory and praise that he deserves. I feel happy and comforted knowing that Our Father is a powerful, glorious God who will always reign in his kingdom for ever and ever. Amen.

We have reached the end of learning all about the Lord's Prayer. When YOU pray the Lord's Prayer, take comfort in the fact that you are not saying it alone. Jesus and millions of people throughout the world are saying it with you.

The Lord's Prayer unites us all in prayer. It doesn't matter what country you live in, what language you speak, the colour of your skin, whether you are rich or poor, we are all united as brothers and sisters in God and we all say this prayer together.

If we all take this prayer into our hearts and live it every day then God's kingdom will come and earth will be as it is in heaven.

Amen.

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Further information and application details from:

Canon Rob Morris, Team Rector, Parish Office, 81 The Green, Kings Norton, Birmingham B38 8RU on 0121 458 3289 or at www.kingsnorton.org.uk Closing date: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2009 Interview: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December

You may want to ask, "Why has our new Team Vicar's post been shaped this way?" In discussion with the diocese, and building on our own experience and our changing vision, it became clear that we needed to re-shape the way in which the Clergy Team shares responsibility. Why?

Our Team Ministry began in 1974, in response to massive post-war outer estate developments. The Team Rector was mainly responsible for St Nicolas with Team Vicars licensed to the newly created estate congregations. This has, however, become less helpful. Our main challenges of mission, ministry and growth are best faced together. Weekday use of St Nicolas has grown as the focus of whole-parish ministry. The district churches of Hawkesley and Immanuel must continue in their vital local ministry but do not need a full time priest. Pool Farm and Druids Heath district churches have closed. In 1999, the Team was reduced to three full-time clergy. We believe that the clergy are best used in full partnership in the Gospel, with lead responsibilities for whole parish ministry and mission shared within the Team, rather than through the earlier pattern of delegation and separation. (There will of course continue to be one Team member with specific care for each

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## **GREETINGS FROM IMMANUEL CHURCH!**

he picture is of our new altar cloth handmade by Carol and Emma, members of Immanuel Church. The design includes the new parish logo and has gold edging around the outside.

Our ladies had a nice meal out at the Oak Tree near the Lickey's.

Bible Sunday was really informative and encouraging. We watched a video about the work of the Bible Society and listened to some encouraging words from Sarah and Nicky. We sent £100 off to the Bible Society.



On Saturday 14th November Nicky, Sarah, Gail and Pam had a Stop the Traffik stall at the craft fair promoting the issue of buying fairly traded produce as well as raising awareness of human trafficking. The chocolate fountain is our opportunity to give away something free to those people who listened to the passion we have for this cause.

Immanuel congregation are looking forward to opening their homes up for one night each to welcome the posada figures of Mary and Joseph as they travel around our homes during advent.

On Sunday 20th December we are holding our Christingle Service at 10:30am and our Carols by Candlelight service at 6pm. It would be lovely to see you there. Mince pies afterwards!!

We will be singing carols around the Wychall Estate on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December and on 18<sup>th</sup> December we will be singing carols to the clients of Fairway Day Centre where we meet each week.

Immanuel wishes all readers of the Magazine a merry and peaceful Christmas.

Sarah Crooks.

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So, we have re-shaped the three clergy roles, putting together our own parish Mission Statement and the diocese's *Transforming Church* process.

Our Mission Statement says: We seek together:
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

The Transforming Church Programme has seven main areas:

Transforming Worship: Drawing us into the presence of the Living God Transforming Relationships: Finding healing, encouragement and challenge

through our life together

Transforming Discipleship: Enabling us to be confident followers of Jesus

Transforming Leadership: Releasing and harnessing the gifts of God's

people

Transforming Presence: Living out God's love in our communities

and the wider world

Transforming Outreach: Leading others to believe in Jesus and belong to

his Body

Transforming Partnerships: Working together with people of goodwill to

see God's purposes fulfilled

Lead responsibility in Team and parish for our Mission Statement and Transforming Church tasks will therefore be shared as follows:

**Team Rector:** A worshipping, transforming partnership in Christ:

Transforming Worship, Presence and Partnerships

**Team Priest:** Living out God's radical hospitality for all:

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In December, this will take place on Tuesday 15th.

Tea and coffee will be available. Come as and when you feel the need. For more information, please contact Rev Rebecca on 458 2950.

## KINGS NORTON HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society's December meeting will take place on Monday 14th December when Liz Leck will give a talk about a familiar building, the "BIRMINGHAM HIPPODROME".

Visitors are always welcome at the Society's meetings. Doors open at 7.00pm and the talk will start at 7.30.

Claire Simpson, Chairman

'fall-out', we went inside for the service with layne as the presiding priest. As the last post was played and the names of those who have died were read out. I felt a little sad thinking that so many had lost their lives, but so thankful to them that I (we) can live in freedom and peace because of their sacrifice. When the service was ended, we went outside for the final prayer, the 'lowing of the standards' and placing of the poppy wreaths in remembrance of our fallen soldiers we have lost in recent conflicts. as the organist played 'I vow to thee my country'. Finally, we went back into the Legion for a much needed drink and chance to speak to others.

All in all, it was a good experience for me and one that will 'become a part of my story'. In Jayne's talk, she reminded us that 'their story' (the many soldiers who gave yes! We should never forget them! their lives for the sake of our freedom and the freedom of countless others) is also a part of our story. Thinking about it after all, are we not all from the same root - the descendants of the first people - Adam and Eve? And all belong to God. I will always remember too, one little boy who was wearing a blue shirt wanting to make sure he could see everything from the front. And the lady who showed such courtesy and warmth to layne (and myself), especially after she realised that Jayne was going to take the service. And

thanks to the men and women at the Legion who made us feel welcome. It was for me time well spent and appreciated. Today (9th November 2009) the world remembers the destruction of the Berlin wall twenty years ago which brought the freedom and liberation of the German people. A thousand thanks to all those brave individuals who brought us the freedom we are blessed with today and for the many young men which May they all 'sleep' in the peace of Christ, and may God be with their loved ones who mourn for them and miss them.

lesus said, "Greater love has no one than this; that he lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13) Yes! We will remember them. And yes! We will not forget them. And God bless them all!

Fay Fearon (Reader)

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### October 2009 Baptisms

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

18<sup>th</sup> October
Tillie Jai Brown
Charlie John Dockerty
George Dylan Grennall
Callum Francis Harris
Chloe Olivia Harris

## October 2009 Marriages

"Those whom God has joined together"

17<sup>th</sup> October, Carl and Rebecca Harrigan (Blessing) 24<sup>th</sup> October, Wayne Chivers and Debra Lott

## Remembering

n Sunday 8th November, I was invited to go along to the Remembrance Service with Jayne at the Kings Norton Royal British Legion. As we gathered outside Manningford Hall in Druids Heath, one young man pointed out that I was wearing my poppy on the wrong side - it should be on the right for the ladies and left for the men. Needless to say, he very kindly helped me to put it right especially as I had a huge pin on my little poppy. Once done, we had a chat together after he introduced me to his little daughter.

By twenty past ten or so, all had assembled, ready to take the ten or so minutes' walk to the Royal British Legion. Jayne had long since returned from parking her car at the Legion, having put on her black cassock and a lovely warm hat, scarf, gloves and boots, and had walked down to the hall to join us. It was rather cold, but sort of exciting in a way for me, it being my first personal experience of this sort of thing. Thinking about it, though, I could have done with a warm hat as well - but I was warm enough.

At half ten or so, we all lined up and then set off for the Royal British Legion. First was the band of the Boys and Girls Brigade from Northfield Baptist Church, then the men from the Royal British Legion smartly dressed and proudly wearing the medals they had been awarded for their services. There was even one marching along with a cute little Scottie dog wearing a warm coat. Then came the ladies, some members of the 'RBL', with Jayne and myself at the front. Finally, came the young sea cadets from SS Sherborne based in Stirchley, As we marched down the road to songs including 'Majesty' and 'I long to worship you,' which Jayne and I sang the words to at times, I could see some policemen along the route making sure that no traffic came along the road which was sealed off. Some passers-by looked on in curiosity, while others stopped to watch.

And somehow, I felt a huge sense of purpose and, dare I say, a sense of necessity and humble pride, being a part of that little band of people (about a hundred and ten or so).

Once we got to the 'RBL' and the unformed groups were allowed to

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#### October 2009 Funerals

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

Ist October. Anne Beatrice Shaw, 83. Cremation at Lodge Hill Margaret Jean Hewitt, 93. Cremation at Lodge Hill

6<sup>th</sup> October. Joseph Patrick McMahon, 15. Service at St Nicolas,

Burial in Churchyard

7<sup>th</sup> October. Rose Balfour, 89. Cremation at Lodge Hill Susan Carol Sinclair, 58. Service at St Nicolas,

Burial in churchyard

11th October. Arthur Robert Bowater, 58. Memorial Service in St Nicolas

12<sup>th</sup> October. Colin Francis Bragg, 78. Cremation at Lodge Hill
Eileen Proffitt, 85. Cremation at Lodge Hill
Dorothy Hilda Robinson, 87. Interment of ashes in churchyard
Reginald Matthews, 78. Cremation at Robin Hood

14<sup>th</sup> October. Gwen Rosser Fox, 78. Service at St Nicolas, Cremation at Redditch, Interment of ashes in churchyard

15th October. Marie Bodkin, 88. Cremation at Lodge Hill

16<sup>th</sup> October. Gail Lillian Scott, 53. Service at St Nicolas, Burial in Kings Norton Cemetery Lilian Nora Kendal, 90. Cremation at Redditch

22<sup>nd</sup> October. Andrew William Johnson, 59. Cremation at Lodge Hill

23<sup>rd</sup> October. Sheila Agnes Griggs, 81. Cremation at Lodge Hill
Betty Audrey Smith, 82. Interment of ashes in churchyard
Clifford Roy Williams, 87. Service at St Nicolas,
Cremation at Handsworth

Steven John Condon, 52. Interment of ashes in churchyard

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## **Circle Dancing at Saint Nicolas Place**

hy not take up a new interest in 2010 and join in the Circle Dancing on Tuesday afternoons at Saint Nicolas Place? We are a friendly, fun-loving group who would be only too happy to pass on our enthusiasm for these folk dances from around the world. No experience is needed because all the dances are demonstrated and walked through first.

The new term starts on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010, 2pm - 4pm. Further information can be obtained from Jan Davies on 0121 476 1301 or you can just turn up on the day and we will be pleased to see you.

## ...and in the morning we will remember them

ou may not be aware that there are eighteen War Graves scattered throughout the churchyard. Ten are marked with a Commonwealth War Grave Commission (CWGC) headstone, whilst the remaining eight are private. One of the latter is that of 2nd Lt Harry Barradell, who was a student at King's Norton Boys' School.

At 9.30 on 11th November, sixteen Year 11 students from the school, with Head of Citizenship Mr Coleman Doyle, arrived at St Nicolas' Place with buckets and scrubbing brushes ready to set to and clean the headstones. Over the next hour and a half they tackled the CWGC ones, many of which required some serious elbow grease to clean off the accumulated grime. Stopping to join the Act of Remembrance at 11.00, they then tended to the private headstones. One of



these had previously eluded discovery by those researching the War Graves as its location is given simply as 'S W of the Church'. However, hawkeyed students found it and it is now highlighted on the churchyard map.

Several visitors to the churchyard commented on the students' work and one lady said how moved she was by what they were doing. It is hoped that the headstone cleaning will become an annual event.

Steve Wright

## **Cafe T - the plan for December:**

Tues 1st - Behold our God

Tues 8th - Mary

Tues 15th - Christmas meal out

We then break up and start back on Tuesday 12th Jan 2010.

## Clause 14 - SUCCESS!

Fantastic news! **Clause 14** passed through Report Stage last week. Clause 14 (formerly Clause 13) of the Policing and Crime Bill aims to protect vulnerable and exploited people by shifting the focus of the law onto those who create the demand for prostitution. The clause makes it an offence to pay for sex with someone who is subjected to force, deception or threats; and on 3rd November 2009, Clause 14 passed through the House of Lords unamended! Thank you for your emails, petitioning and letters to The House of Lords. You have been a part of making history!

Gail Rogers and Sarah Crooks

## Women's Fellowship

Our Christmas meal this year is on Thursday 3rd December in the Ashford Room, Saint Nicolas Place at 12.30-1.00pm. Classic Catering will supply our meal. You are welcome to bring your own drinks; glasses will be provided. We shall also be having a raffle as we always like to have a good one at Christmas. We hope everyone will enjoy themselves.

Marlene Collyer, Chairman

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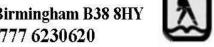






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Tuesday Coffee Mornings - alternate Tuesdays at 10.00 am.

#### **Immanuel Church**

Meeting at Fairway Centre, corner of The Fairway and Wychall Lane.

Every Sunday – Worship and Oasis for children of primary school age.

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

10.30 am, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – Morning Worship;

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

#### **Druids Heath**

Special services are in Manningford Hall and other community buildings - watch out for details.

#### Café T

Meets each week at St Nicolas Place and welcomes people from all congregations (or none) to explore faith issues in a small group context. Tuesdays 8.00 - 9.00pm.

#### For Young People

Oasis/Sunday School at each Church (see above) Uniformed Organisations and Choir—see the 'Who's who' pages or contact the Parish Office.

## **Baptisms and Marriages**

Forms and particulars are obtained from St Nicolas Church on Thursday evenings between 6.30 and 8.00pm.

#### All enquiries to:

The Parish Office: St Nicolas Place, 81 The Green, Kings Norton, Birmingham, B38 8RU 0121 458 3289 parishoffice@kingsnorton.org.uk www.kingsnorton.org.uk The office is open 10.00 am – 1.00 pm every weekday for enquiries.

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## **SERVICES**

St Nicolas Church

Sundays:

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP – a quiet service with traditional

language).

10.30 am Holy Communion with activities for 5-11's at Oasis.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday: Parade Service – All Age Worship at 10.30 am followed by Matins – a traditional BCP service at 11.45 am.

6.00 pm Evening Worship:

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing; 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, Compline – a quiet and meditative service; 1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Sundays, special services or Evensong (BCP).

Every Mon/Wed/Thursday:

9.00 am Morning Prayer.

Every Thursday:

11.00 am Holy Communion (traditional language).

**Tiny Tots** Thursdays, 9.30 am (term time) in St Nicolas Church for 0-5's

and parents/carers for play, chat and a drink.

**Open Church** 

Wednesdays, 10.00 am – 1.00 pm

and 6.30 – 8.00 pm (Candlelit Church);

Thursdays, for all Weddings and Baptism enquiries, 6.30 – 8pm Saturdays, 10.00 am – 12 noon for coffee, knit-and-natter, quiet

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